



St. Francis Borgia

Roman Catholic Church

4th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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."

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

Livestream Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

(www.facebook.com/stfrancisborgiablair/)

Please visit our page for important updates

Confessions: Thursdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.
(temporarily moved to the Education Building)

Dear Friends in Christ,

You probably know by now that the re-opening of our church for public Masses has been moved back to Monday, May 11, because of the extension of restrictions by Washington County. The good news is that we have already made the necessary arrangements for social distancing, sanitizing pews and doorknobs, and other precautions to try and keep all of us safe.

Barring further extensions in our county, we will resume celebrating public Masses in church with our weekday Masses on Monday, May 11, and weekend Masses on May 16 & 17.

In the meantime, you are most welcome to spend time with Jesus in the church from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day. The church, however, during this time of restrictions, will not be open when we livestream the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. Please participate in the Sunday Mass (May 10) from your home and on our St. Francis Borgia Facebook page.

Next Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day. All mothers and their families are invited for a special Mother's Day drive thru blessing. Deacon Jeff and I will be standing outside the church after the 10 a.m. Mass. Just as on Divine Mercy Sunday, we will stand farther in parking lot so that there will be more space as you drive in. Please drive into the church parking lot from the Davis Street entrance and exit using Southfork Road. When it is your turn, please remain in your cars. Deacon Jeff and I will bless all mothers, and then everyone else in the car, with Holy Water. The Knights of Columbus will also be there to hand out roses to all mothers.

Keep in mind that everyone continues to have the dispensation from Mass attendance at this time. It is important that some people in the high-risk category refrain from attending Mass, difficult as that might be. This is for your safety and for the safety of those around you. If you are not able to attend Mass, I encourage you to continue participate in Mass through our livestream on our Facebook page. We will continue to livestream the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass.

Here are some of the directives that will be implemented for when we re-open the church for public Mass. *It is very important that we all follow these directives, so that everyone can be kept safe.*

1. It is strongly recommended that masks and gloves be used when you enter the church for Holy Mass. This is for your own protection as well as the protection of others.
2. Please use one of the following entrances into the church: the main entrance or the side entrance. *The door by the steps leading up to the choir loft will not be open.*
3. All chairs in the overflow area and social hall will be set out so that parishioners are able to spread out and observe social distancing.
4. As you enter the church, you will be given a piece of painters tape. Please put it onto the back of the chair that you will be sitting on. This will help us to quickly see the areas that need sanitizing after Mass.
5. A trained usher will lead you to your seats. Please follow the instructions of the ushers.
6. Please sit together with your families, making sure that you are six feet away from the next family or individual.
7. There will be no hymnals or missalettes in the pews.
8. Please refrain from holding hands during the Our Father prayer.
9. The Sign of Peace will be omitted.
10. During the Lamb of God, the priest, deacon, and any EMHCs will sanitize their hands at the Credence Table.
11. During this time of the pandemic, you are strongly encouraged to receive Holy Communion in your hands.
12. Communion lines will be single file. When your family reaches the front of the line, please stand side by side as a family. Family members not receiving the Body of Christ are invited to place their arms across their chests for the blessing by the priest or deacon. Holy Communion will be distributed under one species: the Sacred Host (at this time, the Precious Blood will not be offered.) Please follow the instructions of trained ushers.
13. Collection baskets will be left at the back of the church. Please drop your envelopes and donations into the baskets as you leave. Thank you for your continued generosity and support for our parish.
14. Bulletins will also be left at the back of church or in the Commons Area for pick up.
15. At the end of Mass, we will need volunteers to help sanitize the pews, chairs and doorknobs.
16. Please feel free to use any exits available.
17. Please do not stay in the church or Commons Area to chat with other parishioners.
18. If you need to meet with Father Damien after Mass, he will be available outside the glass door by the sacristy. If it is raining, he will be available in the social hall.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation. Please continue to check our St. Francis Borgia Facebook page for updates.

To Jesus through Mary,

Father Damien





"The custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight - most pleasing to God - when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honor of the High Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in the family, assembled before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them piously with those absent and those dead. It links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace."

-- Pope Pius XII, *Ingruentium malorum* (English: *In the Face of Approaching Evils*)



Pray for one another

If there are any additions to, or removals from the prayer chain, please call Jane Gramke Stevens 402.278.2652

The Blessed Virgin Mary promised to Saint Dominic and to all who follow that "Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted." She left for all Christians Fifteen Promises to those who recite the Holy Rosary.

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall **receive signal graces**.
2. I promise my **special protection** and the **greatest graces** to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a **powerful armor against hell**, it will **destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies**.
4. The Rosary will **cause virtue** and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the **abundant mercy of God**; it will **withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities**, and will **lift them to the desire for eternal things**. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, **shall not perish**.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall **never be conquered by misfortune**. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just **he shall remain in the grace of God**, and become **worthy of eternal life**.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary **shall not die without the sacraments** of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have **during their life and at their death the light of God** and the **plenitude of His graces**; at the moment of death they **shall participate in the merits of the saints** in paradise.
9. I shall **deliver from Purgatory** those **who have been devoted to the Rosary**.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall **merit a high degree of glory in Heaven**.
11. You shall **obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary**.
12. All those who **propagate the Holy Rosary** shall be **aided by me in their necessities**.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the **advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death**.
14. All **who recite the Rosary** are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a **great sign of predestination**.

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 Hoeffer
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

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 through the Archdiocese at: archomaha.org/offertory/

Knights of Columbus Food Drive



Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, St. Francis Borgia collected 809 pounds of food and \$410 in cash donations for the Washington County Food Pantry!

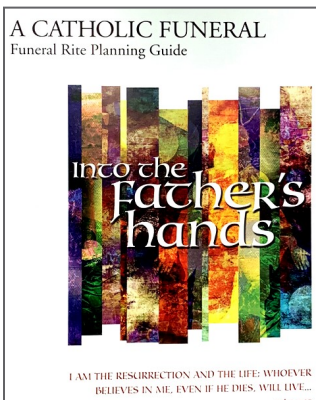
To our Knights of Columbus men, we thank you for your generosity of time and talent in collecting and delivering this wonderful donation to the Food Pantry!

Funeral Planning Guide

Many of you have shown interest in making use of the Funeral Rite Planning Guide. We ordered additional copies, and they are available in the commons area. Feel free to take one and leave a freewill donation.

By using the Funeral Rite Planning Guide, you make it a little easier for your family when that time comes. It will be one less thing that they need to do.

Three sheets for funeral planning are available at the back of the folder. Once completed, a copy of it can be kept in the Parish Office.



Prayer for Mothers

Dear God,

Thank You for the gift of our Mothers! Thank You that our Mothers always believe in us, no matter what. Thank You that they always trust, always hope, and always care. They always love us, just like You!



Please bless our Mothers with the unmistakable gift of Your love, O Lord. May each of them feel Your love in their hearts, Your peace in their minds, and Your joy in their spirits.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, we ask You to refresh our Mothers and fill them again with Your Holy Spirit. May their families surround them and may their children rise up and call them blessed. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Livestreaming on Facebook at facebook.com/stfrancisborgiablair/



Monday, May 4 Nick Kuncl †	(Not livestreamed)
Tuesday, May 5 Leslie B. Flynn II †	8 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, May 6 Clair Kneifl †	8 a.m. Mass
Thursday, May 7 George Beasley †	8 a.m. Mass
Friday, May 8 Michael O'Hanlon †	8 a.m. Mass
Saturday, May 9 Henry Miller †	8 a.m. Mass
Sunday, May 10 Parishioners of St. Francis Borgia Marian Kelley †	8 a.m. Mass 10 a.m. Mass