

Change to Sunday and Holy Day Obligations: On the First Weekend of Lent, February 20th - 21st, 2021, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is reestablished. This applies to all Catholics who are not seriously ill or confined to their homes, hospital, or nursing facility. When you come to Mass feel free to wear a mask if you desire. Hand sanitizer will be readily available for use at the church entrances.

Other changes that will occur beginning February 20th and 21st:

1. Spacing in Church will be eliminated.
- 2) Funeral Vigils and Visitations before Mass may be in the Church.
- 3) One Extra-Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist (Precious Body) will be scheduled at every Mass.
- 4) Up to 3 Mass servers will be scheduled for weekend Masses beginning in April.
- 5) Choir for parish Masses will resume.
- 6) Holy Water will be put into the fonts in the Church.
- 7) Communal Penance Services are allowed but only with the use of screens.
- 8) Ushers will take up the collection using long-handled baskets. The collection will be then put into one individual basket and brought up to Deacon Dan.
- 9) A special section in the parish halls marked **RESERVED** will be reserved for individuals who would like to maintain social distancing, have underlying health conditions, and the elderly. Masks will be required in this section. Ministers of Holy Communion will continue to distribute to these individuals at their seats. The St. Joseph parish hall will be exclusively reserved for those who want to maintain social distancing, have underlying health conditions, and the elderly. We ask that you please wear a mask in this section. We encourage you to bring a mask with you, however, masks will be available in the event the hall is needed for overflow from the main body of the church.

Items that have not been changed are:

1. Holy Communion distributed under species of Precious Body only.
- 2)The Sign of Peace remains suspended.
- 3) No Offertory procession with the gifts.
- 4) Confessions will only be heard behind the screen.

****Thank you for your patience as we work to implement these changes and accommodate an increase in Mass participation on Sundays.**



Rules for Fasting and Abstinence during Lent—During the season of Lent, Catholics are called to take part in certain days of fasting and abstinence. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are the **two days of both fasting and abstinence**. In addition, **all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence**.

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- **Fasting:** The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 60. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not equal to a full meal.
- **Abstinence:** The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onward.

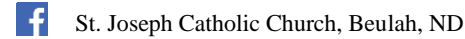
**Exceptions to these guidelines include those who are physically and mentally ill (including chronic illnesses like diabetes) as well as pregnant and nursing mothers. The Church teaches that common sense should prevail so that a person does not further jeopardize his or her health because of fasting requirements.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS followed by Evening Prayer will be prayed throughout the Lenten season. Stations will begin at 6:30 pm Friday, February 26th at St. Martin, Friday, March 5th at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph and so on through the Fridays of Lent. Please join us in making this journey to the Cross each week.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 February 21st, 2021**

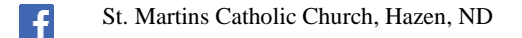
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Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 23rd - 28th

- Tues, Feb 23rd.... 5:00 pm Mass at St. Martin: † Helen Juette by Marv and Mary Schwehr
- Wed, Feb 24th.....7:30 am Mass at St. Joseph: † Wilfred Schumacher
- Thurs, Feb 25th...12:00 Noon Mass at St. Martin: † Margaret Weiland
 by Jerome Weiland Family
- Fri, Feb 26th..... :8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph: Jonathan and Marie Oderman
 by Travis and Elizabeth Watson
- Sat, Feb 27th5:00 pm Mass at St. Martin: Gloria Blohm by Gordon and Mary Robson
- Sun, Feb 28th.....8:00 am Mass at St. Martin: † Leland Erickson
 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph: Parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Martin

