



St. Francis Borgia

Roman Catholic Church

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



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Sacramental Emergencies Only: Please call the Parish Office and press "2"

Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

(10 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Confessions: Thursdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.

(temporarily moved to the Education Building)

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

Parish Mission Statement

As the Parish families of St. Francis Borgia of Blair, Nebraska, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the Roman Catholic Church. Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ's presence among us. We manifest God's work through our active participation in spiritual, educational, liturgical and service acts directed at bringing Christ to all.

John 15: Jesus says "love one another as I have loved you."

Dear Friends in Christ,

How wonderful it is to be able to celebrate Mass and to look out and actually see people in the pews! We thank the Lord that we are now able to once again offer public Masses in our church. Our parish staff and others have spent many hours these last few weeks, making all the necessary arrangements so that we will be able to observe the directives given by our Archbishop and the governor. Thank you to all who have stepped forward to be trained ushers. Our goal as a parish is to do all we can to keep our parishioners and guests safe.



I know that some of you do not feel comfortable coming back at this time. And, that's OK. Archbishop Lucas has continued the dispensation for all Catholics, from Sunday and Holy Day Masses, at least until the end of May. We will continue to livestream all Masses on our Facebook page. Requests were made to livestream it on YouTube. We looked into it, but did not find it possible to do both.

Talking about livestreaming Masses, we need people to step forward to learn how to operate the camera for the livestreams. Jeremy Johnsen, our parishioner and IT specialist, has said that it is very simple. You don't need a degree in IT to do this. So if you are willing to help us out in this area, please call the Parish Office.

I continue to be edified by your generous financial support of our parish. In these uncertain times, many people are going through difficult times. However, you have generously donated, trusting in God's Providence for you and your family. I am happy to let you know that parishioners can now also donate through our parish website using a credit card. For some, supporting the parish, at this time, may not be possible. We totally understand.

We pray that things will continue to improve in our city and state. If you have not yet read it, please read the updated guidelines from the Archdiocese, located on the next page.

May our Mother Mary continue to intercede for us and lead us closer to her Son Jesus, our Risen Lord.

To Jesus through Mary,
Father Damien



Pray for one another

If there are any additions to, or removals from the prayer chain, please call Jane

**Gramke Stevens
402.278.2652**

Malaki Casey
Betty Martin
Mary Beckman
LaVon Kettler
Lillie Flynn
David Shumaker
Chris Stevens-Gill
Megan Sorensen
Sharon Allen
Amy Murray
Viola Michrina
Gavin McCoy
Mike Kult
Angela Howard
Mary Nelson
Sherry McBride
G. & F. Marek family
Troy McCandless
Mary Ann Wenzl
Eric Sorensen
Mike Hoefler
Grace Sorsoli
Helen Herman
Vince Kavanaugh
Jason Smith
Judy Quest
Kevin Mann
Nathan Kocmik
Sherry Pruss
Mary C Beckman
Jerry Wilke
Barbara Rican
Luke Kollars
Phil Thomas
Gordon C Gladdon
Andrea Dickerson
Shitra Mickerjee
Jack Comstock
Kasey Comstock
Kevin Clarke

Thursday morning Adoration



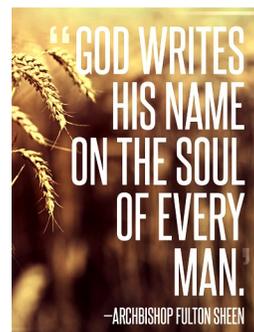
Start your morning in the best way! *Come and adore Jesus every Thursday morning from 6:45 - 7:45 a.m.*

Please call the Parish Office if you are available to spend time with Jesus.

The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension of the Lord, celebrated on Thursday, May 17, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St. Francis Borgia will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

*As a reminder, Archbishop Lucas has granted an extension to the dispensation for the Sunday Mass and Holy Day Mass obligations until the end of May.



Archdiocesan Guidance on returning to Mass

Updated May 8, 2020.

Archbishop Lucas has been in frequent contact with the pastors and priests of our archdiocese, offering them support and encouragement in their preparations to welcome the faithful back to the celebration of the Holy Mass. This situation is unprecedented for all of us, so please remember to be patient as priests, staff, and volunteers work through these challenging circumstances.

Who

The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation to participate in the Mass remains in place for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Omaha until further notice. Anyone who is in an at-risk group or does not feel safe attending a public gathering should stay home. Even with the best health practices and increased efforts to clean the Church, there is a risk of infection anytime a person enters a public space. Anyone who is sick or has recently been exposed to the coronavirus should refrain from attending a public Mass as it is an act of Christian charity to safeguard the health of others.

- **The following people should remain home for the time being:**

- The elderly
- People with underlying medical conditions
- Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk
- People who have access to those at risk in nursing institutions
- People who have upper respiratory or flu like symptoms
- People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms
- People with COVID-19 or live with someone with COVID-19
- People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

When

Attendance at Masses will be restricted to adhere to the public health orders. Because the Sunday obligation has been dispensed, people are encouraged to take advantage of weekday Masses.

- **Each parish will determine its own scheduling and attendance procedures** to try and create a fair opportunity for every parishioner to attend Mass. It is important that you stay connected to your parish via the parish website, email, Flocknote, etc.
- **Please refrain from attending Mass at another parish.**
- Catholics should **continue to keep the Sabbath holy** with intentional time for prayer, including engagement in the readings for the day, which may be enhanced through watching a livestreamed Mass and making and act of spiritual communion.

What

Social distancing will be practiced at all public Masses. Parishioners should follow the guidance of any usher or posted sign and can expect for rows/pews to be roped off.

- Families who live together can sit together, but should be spaced at least 6 feet from other families.
- **Children must stay with their families.**
- **Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask** (except children 3 and under), and parishioners are encouraged to bring their hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes.
- **For those receiving Holy Communion, please follow the instructions of your pastor** for lining up and receiving in a safe manner.
- **Nothing ought to be passed from person-to-person** (collections baskets, hymnals, etc.).
- **Groups should not gather and socialize** inside or outside of church buildings.

How

Please be patient as your pastor and parish staff members do their best to implement this guidance, especially if you have to wait a while longer for your turn to attend a public Mass.

We have all made many sacrifices over the last several weeks to benefit the common good. Let us continue to be prudent and not waste those efforts by rushing this process or ignoring the guidance and regulations.

Let us continue to ask Christ to have mercy on all who suffer, and to offer Him our frustration, confusion, and pain—especially our hunger for the Eucharist.

Sacrificial Giving

Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish of St. Francis Borgia. We appreciate your generosity, especially in this difficult time. Your sacrificial giving helps us to be able to continue to pay our monthly bills, and supports the mission of Jesus Christ and His Church here in Blair. You can mail your donation to the Parish Office or donate online. If you would like to donate online, you can do it easily and safely with a credit card through our parish website at: stfrancisborgia.org

St. Francis Borgia Golf Tournament



This year marks St. Francis Borgia's 12th Annual Golf Tournament, which will be held on Monday, August 10.

Lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Tee-off at 12:30 p.m.

Registration forms can be found in the pamphlet rack in the Church entrance.

Fun in the sun while raising money for our youth group... a win win!!!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

To keep our parish staff safe and healthy, most are working remotely from home. We will be checking e-mails and voicemails. If you would like to leave a voicemail for any of us, please call the Parish Office at 402.426.3823, choose the extension for the staff you are trying to reach, and leave a voicemail message.



Livestreaming on Facebook at facebook.com/stfrancisborgiablair/

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| Monday, May 18 | NO MASS |
| Tuesday, May 19 <i>Henry Miller †</i> | 8:00 a.m. Mass |
| Wednesday, May 20 <i>Frank & Lorraine Smith †</i> | 8:00 a.m. Mass |
| Thursday, May 21 The Ascension of the Lord <i>Lucy Wee †</i> <i>George Beasley †</i> | 8:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Mass |
| Friday, May 22 <i>Priscilla Low †</i> | 7:00 a.m. Mass |
| Saturday, May 23 <i>Bill Kult †</i> | 5:00 p.m. Mass |
| Sunday, May 24 <i>Parishioners of St. Francis Borgia</i> <i>Vincent Wee - birthday</i> | 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass |



Congratulations to all our seniors who received scholarships from our Parish and from our Knights of Columbus! Graduates, as you begin a new chapter in your life, may you allow God to lead and guide you to the amazing and beautiful plans that He has for each of you! Stay close to Him, follow Him, and you will never be disappointed!

St. Francis Borgia Scholarship winners

Emma Thoene
Katie Frazer
Ava Rech

Knights of Columbus Scholarship winners

Emma Thoene
Katie Frazer
Makenna Dirkschneider

Totus Tuus cancelled

Unfortunately, Totus Tuus will not be offered at St. Francis Borgia this summer. We received the following information from our Totus Tuus contact: We are committed to the health and safety of our missionaries and the experience we hope to provide for parishes. Given the nature of Totus Tuus and the many interactions the teams have with individuals and families within your parish, we have determined that it is most prudent to discontinue plans for Totus Tuus this summer.



Memorial Day Mass

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 25 at 8:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at the church.

God our creator and sustainer,
today our country brings to our memory
those who have defended this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores
from those who would limit our freedoms
or enslave us to ways that are against your will.
Bring all those who have died in service to our country
into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still serving;
grant your heavenly protection to these men and women,
and open your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.