

18 March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Archbishop Jackels announced that all public Masses are canceled until further notice. We will post his letter from Monday, March 16 in the bulletin. (A revision was made reducing the number at gatherings from 50 to 10).

Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, I'm announcing the following changes effective immediately:

1. All Masses will be closed to the general public. I will continue to offer Mass privately for most intentions that have been scheduled (all other intentions will be rescheduled). There will be a live stream Sunday Mass offered by Archbishop Jackels which can be accessed on the archdiocesan website: [www.dbqarch.org](http://www.dbqarch.org)
2. Any funerals and baptisms will be very limited in number (10 people per current CDC guidelines).
3. All other church events, fundraisers, faith formation classes, communal penance services, communion to the homebound, bingo, meetings, retreats, etc. will be postponed or canceled.
4. The church office will be closed to the general public. If you would like to make an appointment, please call before you hope to visit. [ 641-394-2105 or write to [clustergs@gmail.com](mailto:clustergs@gmail.com) ]
5. I will happily continue to visit with people, as long as conditions permit me to do so, and especially to administer the Sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion may be brought to those who are in danger of death.
6. It is our hope that the church at Holy Family Parish will be open during the day from 8am to 1pm for private prayer only and strictly limited to ten people or less. Do not visit if you have any symptoms of illness or have been exposed to those with any illness. If conditions or recommendations change suddenly, access will be further restricted for the common good.
7. These actions are all subject to change as we monitor the conditions and follow recommendations of our civil authorities. We will keep you informed through our website and Facebook page and the bulletin. You may pick up the bulletin at the mailbox of the office and parishes in Ionia and North Washington.
8. One particularly challenging aspect of not gathering for several weeks is continuing to meet our financial obligations for maintenance and for our employees. Please kindly consider mailing your offering to the parish office at **313 W Court St., New Hampton, IA 50659** or drop it in the mailbox outside the office. Or you might consider utilizing our electronic fund transfer [EFT] (for Holy Family or IC only) - please contact the office. Or you may now use the new website to give online, please visit [goodshepherdcluster.com/church-giving](http://goodshepherdcluster.com/church-giving)

Let us pray for one another. Please be patient and kind. This time will eventually pass. God come to our assistance, Lord make haste to help us!  
Fr. Dellaert