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MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

- SAT. Mar. 27** 5:00 PM Mass †Russell & Dorothy
Wenham
- SUN. Mar. 28** 8:00 AM Mass for the Parish
10:00 AM Mass for Cheryl Fiske
- TUES. Mar. 30** 8:15 AM Mass For Living & Deceased
Members of the Zablocki, Wollet,
Brown, & Romano Families
- WED. Mar. 31** 8:15 AM Mass For Nancy Hall
- THUR. April 1** 7:00 PM Mass For the Poor Souls in
Purgatory
- FRI. April 2** 3:00 Good Friday Service
- SAT. April 3** 8:00 PM Vigil Mass for the Living &
Deceased Members of the Mallien &
Jacques Families
- SUN. April 4** 8:00 AM Mass for the Parish
10:00 AM Mass †Norman, James, &
William Godfrey, Stephanie Thompson
& Joshua Cordio

HOLY ROSARY

Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary half an
hour before every Mass, weekends and weekdays.

CONFESSION

- Saturdays** 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
- Sundays.....**7:30 - 7:45 AM & 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM
- Appointment**Call Fr. Tim anytime

MEMBERSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office to register as a member.
Contact Fr. Tim to inquire about baptism or marriage.



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

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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?

The Facts of Life

At the moment the nuclei of the father's sperm and mother's egg unite, a new and unrepeatable human being comes into the world, complete with his or her own unique set of DNA. The new little person's sex is also determined from the beginning. This tiny human begins her life as a single cell gliding down the fallopian tube. In just a few days she will snuggle into the soft lining of her mother's womb where she will be nurtured for about nine months. After birth she will play a unique role within her own family and community – a role only she can fulfill. All she needs is time, nourishment, and, most of all, love.



Pro-Life Committee of the CCW

Covid Vaccines and Abortion

Fr. Tim spoke of the link between the COVID vaccines, and the stem cells harvested from aborted fetuses. Below is a link to an interview with Fr. Tad on the ethics concerning the vaccine.

<https://www.fathertad.com/index.php?cID=1074>

The CCW will be providing addressed envelopes and template letters for parishioners to use when sending their disapproval of the link between the vaccine and abortion to the drug companies. These resources are available at the ProLife table in the gathering space.



Stewardship Report

Offertory Collection February 2021: \$24,809.25
February EFTs: \$ 7,410.00
February On-Line Giving: \$3,455.00
Budget needed per week: \$9,577.00
Budget needed per month: \$41,500.00

The future is not in our hands. We have no power over it. We can act only today.
St. Teresa of Calcutta



Knights News



The time has arrived.... we are at Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week.

Good Friday service - 3pm on April 2nd
Easter Vigil – 8pm on April 3

For another couple of weeks the Knights will be selling tickets for the Wisconsin State Charity raffle for \$5 per ticket. The drawing will be May 2nd.

More than the hour of his enemies, the hour of his passion is thus *Christ's hour*, the hour when his mission is fulfilled. John's Gospel lets us perceive Jesus' state of mind at the beginning of the Last Supper: "When Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1). It is thus the *hour of love*, which wants to go "to the end", that is, to the supreme gift. In his sacrifice Christ reveals perfect love to us: he could not have loved us more deeply!

This decisive hour is both the hour of passion and the *hour of glorification*. According to John's Gospel, it is the hour when the Son of man is "lifted up from the earth" (Jn 12:32). The lifting up on the Cross is the lifting up to heavenly glory. Then the phase of the new relationship with humanity will begin, particularly with the disciples, as Jesus himself announces: "I have said this to you in figures; the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures but tell you plainly of the Father" (Jn 16:25).

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." Pope Benedict XVI



April 3rd and 4th is **Food Pantry Sunday**. Please drop nonperishable food in the bins in the Gathering Space. Envelopes are also on the carousel for donations.

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Issue of April 1, 2021 This week's Catholic Herald finishes up its listing of Lenten fish fries and offers articles to prepare and celebrate Easter on April 4. Learn

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more about your Catholic faith by reading the Catholic Herald. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the Catholic Herald print or e-Edition in your home, contact your parish office.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Please note that the Tuesday mass this week is at 8:15AM rather than 5:15 PM and there is NO Friday mass.

PALM SUNDAY



Jefferson Vicariate Lenten Confession Times:

Watertown:

Mondays: St. Henry's following 8:15 am Mass

Tuesdays: St. Bernard's and St. Henry's 6-7 pm

Fridays: St. Bernard's following 8:15 am Mass

Saturdays: St. Henry's 3:15-3:45 pm

Sundays: St. Henry's following 1 pm Mass (Spanish)

Jefferson:

Wednesdays and Fridays: St. John the Baptist following 7:30 am Mass

First Saturdays: St. John the Baptist following 7:30 am Mass

Waterloo: English or en español

Tuesdays: St. Joseph from 7-8 pm

Saturdays: St. Joseph at 9 am and from 3-3:45 pm

Sundays : St. Joseph at 10:30 am til 10:50 am

Fort Atkinson:

Thursdays: St. Joseph from 5:30 –6:30 pm

Saturdays: St. Joseph from 4-4:45 pm

Sundays: St. Joseph 7:30-7:45 pm and 9:30-9:45 pm

St Joseph School News 'n Notes



The St. Joseph Catholic School 5th grade students are currently completing their DARE curriculum with Officer Enger. They have been meeting every Wednesday with the support of Mrs. Debilzen in order to finish the DARE requirements for graduation to be held on Tuesday, April 13th at Fort High School. The students are learning how to say, "No" to the illegal and very harmful influences of drugs through Drug Resistance Education sponsored by our Fort Atkinson Police Department. We are so proud of our students as they are finishing up the curriculum requirements including a comprehensive essay. A special thank you to Officer Enger for his time, energy and great sense of humor. We appreciate our collaboration with Officer Enger and the Fort Atkinson Police Department.

Blessings to all that keep our children safe,

Kari R. Homb, Principal




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Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.



It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

40 Cans for Lent

The Knights of Columbus Council #3396 is once again sponsoring "40 Cans for Lent". Our goal is to donate 250 cases for the Ft. Atkinson Food Pantry. A case of food is \$15.00. Checks should be made out to KC Council 3396 and can be dropped in the church collection baskets. Questions?



Contact Bill Roberts 920-723-0672. Thank you.

Live the Gospel 52 Sundays a year

Recite the rosary together as a family, meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries that reflect on the journey Jesus took during Holy Week.

You can find a scriptural version of these at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/scriptural-rosary-the-sorrowful-mysteries.cfm>

As a family, watch The Passion of the Christ, rated R, Jesus of Nazareth, rated G, or an age-appropriate movie about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Thank you to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Trudy's Room Service Project

The St. Joseph's CCW invites all parishioners to participate in our **2021 Lenten Service Project** for Trudy's Room. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph CCW and clearly mark "Trudy's Room" in the memo.

List of items for donation for Trudy's Room:

- Diapers (size 3, 4, 5, or 6)
- Socks (size 12 month up to 4-5T)
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