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Sunday: 8:30 am

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As stated in the weekly bulletin

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

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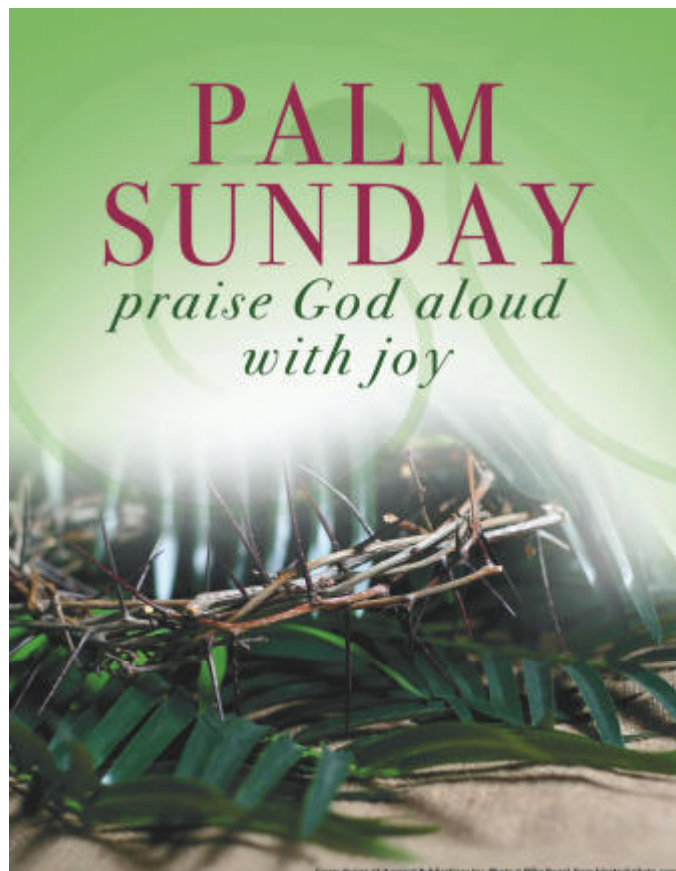
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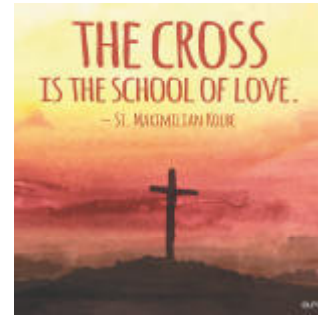


April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday, of the Passion of the Lord



Thursday, April 18th @ 7 pm - Leo McElmeel
Friday, April 19th @ 3 pm - Good Friday Service @ St. Isidore
Saturday, April 20th @ 8 pm - Ray Schmedding
Sunday, April 21st @ 8:30 am - Elmer Olsem



Readings  *Week* of the

Liturgical Ministers for April 21st.

8:30 am: Sacristan: Jim Kendall
 EM: Shawn Lueth Ryan Lueth
 Alex Lueth Marylynn Murray
 Clara Magallanes Tom McGuire
 Pat Melchert Sue Schettler

Lectors: Patty Lynch Craig Lynner

Servers: Aubrey Frey Alex Fencel
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Greeters: Dan & Denise Brannaman
 Bernie & Phyllis White
 Jamie & Annalyn Elloren
 John & Stephanie Brehm

**Weekly Contributions
 April 6, 2019**

Budget, Adults..... \$4,405.00
 Loose coin/Currency \$237.75
 Easter Flowers \$200.00
 Rice Bowl \$35.00
 Total..... \$4,877.75

**Monthly ACH Contribution
 April 5, 2019**

Budget, Adults \$4,825.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49
 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/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
 Friday: 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
 Saturday: 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/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1 4 or 1 Co



Do you know a couple married 60 to 80 plus years? Please nominate them in the Longest Married Couple search sponsored by **WorldWide Marriage Encounter**. The longest married couple in each state will be recognized and a special recognition is given to the longest married couple in the nation.

Go to www.wwme.org or call this special phone number **405-850-4274**. Nominations must be received by midnight May 14, 2019.

Please Note the Dates and Times:



April 18th @ 7 pm Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Last Supper @ St. John

April 19th @ 3 pm Good Friday Service @ St. Isidore

April 20th @ 8 pm Easter Vigil @ St. John

April 21st @ 8:30 am - Easter Sunday @ St. John

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying **"I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me."** Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.

We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else do we see? Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.

FAMILY PROMISE OF LINN COUNTY

The purpose of Family Promise is to intervene in homelessness and poverty, which affect so many in our society. Because of our love for mankind, we should have the desire to effect and facilitate better lives for our fellow man.

To be a part of this ministry, contact Dave Martin at 362-8061, ext. 202, or visit the online sign-up at www.swcr.church. We will host again here at St Wenceslaus May 12th-18th.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Jesus warns us in the Gospel of Matthew, **"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."** It is an invitation to a way of life, and a plan that leads to holiness. But make no mistake, it is a warning as well. The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow him.

The power of this symbol has been diminished in popular culture. It is often used in fashion and simple wall art and on bumper stickers and T-shirts, sometimes with Christian clichés and sometimes not. But the cross is something so much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of one who loved us so much that he would give his very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses.

For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost his Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, his body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel they have no way out - whether due to prisons that are physical or prisons that are of the mind - he hung on a cross and cried out, "Why?" For those who feel alone and abandoned, he hung on a tree where no one could comfort him, not even his own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in his. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Join us on Sunday, April 28th following the 8:30 am Mass at the lower level parking lot for the "Annual Easter Egg Hunt"

In case of rain it will be held in the lower parish hall!

Holy Week Begins

APRIL 14, 2019 PALM SUNDAY

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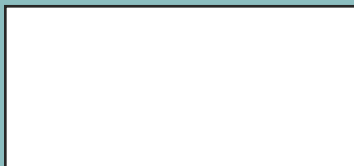
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