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MARCH 28th, 2021 † PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION

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Eucharistic Adoration
(Adoración Eucarística)
Wednesday 8am - 9pm



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 3pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Reconciliation (Confession):

Horario de Confesiones:

Saturday (3 pm – 3:50 pm)

Sunday (10:15 am - 11 am)

Lenten season: Confessions 30 minutes before each Mass or any time by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: During 1st Friday morning Mass or anytime by calling the parish.

Unción de los enfermos: Primer viernes del mes o llamar a la parroquia

A Word from the Pastor



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us rejoice in the Lord Jesus because the Easter Triduum, our greatest Christian celebration, is around the corner.

I hope the Lenten season was truly a time of preparation and grace for everybody. Let us now enter into this last week, also called Holy Week, where we are invited to accompany our Lord Jesus as He enters into His passion. Jesus continues to descend into the depths of human misery because he is looking for everybody, the lost sheep or the souls that are furthest away from God. This is expressed in our creed when we profess "He descended into hell." Our Lord Jesus not only descended to the deepest place of reality but through His resurrection He will also ascend to the highest place *(continues next page)*

which is to be seated at the right hand of God the Father. Let us be aware that every time these important liturgical seasons come, it is the Lord that is coming to look for you and for me. These are not mere annual traditions of the Catholic Church. We are having an opportunity to meet Our Lord Jesus who is alive and is inviting us to celebrate Easter with Him, His passage from death to the resurrection.

It is important also to remember that when we celebrate the liturgy all the baptized Catholics have a role to play in the liturgy. If you have attended a symphony or an orchestra, you have seen how numerous the musical instruments are; and each one of them are crucial for the success of the symphony. In an analogous way, all the baptized have a role to play in the 'symphony' of the liturgy and in a special way in the celebration of the Eucharist. The 'maestro' will never start the symphony if one of the instruments is missing. In a similar way, our liturgy won't be the same if we don't participate or don't know about the importance of our role. In the liturgy of the Eucharist, Christ sacrifices himself not only for our salvation but for the salvation of all the world. All the baptized Catholics are expected to unite themselves to the sacrifice of Christ in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world as well. This means that our participation in the Eucharist is very important because we are contributing to the salvation of humanity. In early Christianity, they wouldn't start the celebration of the Eucharist until all the brothers and sisters were present or at least they knew where everybody was... if for some serious reasons some were not able to make it - because of the persecutions.

Update on our Parish safety protocols: The CDC and government are lifting some restrictions as more and more people are getting the vaccine and the pandemic seems to be subsiding. Our plan is to keep the restrictions in place for a few more weeks. We will keep operating as we are currently doing except for these three minor changes: a) if you want, you can keep your missalette and music issue in your pew. You have to know that it may be used by other people as well. Or, you can still keep your own books and bring it home and to Church when needed. This is your decision. You can find extra books at the church main entrance as well. b) We may start passing the collection using the long handle baskets. We will still keep a couple of baskets in the back for those who would like to drop their parish contributions *(continues next column)*

before or after mass. c) Confessions will be heard again in the church and not in the conference room of the rectory.

I want to thank all our parishioners because you have been very patient and have followed the safety guidelines during this time. I know all of you will continue to do so as we return to normalcy little by little. Remember that the main safety guidelines are still in place: you can find hand sanitizing at all church entrances, masks and social distancing are still required when inside the church building. *(continues next page)*

Austin 4th Degree Knights of Columbus



The Austin 4th Degree Knights of Columbus are doing a raffle this year to support the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Diocese of Winona-Rochester. There will only be 500 tickets to be sold. Thank you for your support and good luck! For more information, please contact Bob Morgan at **1-507-440-9861**.

Thank you for your help!

Upcoming Events



Rice Bowl Collection (throughout lent)

April 1: Holy Thursday
8:30am Morning Prayer
5:15pm Mass (English) and
6:30pm Mass (Spanish)

April 2: Good Friday
8:30am Morning Prayer
3pm Passion Service (English) and
5:15pm (Spanish)

April 3: Holy Saturday
8:30am Morning Prayer
8pm Easter Vigil

April 4: Easter Sunday
9am Mass (English) and
11am Mass (Spanish)

April 11: Divine Mercy Sunday
2 pm Adoration (holy hour) and
Prayer Service

Knights of Columbus



will offer a Lenten fish fry on Fridays from 5 pm until 7 pm beginning on **March 5 through April 2, 2021**.

It will be a drive through service at Cunningham Hall. We ask our patrons to enter the parking lot from the west drive:

2 fillets, choice of potato and Coleslaw for \$10

1 fillet with French fries for \$6.



During this time, we will keep giving Holy Communion in the hand only and in your places. In the rare occasion that someone would absolutely like to receive it in the tongue, please try to let me know before the mass. It is possible to receive last, after everyone has received Communion in the hand. I will have to sanitize my hand before and after every communion on the tongue.

A few practical things regarding our Holy Week celebrations:

1.- The Readings and Prayers of the Mass. Many solemnities and feasts give us many options regarding readings for the Mass. I usually like to choose the same readings and prayers that are in the missalettes so that we are all on the same page and you can follow along. Also, remember to pick up the new missalettes from the Church entrances.

2.- Bring your own bells. We invite you to bring your own bells to the celebration of Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday morning masses. Everyone is encouraged to play their own small bells during the Gloria.

3.- Palm Sunday. Remember to pick up your palm branches as you enter the Church and please bring it home with you.

3.- Rice Bowl donation and Holy Land collection: You are welcome to bring your 'Rice Bowl' donations on Holy Thursday and put it in the basket in front of the lectern. On Good Friday, there is always a special collection to support the Christians living in the Holy Land.

4.- The Adoration of the Holy Cross on Good Friday will be observed with a moment of silent prayer from our places. This year we won't have lines to come and adore the cross individually.

5.- We should have enough space to accommodate everybody at our Easter Triduum liturgy. Remember that there are also chairs and space in the choir loft. We are also going to place a few folding chairs at the back of the main entrance of the church in case they are needed.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to let us know. We want to have a prayerful and beautiful celebration and keep everyone safe at the same time.

Our new crucifix project: As I mentioned in previous bulletins, we would like to have a new crucifix with a corpus in our parish sanctuary. Before I can present the project to everybody, I need to obtain the permission and approval of the diocese. A few days ago, I received approval from the divine worship office, and I am now waiting for the college of consultors meeting which will take place on April 13th. I should be able to give you

more news after that meeting. Please keep this project in your prayers. I believe it is going to be a great blessing to our parish and we want to place a crucifix that will not only enhance the beauty of our Church but one that calls us to prayer and intimacy with our Lord Jesus.

Catholic Ministries Appeal. By now you must have received the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal in the mail. I encourage you to be generous with this appeal as it is a collection that is well used to support the many good ministries of our diocese. This is one of the Frequently asked question about this collection:

What can you tell me about the security of donations made to the CMA?

The Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota is a separate section 501(c) (3) organization and managed by an independent Board of Directors. This means that the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota's finances are neither co-mingled with those of the Diocese nor affected by the bankruptcy filing. In addition, donations to the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota are restricted to the purposes described in the Catholic Ministries Appeal materials.

Let us thank the Lord that He has kept us safe and that we are able to celebrate the Easter Triduum at our parish this year. Last year, I really missed everybody, and I am very happy to see how parishioners are little by little coming back to attend Mass in person. Thank you again for your faithful witness and love of Christ. Let us hold one another in prayer as we enter into this Holy Week with our Lord Jesus. Blessings, Fr. Raul

Queen's Quilters recently sent off their work from the past year: 130 quilts. Half went to Catholic Charities in Rochester who sends them where needed. The rest were delivered by our good friend, Debbie Rietz, to Mary's Place, a Catholic charity in Minneapolis.



We have an adequate supply of yardage but we would accept usable sheets and mattress pads.

If you would make a donation, **call Pat at 507 433-3819** to arrange the delivery. If you would like to help, we usually meet on Mondays from 1PM until about 3PM. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please call Pat.





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Seeds of Faith Tuition Assistance forms can be picked up at the school office. The application is due April 30! Please take time to fill this out. We will be available during Parent Teacher Conferences on April 8 and 14 or by appointment in the school office for assistance.

Pacelli Benefit Auction

Your "Adventure Awaits" at this year's Pacelli Catholic School's Benefit Auction April, 17, the largest and most important fundraising event of the year!

"Cruisin' for Cash" Raffle Tickets are on sale now!

- Raffle tickets cost \$20 each.
- Tickets are also available for purchase in the church office during regular office hours or on Pacelli's website: www.pacell catholic schools.org

The Auction will again be virtual this year do to restrictions currently in place for the pandemic. More details will be coming as we get closer to April 17.

THANK YOU! for your continued support of Pacelli Catholic Schools and its mission to raise our children in the light of Christ.

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A gift through your will will continue your support of Queen of Angels Church as an important legacy in our parish community.



It is an excellent way to create a lasting memorial.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

March 29 - April 4, 2021

Monday, March 29

5:15 pm Queen of Angels: Lavonne Emery (d)

Tuesday, March 30

7:30 am St Augustine: Richard Miller (d)

7:30 am Queen of Angels: Leonard Parlin (d)

Wednesday, March 31

11:00 am St Augustine: Robert Helfritz (d)

11:15 am Queen's: Adrian Blake (d)

Thursday, April 1 **HOLY THURSDAY**

8:30 am Queen of Angels Morning Prayer

5:15 pm Queen of Angels: MASS (English)

6:30 pm Queen of Angels: MASS (Spanish)

7:00 pm St Augustine: MASS

Friday, April 2 **GOOD FRIDAY**

8:30 am Queen of Angels Morning Prayer

3:00 Pm Queen 's Passion Service (English)

4:30 pm St Augustine Passion Service

5:15 pm Queen's Passion Service (Spanish)

Saturday, April 3 **HOLY SATURDAY**

8:30 am Queen of Angels Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Queen of Angels Easter Vigil Mass

8:00 pm St Augustine Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 4: **EASTER SUNDAY**

8:30 am St Edward

9:00 am Queen of Angels: For The People

10:30 am St Augustine

11:00 am Queen of Angels (Spanish)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Call the rectory if you would like us to add a name on our prayer list (**507-433-1888**)

Let us pray for those who are ill:

Charlotte Kubicek, Brian P. Elliott, Rowan Ferguson, Beatriz Trejo, Paul Price, Mark Bushaw, Rita Sheimol, John Jette, Luz Vaca, Bernice Scholer, Maria G. Rodriguez, Janet Titus, Brother Dominic, Norma Derr, Richard Gunderson, Francis Rockers, Leslie Hemann, Dean Lerud, Tim Cochlin, Harold and Lyda Mandler

Let us remember in our prayers all people who died recently.



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