Keeping this Week Holy
This week’s bulletin has a different appearance and purpose. It is essentially a guide for individuals, couples and families as we anticipate and celebrate Triduum — the Great Three Days of our faith — at home!

That is a shocking and clearly unwanted reality, but it is our current reality.

The resources collected here offer some context for what we celebrate and commemorate as we move from day to day, as well as scripture passages and questions for reflection for each of the Triduum liturgies. You’ll also find music that will be featured in our live-stream of Triduum, so you can join more fully in those on-line experiences of worship.

We are able to provide these resources through the generosity of many long-standing partners in ministry: Liturgical Press, an outreach of the monks at St. John’s Abbey in Collegeville, Minn., and the music publishers GIA and OCP. They, along with many other ministry-related companies and organizations are generously sharing, usually at no cost, a fast array of print and video resources, many of which we have eagerly shared through our web site, email and on Facebook.

Finally, please know that while our community is not able to gather for the word and ritual of these Great Three Days, you will be part of my prayer as we consider the sacrifice and glory of the cross, and rejoice in the wonder of a God who makes all things new.

Peace,
Fr. Tom L

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
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“Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion”

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Theodulph of Orleans, 9th century

To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

Psalm 22, “My God, My God”
Marty Haugen

“Were You There”
African-American spiritual

My God, my God, O why have you abandoned me?

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The liturgies of the Great Three Days will be available live, or later, at stanneswausau.org and at St. Anne Parish on Facebook. Here is the schedule:

- 6:30 p.m. - Holy Thursday
- 1 p.m. - Good Friday
- 7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil (Saturday)

If you cannot watch the on-line liturgies from St. Anne, EWTN will be broadcasting Triduum liturgies from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington at the following times:

- 4:30 p.m. - Holy Thursday
- 1:30 p.m. - Good Friday
- 7 p.m. - Easter Vigil (Saturday)
- 11 a.m. - Easter Morning

EWTN also will carry Triduum liturgies from Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 10 p.m. Saturday, as well as liturgies from the Vatican.

Easter morning Mass will be televised at 6:30 a.m. on Channel 12, 9 a.m. on cable Channel 980, and at 7 a.m. on WGN America - cable Channel 6, DirecTV Channel 307 and Dish TV Channel 239.

Several on-line options for Easter morning Mass will be posted at stanneswausau.org.

AS WE GATHER IN THESE DAYS: The Eucharist is always a sacrament of unity, even when we celebrate apart from one another. As you pray, consider those with whom you would normally worship at Mass, as well as members of the Body of Christ who are afflicted with illness and most desperately seek healing. We are all united in our belief in Christ.

TONIGHT: Gather with other members of your household, maybe around a table, so as to mirror Jesus gathering with his disciples at a table for the meal we commemorate in tonight’s worship. Sing the hymns, psalms and acclamations; respond and pray out loud as you would at Mass. Turn off cellphones and try to avoid other distractions during this time of worship. Allow yourself and your family this time with God — and with one another.

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**HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

*Exodus 12.1-8/1 Corinthians 11.23-26/John 13.1-15*

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**“Song of the Lord’s Supper”**

Michael Joncas

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**Glory to God**

A New Mass for Congregations, Carroll T. Andrews

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A PRAYER OF COMM-UNION

We give thanks to you God for your divine life within us. Fill our hearts with gratitude for the sacramental presence of your son, Jesus Christ. Increase in us faith, hope and love so that we can be His presence in the world. We make this prayer through Christ, with whom we are united whether together or apart, He who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL: Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and dry them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Master, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well.” Jesus said to him, “Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all.” For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, “Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.” — John 13.1-15

REFLECTING: The psalm asks, “How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?” How are your words and actions a response to God’s blessings?

The second reading is the oldest record of the Last Supper. Why did Jesus give us a meal as a way to remember him?

When in the past year have you been served? When were you a servant?
A CONTEMPORARY PASSION: None of the days of Triduum resonate so closely to our current experience as does today’s commemoration of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Listening to John’s account of his suffering and death, we are mindful of the plight confronting people in our families, our community and around the world. Good Friday always prompts consideration of the injustices that pervade our world, especially those that lead to death. On this Good Friday we are particularly mindful of those enduring serious illness and death as a result of the coronavirus. Indeed, Pope Francis has asked that an additional prayer be added to the universal intercessions that are part of today’s liturgy. It reads:

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith.

Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your divine providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TODAY: The traditional Good Friday liturgy contains three unique components: the reading of John’s Passion, the praying of The Solemn Intercessions and Veneration of the Cross. Each of these helps us enter more fully into our relationship with Christ and recommit us to pray and work for the good of the Church and world.

As you anticipate today’s celebration, place a cross or crucifix in a prominent place as you prepare to engage with today’s worship on-line or TV. Traditionally the faithful show reverence to the cross by touching or kissing it, or bowing toward it. Veneration in the liturgy being televised will be limited to the presider because of health precautions. However, whether at home or church, we venerate the cross by spending time reflecting upon the sacrifice and triumph it symbolizes.

GOOD FRIDAY: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

REFLECTING: Jesus’ own example in the face of hatred, violence, false accusation, and ultimately death is to be true to himself without responding in kind. Such behavior inspired countless saints, activists and others who follow his non-violent example. When we consider the model of Jesus and how he reacted in the face of threat, it can be a challenge to follow that model in our own lives. Often the inclination is to strike back when struck or to fight fire with fire. Instead, Jesus goes to his death trusting in God, who ultimately raises him to new life. In a world beaten down by injustice, cruelty, systems of oppression, and general inequity, our faith is in a higher power. We certainly work to address and change unfair systems, but God will have the last word. In his kingdom the oppressed in this world will reign and the oppressors will be brought low. Confident of this outcome, let us align ourselves with Jesus, with the poor, and with the oppressed.

The second reading from Hebrews tells us, “Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered.” What have you learned through suffering?

Jesus tells Pilate, “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” How do you envision this kingdom of which Jesus speaks?

Pilate asks Jesus, “What is truth?” How would you answer this question? What are the truths that you cling to in life.

THE PASchal FAST: This fast is different than our penitential fasting of Lent. The Paschal Fast is about anticipation, which is no doubt a considerable challenge in our time of quarantine. It might seem that we’ve already been fasting. Even now, however, are there things we might avoid so as to better anticipate the joy of Easter?
Free sample copies and a great offer

Give Us This Day is an excellent daily prayer resource for “today’s Catholic,” which offers a daily order of prayer, the daily Mass readings and insightful reflection drawn from current writers and ancient sources. Sample copies of the April issue are available in the main Gathering Space of church.

A special bulk parish rate is available for new subscribers, as well as the several dozen parishioners who already subscribe. The parish rate is $31.50 for 12 issues, far below the regular rate of $44.95. To subscribe or renew, or to get more information, contact Bobbi Gadke at bobbig@stanneswausau.org or 715-849.3930, ext. 310.

Normally we’d gather Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday. Please keep your Rice Bowl — adding to it if you are able — and we’ll gather them when we are able to gather again for Mass.

Email addresses are needed to stay informed

Email is a central means of communication during these weeks of precaution. If you have not been getting weekly email updates from us, then we do not have your email address. Please send an email to mail@stanneswausau.org and we will add you to our email roster. You will not be inundated with emails, but two a week to stay informed.

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS to guide prayer at Eastertime are in baskets at the entranceway. If you would like us to mail you a copy, please call the office.