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Mass Schedule

Weekend Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday..... Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am

Holy Day.....8:30 am & 7:00 pm
(EXCEPT Christmas & New Year's)

Confessions..... Saturday 3:15-4:15 pm
Sunday & Weekdays 7:30-8:15 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. (except First Fridays) 9:00 am-10:05 am
Benediction
First Fridays, Mass at 8:30 am, 9:00-10:05 am
Benediction

Sacraments

Baptism

1. You must be a registered member of our parish.
2. Make an appointment to see the priest to discuss and participate in the baptismal preparation.
3. Schedule the baptism (time and date).

Marriage

1. Wedding arrangements need to be made six months in advance.
2. Either the bride or groom must be a registered member of the parish.
3. Call the parish office to make an appointment with the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office if a loved one is seriously ill or in the hospital.

Ministry of Care

If you or a family member is ill, homebound, or unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit, please call the parish office or John Rood at 815-824-2518.

Bulletin Deadline

Items must be submitted to the parish office by 12:00 pm on Monday or the Friday preceding a holiday.



MANY PEOPLE SPREAD THEIR CLOAKS ON THE ROAD,
AND OTHERS SPREAD LEAFY BRANCHES THAT THEY
HAD CUT FROM THE FIELDS. - MK 11:8

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Palm Sunday

Welcome to this celebration of Palm Sunday. Today is a joyous occasion as we remember the crowds of people who lined the streets of Jerusalem to welcome our Master into their city.

The six-year-old came home from Palm Sunday Mass proudly carrying his palm. Mom and Dad quizzed him on his Sunday School lesson for the day. He responded enthusiastically, "Jesus came to Jerusalem on a donkey, and the happy people waved their palm branches and sang, O Suzanna..Ha ha!

Happy people singing. What a special day! Jerusalem was going to be Camelot, and Jesus was going to be King Arthur.

Many who witnessed Jesus riding on a donkey into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday probably wondered themselves what kind of Messiah was this? Where is his armor? Where was the pomp and grandeur that was expected out of a leader? Think if the president came to town not in a limousine with flags waving and polished chrome sparkling, but in a rusted-out Ford Pinto? What kind of credibility would he have?

It didn't occur to the people who were disappointed that day that the prophet Zechariah had foretold that the Messiah would indeed enter Jerusalem while riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9). Later, some of them might have remembered, but at the time it was happening it may have indeed felt too ordinary.

Friends, in this Holy Week, we look at Jesus who walked the walk more perfectly than anyone who has ever lived. He lived out the ethic which he taught. He was totally committed to doing his Father's will. He was a man of commitment.

We also see his absolute compassion. Above all else, during Holy Week, we see the love that took him to the cross, John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friend..." That is what led Jesus to Jerusalem, to the cross. Have you such courage, such commitment, such compassion? We don't know what was on his mind that first Palm Sunday evening as he surveyed the Temple Courtyard, but we know how his week ended. He gave himself for you and for me.

~From the desk of Father Okoro

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 27

4:30 pm Clarence & Mary Nolan †
By Bill & Sheila Weigel

Sunday, March 28

8:30 am Grace Crumpton †
By Alvie & Sue Crumpton

Tuesday, March 30

8:30 am Rita Vincent
By Alvie & Sue Crumpton

Wednesday, March 31

8:30 am Jan Schnorr (birthday)
By The Schnorr Family

Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm Sarah & Connor Roesch †
By Richard Roesch

Friday, April 2

3:00 pm Harold Todd †
By Gen Thorson

Saturday, April 3

7:30 pm Dorothy Stakanski †
By Bill & Sheila Weigel

Sunday, April 4

8:30 am Terry Dvorak †
By Marilynne Voris

We have several openings for Mass intentions. Masses may be said for a loved one who has passed, as a gift for someone who is living, or in thanksgiving for blessings received. Please call the parish office to schedule Masses.

Liturgical Roles

Holy Thursday, April 1

Sacristan: 7:00 pm Paul Aloisio
E.M. 7:00 pm Paul Aloisio
Lector: 7:00 pm Dave Lilja
Ushers: 7:00 pm Paloma Cardenas, Saul Cardenas, Sue Lilja, Joe Bertrang

Good Friday, April 2

Sacristan: 3:00 pm Betty Thuestad
E.M. 3:00 pm Betty Thuestad
Lector: 3:00 pm Angel Monarrez, Caroline Bend, Marilynne Voris
Ushers: 7:00 pm Logan Bend, Ellie Bend, Andrew Aceves, Jerry Binkowski

Weekend of April 3rd/4th

Sacristan: 7:30 pm Sarah Treadway
8:30 am John Rood
E.M. 7:30 pm Sarah Treadway
8:30 am John Rood
Lector: 7:30 pm Donna Herrmann, Paloma Cardenas
8:30 am Angel Monarrez
Ushers: 7:30 pm Ben Herrmann, Joe Herrmann, Dan Nolan
8:30 am Emily White, Elliot Kupp, Saul Cardenas, Paul Aloisio, Jesse Monarrez

Money Counters: Kathleen Kupp, Pat Assel, Bob Hickey
Linen Ministry: Anne Hart
Altar Flowers: Ana Cardenas, Tess Rowland, Betty Thuestad
Minister of Care: John Rood



The red Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with the Parish Office. The cost of the candle is \$10.00. It will burn for one week. The memorial will be published in the Bulletin.

Prayer Requests

Millie Anderson, Marguerite Armstrong, Lia Aspengren, Suzanne Bertrang, Jim & Dorothy Caracciolo, Patricia Carlson, Wilfred Cidlik, Ann Cox, Tony Crumpton, Phil Foster, Heather Fritsch, Delores George, Judy Hogan, David Mihm, Jan Mueller, Mary Mueller, Gladys Schnorr, Betsy Todd, Janet Weigel.

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47
Mon: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tue: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thu: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Fri: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 /Gn 22:1-18 /Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Mk 16:1-7

As we approach Holy Week, please schedule some time to sit with our Lord after Holy Thursday Mass from 8:00 pm until midnight. A sign up sheet is in the back of the church. Sign up for one hour or all four hours.



Stewardship of Treasure
84 Registered Families
Week of March 20th/21st

Needed each week in 2020-21 \$2,520.00
 Rcvd.....\$1,637.60
 Loss for the week.....\$ 882.40

Fiscal Year-to-Date (39 weeks)
 Needed (at \$2,520.00/week).....\$98,280.00
 Received for the fiscal year to date.....\$91,334.72
 Loss to Date **\$ 6,945.28**

Thank you for your generosity!

Men's Cursillo Prayer Group meets:

Wed-Parish Office at 8:00 pm

Women's Cursillo Prayer Group meets:

Tue-Parish Hall at 10:15am

Prayer Group is for anyone who has made or is interested in making Cursillo.

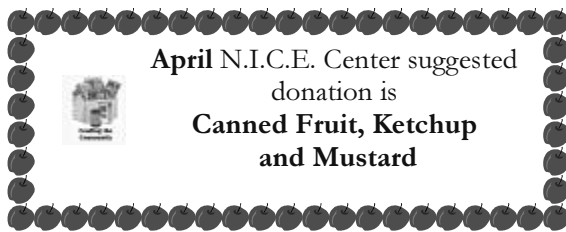


Upcoming Events

Sat 3/27 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass
Sun 3/28 (8:30 am) Palm Sunday Mass
(9:30 am) No RE - Spring Break
Tue 3/30 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Wed 3/31 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Thu 4/1 (7:00 pm) Holy Thursday Mass & washing of feet
(8:00 pm) Holy Thursday Adoration -until midnight
Fri 4/2 (3:00 pm) Good Friday Service
Sat 4/3 (7:30 pm) Easter Vigil Mass
Sun 4/4 (8:30 am) Easter Sunday Mass
(9:30 am) No RE - Spring Break
Tue 4/6 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Wed 4/7 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
(9:00 am) Adoration
Thu 4/8 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Fri 4/9 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Sat 4/10 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass
Sun 4/11 (8:30 am) Sunday Mass
(9:30 am) RE at Home after Mass

Birthdays

Patty Foster	3/27	Jan Schnorr	3/31
Ann Hart	3/28	Mary Todd	3/31
Joe Herrmann	3/30	Garardo Aceves	4/2



The Rosary is a spiritual weapon in the struggle against evil.

Thirty minutes before every Mass the Rosary is recited for the healing of our families, marriages, relationships and parish-ioner intentions.

We invite you to join us as we gather to pray the Rosary.



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