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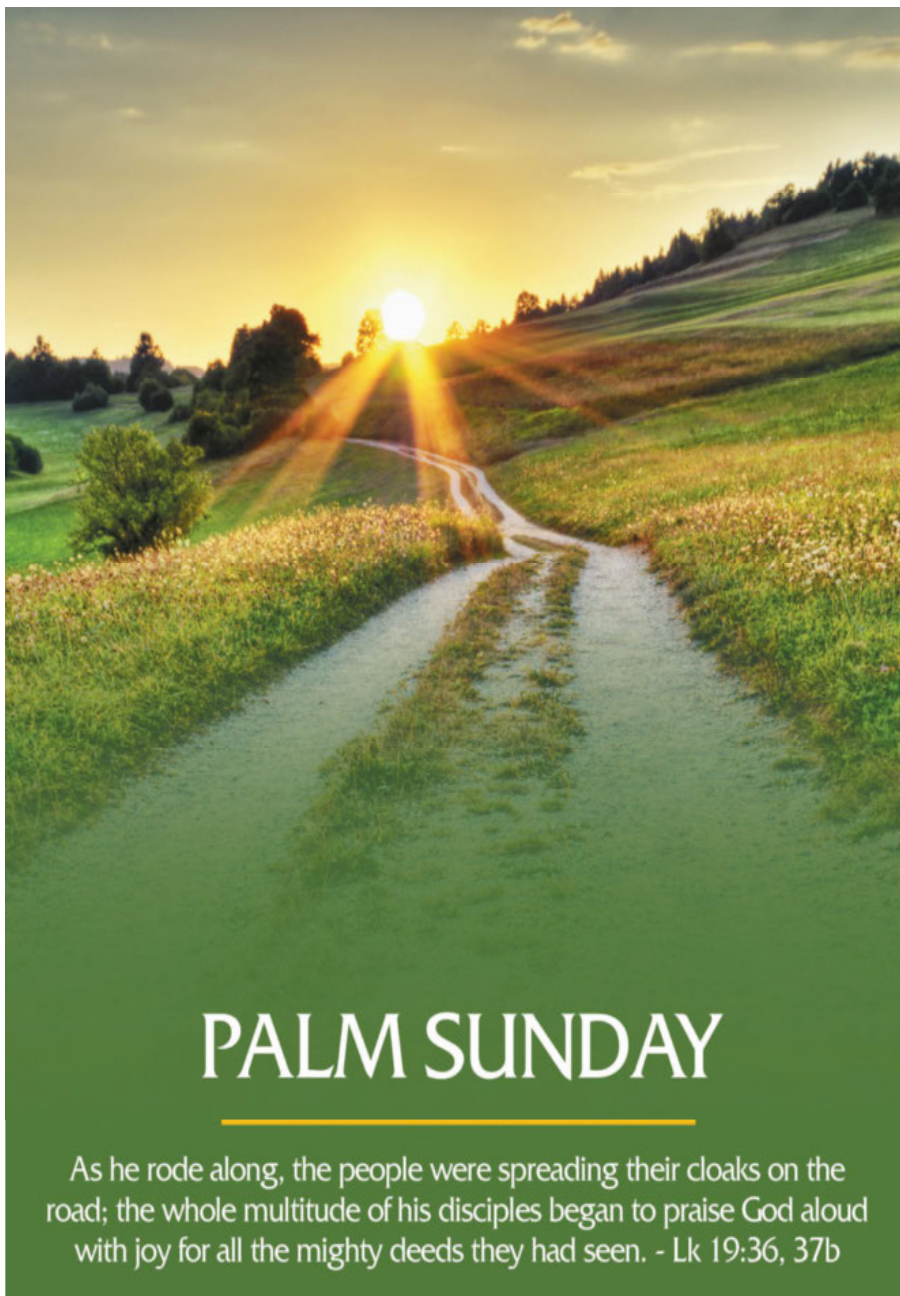
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PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday—4:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

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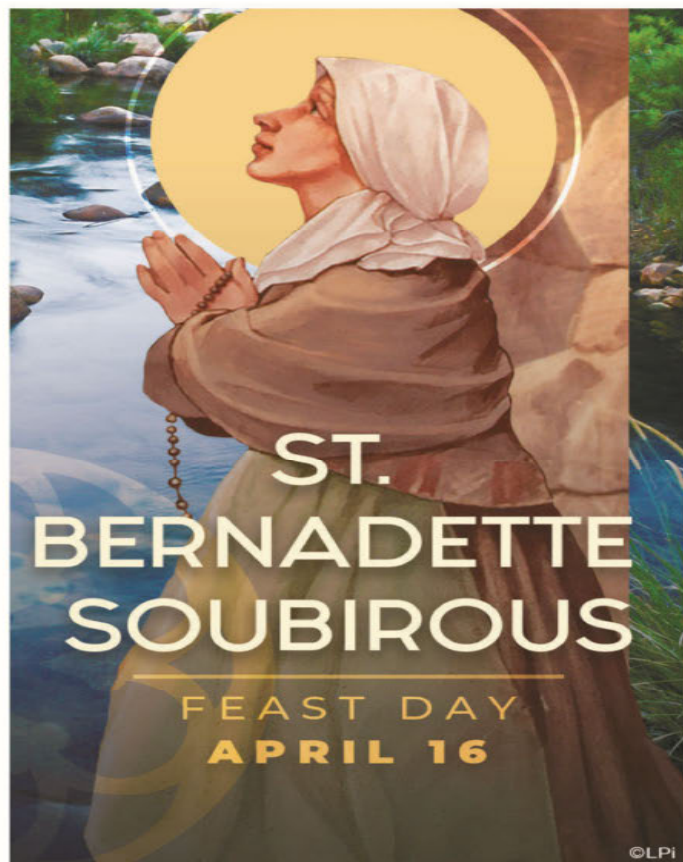
Adult Choir will sing on April 14 at the 7:00pm Holy Thursday Liturgy. They will also sing at the 8:00pm Easter Vigil liturgy on Saturday, April 16.

Financial Aid is available to students who enroll or who currently attend a Catholic high school. Students who wish to be considered for financial aid are to submit an essay explaining “Why a Catholic education matters.” The essay should be typed in four original paragraphs. Along with the essay the student should indicate his or her home address and the name of the Catholic high school he or she is attending. Send all of this to:



Knights of Columbus
PO Box 102
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**Deadline is May 12, 2022*



SAINT OF THE WEEK

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a ‘Lady’ at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming ‘I am the Immaculate Conception’. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world’s most popular.

During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmity assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	7:00pm
Good Friday	1:00pm
Easter Vigil	8:00pm
Easter Sunday	7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am

Glory Garden Flower/Plants Please use the Easter Flower envelope that came with your first quarter envelopes or your own envelope to note the name(s) of those to be remembered along with your donation. **We will print memorial names in a Glory Garden supplement that will be available at the church entrances on Sunday, April 24.**

*If you choose to bring a plant for the Glory Garden, please place it in the Bride’s Room some time between Holy Thursday & 9:00am Holy Saturday.

Week at a Glance

- Wed., Apr., 13** Lenten Evening
Mass 6:30pm
- Wed., Apr., 13**Gr 10 HSRE 6:30pm
- Wed., Apr., 13** Communal Rosary
following 6:30pm Mass

John Paul II Medical Research Institute For years, JP2MRI has taken the lead in warning about the ubiquitous use of embryonic stem cell lines and aborted fetal cell lines such as HEK-293 and Per.C6, which are used in the creation of highly profitable drugs. While the Catholic Church has advocated for decades about the need for alternative and ethical human cell lines to produce morally-licit treatments, there has been no concerted effort by the research community until the formation of JP2MRI. Inspired by our late Holy Father, St. Pope John Paul II, JP2MRI is now poised to address this immoral practice and unmet needs by serving as a catalyst for change by utilizing our novel intellectual property and assets. We hope to build on all of our work and use this year's funds to begin to translate our basic research into eventual clinical trials.

2022 has brought exciting news - on March 8, 2022, the United States Patent and Trade Mark Office (USPTO) issued a patent to Cellular Engineering Technologies (CET), a for-profit and pro-life stem cell company co-founded by JP2MRI's founder, Dr. Alan Moy, for developing a novel approach in creating ethical and safer induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC). CET credits much of its success to its collaborative research efforts with JP2MRI. This patent provides a new benchmark in pluripotent stem cell safety, and eliminates the future need for embryonic stem cells (ESC). This milestone completes a longstanding objective that our donors requested in having us find an ethical replacement for ESC. The Institute believes that these ethical stem cells will also be scientifically advantageous when compared to ESC.

For years, our donors urged JP2MRI to create ethical human cell lines that could replace longstanding aborted fetal cells used in the manufacturing of vaccines, cell therapies, gene therapies and biologics. We are pleased to announce that the Institute, with your support, has created a pipeline of immortalized human adult stem cells that are poised to produce non-controversial medicines. A patent will soon be filed by JP2MRI as it relates to our technology and approach. Pro-life Christian scientists in academia, government and industry have been requesting these cell lines for years since the current aborted fetal cell lines have not only posed as a moral dilemma for them, but also threatened their employment status when challenged or refused. We anticipate our cell lines to be commercially released this year.

JP2MRI now has access to a broad pipeline of ethical technologies to produce new medicines that do not require aborted fetal cells. We have also initiated collaborations with biotechnology companies to deploy our immortalized human cells to develop recombinant proteins and gene therapies that can be used for treating common and rare diseases, as well as cancers. Additionally, we continue to develop a pipeline of stem cell therapies for treating juvenile diabetes and neurodegenerative diseases. Stem cell therapies are divided into therapies that act either through cell protection/repair or cell replacement. We are the only non-profit organization in the world that has capabilities to produce both categories of cell therapy. The

Institute is developing universal cell therapies for neurological conditions such as stroke, traumatic brain injury, cerebellar degeneration and Parkinson's disease. If the research and funding continue to grow, it is anticipated that clinical trials could be started in as little as five years. This year, the Institute is working to establish clinical research sites with Catholic healthcare systems in other states across the United States.

Your continued financial support will ensure that immoral cell lines are permanently replaced by ethical options that are safer and more effective and which will lead to new treatments and cures. JP2MRI provides regular updates on our research progress on our website (www.jp2mri.org), on Facebook, on Rumble.com and on Gab.com. Please follow our efforts and make a meaningful donation to help support this important mission. Thank you very much.

Kind regards and God Bless,

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Please remember our diocesan seminarians in prayer. In particular this week we pray for **Brian Ward**.

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
 Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022**



As of April 4, 2022

Target Amount:	\$91,495
Amount Paid & Pledged:	\$75,840
Amount Paid:	\$75,399

**Parish Stewardship for
 April 3, 2022**

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online	\$ 11,615.00
Students	\$ 62.95
Plate	\$ 1,129.00
Automatic Direct Donation avg.....	\$1,711.75
Total for the week	\$ 14,518.70

Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ’s love. To live Christ’s love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

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Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.

The effects of adoration: Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

***Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

Reconciliation

Anytime by request.

Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by request.

•Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.

•If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.

•If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.

•All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

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