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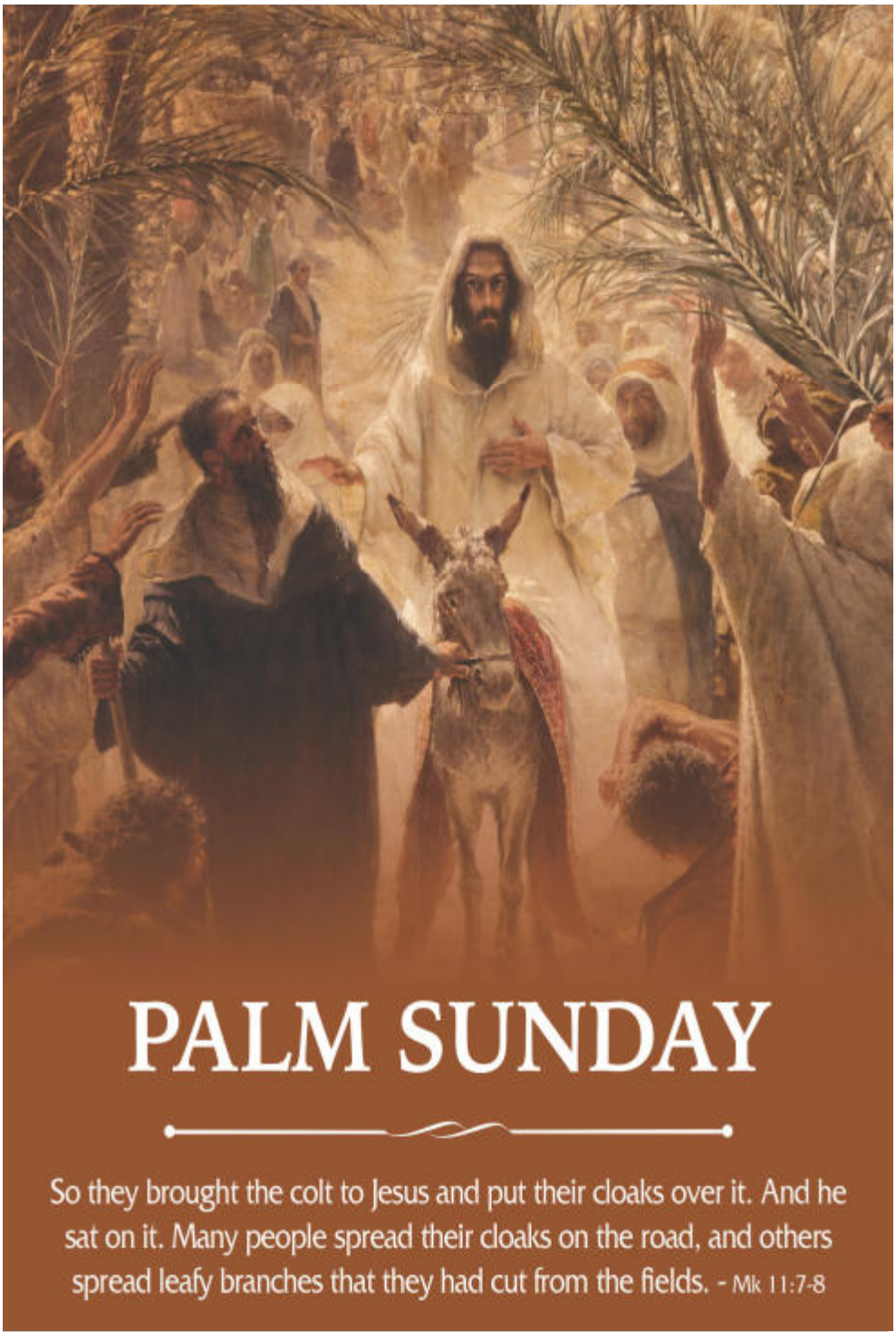

PALM SUNDAY

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

The mission of St. Joseph Church is to provide a Catholic environment for our parish, to embrace God's Word, and to answer the call to holiness, leading to eternal salvation.

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Bulletin Deadline

Mondays by 12:00 noon (unless otherwise noted). Items may be faxed, called, brought in, or emailed.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please call the Parish office to schedule.

Sacrament of Baptism

For arrangement, please call the Parish office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples please contact the pastor at least 9 to 12 months prior to wedding date.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest. Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way. Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

SAVE YOUR VISION: March is Save Your Vision awareness month. The US Department of Health and Human Services Healthy People 2010 objectives for the first time included a chapter on vision. The national goal to improve vision was established with the Healthy People 2020 objectives. Our age, family history, and eye safety are factors which affect our vision. The Faith Community Health Team would like to remind you to save your vision. To prevent vision loss, get regular eye check-ups, wear sunglasses, use eye protection, know your family eye history, and know your ABCs of diabetes. Learn more about how you can save your vision by visiting the Centers for Disease Control website at *https://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/index.htm*

PALMS: If you would like to pick up palms they are located outside of the gathering space doors.

HOLY WEEKLY SCHEDULE Please read the Weekly Schedule found on this page carefully so you have the correct information for each day. Just like when we had Mass on Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday Mass will be set up the same way. It worked out well for senior citizens and those with special needs to sit in the gathering space, please enter through the gathering space doors. We ask that families use the gym and enter through the north gym door located across the street from the playground. There is also seating in the church with the same guidelines we use now on the weekends, please enter through the main street doors. Eucharistic ministers will distribute Holy Communion in all three sections. The Mass will also be on Catholic Radio 92.5 FM, livestreamed on the Parish Facebook page, and uploaded to the parish website. We hope that you have a great week and an even greater Holy Week and Easter Triduum!

THE CHRISM MASS will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday, March 29th at 1:30pm. Due to COVID-19 only a small number of priests will be attending and it will be closed to the public. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate by attending livestream at https://tinyurl.com/58dc8npe.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry.

CEMETERY FUNDRAISER: Our parish cemetery needs your help! We have some major expenses that have come up and in order to keep our cemetery in the beautiful condition it's always been in we need some financial assistance from you. **First**, a new riding lawn mower is needed with a loader bucket attachment to replace our old John Deere rider mower. The cost is $13,528.80. **Second**, the entire road around the middle section of the cemetery needs to be resurfaced. The cost is $31,475. Any financial support you could give would be appreciated.

CHRIST IN OTHERS RETREAT: The high school retreat for sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be held this year on Saturday, May 1st at Grace Camp. Because of COVID it has been changed this year to a one day retreat. For a registration form please contact Jasmin Tone, Youth Group director at 659-3514, ext. 4 or by email dewittstjosephym@diodav.org

We welcome into God's Family
Cash Thomas Kruse
Son of Chad & Jenna Kruse
Elsie Lyn Waterbury
Daughter of Clay & Courtney Waterbury

In Your Prayers

This week, please remember the sick and the infirm, so that they may experience the healing power of Christ:
Joyce Marme, Ed Franzen, Janet Driscoll, Emily Blaga, Julie Howard, Lori Hand, Henry Kruse, Jr., Mark Trimble, Jeanette Ilg, Joni Moore, Renegade Richmond, Patricia (Pat) Cahill, Heather Puck Nees, Mary English, Dick Smith, Therese Green, Pat (Patsy) Cahill, Jon Prudenz, Cathy Morel, Ron Fuglsang, Ana Hertz, Patrick Driscoll, Larry Roeder, Jim Hand, Jeff Kueter, Mark McGarry, Sawyer Crandall, Jim Claeys, Paul Keitel, Ronnie Peters, Amanda Jacobsen, Judy Steward, Terry Cox

"Heavenly Father accept our prayers which we offer for them."

Weekly Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 28, Passion of the Lord
9:00 am Mass in the Church, Gathering Space, & Gym
Watch Mass on the Parish Facebook Page
Watch Recorded Mass on the Parish Website
4:00 pm Communal Penance at St. Joe's

Monday, March 29
3:30 pm—4:00 pm Adoration in the Gathering Space
4:00 pm Fr. Page will hear Confessions

Tuesday, March 30
3:30 pm Mass in the Gathering Space
4:00 pm Fr. Page will hear Confessions

Wednesday, March 31
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross—Watch on the Parish Facebook Page or the Parish Website

Holy Thursday, April 1
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper in the Church and Gathering Space

Good Friday, April 2
Parish Office Closed
3:00 pm Passion of the Lord in the Church and Gathering Space

Holy Saturday, April 3
4:30 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 4
9:00 am Mass in the Church, Gathering Space & Gym
Watch Mass on the Parish Facebook Page
Watch Recorded Mass on the Parish Website
Listen to Mass on Catholic Radio Station 92.5 FM

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, Marcy 30
3:30 pm John & Dorothy Feller†
Wednesday, March 31
Earl Brimeyer†
Thursday, April 1
7:00 pm Jim Kedley†
Friday, April 2
3:00 pm
Saturday, April 3
4:30 pm Phyllis Goodall†
Sunday, April 4
9:00 am Dorothy Hughes†

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

SUN 3/28	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
MON 3/29	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
TUE 3/30	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
WED 3/31	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
THR 4/01	*Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
FRI 4/02	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
SAT 4/03	Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
SUN 4/04	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins
Thursday:	Holy Thursday; April Fools' Day
Friday:	Good Friday; Day of fasting and abstinence
Saturday:	Holy Saturday
Sunday:	Easter Sunday

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Inspiration for the week

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, "hosanna to our King," out of one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!

Reconciliation Schedule

Sunday, March 28 — Communal Penance at 4 pm at St. Joe's in DeWitt

Monday, March 29 — Confessions at 4 pm at St. Joe's in DeWitt

Tuesday, March 30 — Confessions at 4 pm at St. Joe's in DeWitt

April 1— Holy Thursday — 7 pm

April 2 — Good Friday — 3 pm

April 3 — Holy Saturday — 4:30 pm

April 4 — Easter Sunday — 9 am

There will be three seating options for Easter Sunday Mass. Seating in the Church (use the east door) you will be directed by the ushers just like it is for weekend Masses and participants will maintain appropriate distancing and seating. The Gathering Space is recommended for the elderly and special needs, please use the south doors and our school gym will have family seating available and you may use the north gym door (across from the playground) to enter.

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