

April 14, 2019 / Palm Sunday



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**Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 21 at 9:30 am**

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### Sacrament of Baptism

Call Deone Parnell in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Marriage

To allow sufficient time for marriage preparation arrangements should be made at least 8 months in advance. Parish membership is required. Contact the Marriage Prep Coordinator.

### New Member Registration

Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in joining or there are New Parishioner Packets available in the narthex.

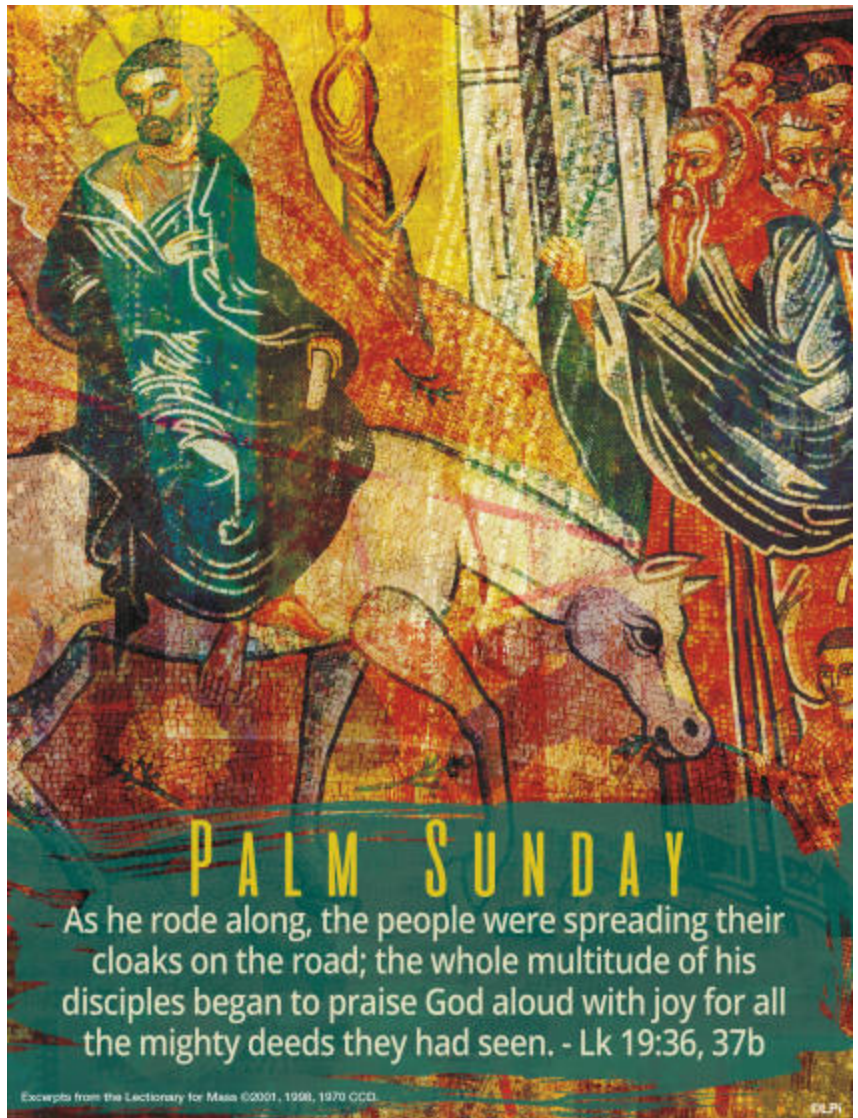
**Gluten Free Hosts** are available. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

### Victim Assistance Hotline

The Archdiocese offers a 24-hour Victim Assistance Hotline at 651-291-4497.

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Text stthomas1 to 555888 for iPhone  
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### PARISH OFFICE

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, closed Noon - 1:00 pm  
Friday: Closed

**Mass Times:** Saturday: 4:00 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 am

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

*Theme:* Jesus shows us how much He truly loves us.

*Question for Children:* In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

*Question for Youth:* How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

*Question for Adults:* What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?



It's Palm Sunday. Listening to the Passion proclaimed, we can't help be struck again by the injustice suffered by our savior, Jesus Christ. This gentle, loving man was betrayed by greed, falsely testified against for political gain, tortured and killed because of unfounded fear.

Unfortunately, injustice has become interwoven in the fabric of our society. People of color, the poor and the mentally ill are all too often singled out by circumstances beyond their control and pay the price with unjust sentencing laws and as a result of the privatization of prisons.

Each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done. My work with the poor and the incarcerated has persuaded me that the opposite of poverty is not wealth; the opposite of poverty is justice. Finally, I've come to believe that the true measure of our commitment to justice, the character of our society, our commitment to the rule of law, fairness, and equality cannot be measured by how we treat the rich, the powerful, the privileged, and the respected among us. The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned."

~ Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*

May God have mercy on us for looking the other way as our brothers and sisters face the injustice of our current criminal justice system. O God, open our eyes and move us to action.

*Sue Wege, Social Justice Commission member*

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- Holy Thursday Mass, at 7:00 pm. We commemorate the giving of the Eucharist and recall the Last Supper.
- Good Friday, we remember that He loved us to His death with Stations at 3:00 pm and the Service at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, Easter Vigil, at 8:00 pm. We light the Easter fire and celebrate Christ's resurrection.
- Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 am.
- Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday at 9:30 am.

**GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY**

On March 30/31, we collected \$451 during Global Solidarity Sunday. Our struggling brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and all those who receive much needed aid through Catholic Relief Services thank you for your support and generosity.

**THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

- 9:00 am: Church of St. Peter, No. St. Paul  
 Noon: Presentation Church, Maplewood  
 7:00 pm: Blessed Sacrament, St. Paul

For more information, visit [www.servantsofthecrossmn.com](http://www.servantsofthecrossmn.com).

**BUTTER BRAID PICK-UP**

If you ordered a Butter Braid, please pick them up after Mass today!! Thank you for your support.



**ROSEMARIE TO RETIRE**

As some of you know, I will be retiring at the end of June. 18 years ago I found my way to St. Paul Park and to this community of St. Thomas Aquinas. You have touched my life in so many ways and I'm grateful. We have prayed and sung, worked and played together. All has been a gift to me and it was so good. Now begins a new part of my life to see what God has in mind for me and also what God has for your future. Leaving will not be easy, but I will treasure the memories of my time here and keep you in my heart. May God bless you. Gratefully, Rosemarie

**THANK YOU...**

So many people to thank for the great St. Patrick's Day party last month. Bob and Jackie Harvey for their fun-filled music; Mike Carlsen, our parishioner, who cooked our meal; Linda Murphy and Sue Kainz for the desserts; Chuck, Karrie, Andie and Reese Norris, Mary Lou Albu, Linda Murphy, my decorators; Mike Roy, Bob Buckner and Dick Mogren, our Irish dancers; Jim Kurtz and Dick Rice who made us laugh; Chuck, Chris, Mike and Tom, the bartenders; Terry and Jay Slininger, Jan O'Ryan, Mary Lou Albu and Jo Bailey, our servers. And thanks to the 130 plus who came to celebrate. What fun! Most of all, thanks to the parishioner who gave, that we might enjoy the event gratis.  
 Rosemarie

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR MAY FROM THE PASTORAL CARE AND WELLNESS COMMISSION**

Our annual **Mother's Day** collection for the Total Life Care Center in Hastings will happen May 4/5 and May 11/12. Watch for the flyer in the April 27/28 bulletin and a speaker that weekend as well.

The annual **Spring Memorial Mass** will be held on Thursday evening, May 16 at 6:30.

The annual **Memorial Day Mass** at the cemetery will be on Monday, May 27 at 9:30 am.

Watch for complete details on all these events in the upcoming weeks.

**MANY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS**

Please remember all of the following who have asked for our prayers in their illness:

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| Bonnie Williamson    | Patty Clark    | Betty Cronquist |
| Elaine Kelly         | John Burgy     | Chuck Cronquist |
| Danica Hasbrouck     | Geri Morse     | Bernice Bailey  |
| Lorraine Mischke     | Ron Becker     | Katie Nielsen   |
| Bernadette Schueller | Carol Lawrence | Mary Baumhover  |
| Missy & Matt Broberg |                |                 |

Please also remember the many members of our parish who are in nursing homes, assisted living, or homebound.

**Pastor's Corner**

**PALM SUNDAY OR THE PASSION SUNDAY**

Our life is full of many paradoxes created by human beings. Jesus' life was no exception to this. One fine day we see Jesus amidst a joyous crowd praising him and singing Hosanna. But the hands of the same people who carried the palms in their hands, wrung their hands against him in no time. The very lips that sang "Hosanna to the son of David" shouted "crucify him". Even those who associated themselves intimately with him said: "I do not know him". Others wanted to get rid of him.



Many were fascinated by Jesus' teachings and the wonders he performed. But they did not want to undergo the suffering of the Messiah. They wanted to be liberated and enjoy material benefits but did not want a 'change of Heart' through the way of the cross. But the Gospel stresses precisely that aspect. Jesus "must" die. It is God's will, for "what is written in the scriptures must be fulfilled".

The Second Vatican council says: "by suffering for us He not only provided us with an example for our imitation, he blazed a trail and if we follow it, life and death are made holy and have taken on a new meaning." Jesus took up the suffering willingly because he saw in it God's will.

Palm Sunday reminds us of the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem, to accomplish his paschal mystery: to die, and to rise again. This same event takes place everyday when we come for the Holy Mass. We celebrate the mystery of faith: Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Christ's death has salvific value; it was a death caused by sin, but it destroyed death and restored life.

So we can say today and in this Passion Week that we commemorate not a tragic event, but an event apparently tragic, something that brought back life in its fullness. And by identifying ourselves with Jesus' suffering, we can also share the glory of his resurrection and the new life.

Fr. Tony Andrade

**TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND  
WUCW CHANNEL 23 (CW) AT 9:30 AM**

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For those at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org).

**15<sup>th</sup> WEEK CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!  
(drum roll please!) Congratulations!**

- April 6 - \$25 William Wessinger, Cottage Grove
- April 7 - \$100 Mike Lence, St. Paul Park
- April 8 - \$25 Bob & Bonnie Quinn, Hopkins
- April 9 - \$25 Linda Ellison, St. Paul Park
- April 10 - \$25 Nathen Peterfeso, Woodbury
- April 11 - \$25 Mike Schrantz, Lake Elmo
- April 12 - \$25 Dan Berberich, Cottage Grove



**EASTER ENVIRONMENT**



If you are interested in making a donation in memory of a loved one, please cut out and complete this form by **April 21**. Place your donation in an envelope marked ENVIRONMENT. Make checks payable to St.

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**OUR WALL OF TOILET PAPER!**

What a success! Watch for the final collection details next weekend, and thank you all very much!!



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH  
FAITH FORMATION**

- ◆ **Upcoming:**
  - ◆ This weekend is 2nd collection for the Youth Mission Trip! & Pick up Butter Braids after masses.
  - ◆ Sunday, April 21 all are welcome to the Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt 9:30 am in the Social Hall.
  - ◆ Please drop off donations of candy and prizes for the Easter Celebration in the church office or Narthex by Saturday, April 20. Contact Deone for more information.
- ◆ **First Communion:** Our youth are preparing to receive Jesus on the weekend of May 4 & 5, 2019.
- ◆ **Confirmation:** Our High School youth are preparing to confirm their Catholic faith at the Cathedral on Sunday, June 2 at 2 pm.
- ◆ **Mission Trip:** Thank you for your support of our Youth Mission Trip! Cinco de Mayo Taco Dinner, a fundraiser for the Mission Trip will be on Sat., May 4 after the 4:00 pm Mass. All are welcome! Please contact Deone if you can help.
- ◆ **The Word!** We welcome children of all ages for this free, fun & engaging Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 Masses.
- ◆ **Baptism:** Thank you to Katie Sauerer for sewing and donating more beautiful baptismal gowns for our upcoming baptisms after Easter!
- ◆ **Faith Formation Calendar:** You can access the most up-to-date information at [www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar](http://www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar).
- ◆ **Questions, comments:** Deone Parnell at [dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com) or 651-459-2131 x 108.

**CELEBRATING 135 YEARS OF  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

This is such a special year for all of us in celebrating the special anniversaries of our parish. Mark your calendars now to be a part of the fun. Invite your family or friends.

Sunday, June 23, we will celebrate the first Mass in our "new" church building. We will celebrate at all the Masses, and following the 10:30 Mass we will have a parish picnic and entertainment. There will be hot dogs, brats and refreshments, all at 1969 prices. We will have entertainment from "Elvis", and fun for all. Bring your own lawn chair and join the fun.

On Sunday, October 6 we will celebrate with Archbishop Hebda and former pastors and staff at a special 10:30 Mass and reception to follow. Again, please plan on joining us.

More details to come on both of these events.

The History of Our Parish will resume next week.

**LEARN ABOUT OUR PATRON, ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

Thomas left Cologne and went to Paris to teach at the University, where he received his doctorate at age 31. For the next 18 years, Thomas wrote profusely, including a commentary on the Scriptures. Here he began his most famous work, the *Summa Theologia*. He continued teaching and preaching and by this time he was recognized as a genius. His services were in high demand both in the Order and at the Papal Court.

**QUOTE OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

*"Faith is God's work within us."*



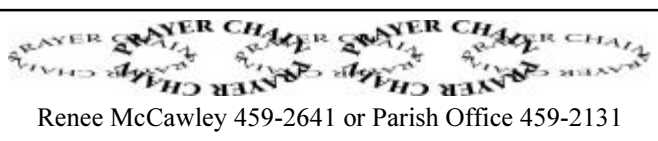
**FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS ARE FOR SALE  
THIS WEEKEND, APRIL 13 & 14**

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP ON APRIL 27**

The Men's Club will do their annual spring cleaning of our parish cemetery on Saturday, April 27, of course weather permitting. If you have items at the grave of your loved one, please remove them prior to April 27. All items after that date will be removed and discarded. Remember, you will be allowed to place flowers, wreaths, and flags on the ground at the grave sites beginning the weekend of Mother's Day through Father's Day. After Father's Day all items on the ground will be removed by the cemetery maintenance crew. All items, flowers, wreaths or flags must be in above ground plant holders after Father's Day. Thank you for helping us keep our cemetery looking special. Sturdy plant holders are available through the parish for \$30.00. Please call the parish office for information.

**SENIOR ART AND GARDEN SHOW**

Senior Art and Garden Show featuring local art and a master gardener on Sunday, April 28, 1-3 pm at Cerenity Marian of Saint Paul, 200 Earl Street, St. Paul. Learn more at: 651-793-2100 or [cerenityseniorcare.org/events](http://cerenityseniorcare.org/events).



Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

KEY (AB) = Activities Building (CB) = Church Basement  
(C) = Church Comm. = Commission Cmte. = Committee

## MONDAY, APRIL 15

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 1:00 pm - Homeschool Opportunity Monday (C)
- 7:00 pm - Bell Rehearsal (C)

## TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 6:45 pm - Social Justice Commission (AB)

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Lee & Joan Kirsch ☩ (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Communion Service
- 11:00 am - Norris Square Mass
- 5:00 pm - No Take 5 for Youth!
- 6:30 pm - FF & Confirmation to FMSC
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18 Holy Thursday

- 8:30 am - No Rosary
- 9:00 am - No Mass
- 6:30 pm - Yoga (AB)
- 7:00 pm - Mass, Joanne Zarski ☩ (C)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 19 Good Friday

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - No Rosary
- 9:00 am - No Mass
- 10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service
- 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (C)
- 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service (C)

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20 Holy Saturday

- 4:00 pm - No Mass
- 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil, 50th Anniversary of Sue & Rod Heuer (C)

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21 Easter Sunday

- 8:30 am - Mass, Richard Lind ☩ (C)
- 8:30 am - The Word!
- 9:30 am - Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am - Mass, Charlie Weaver ☩ (C)
- 10:30 am - The Word!

**NOTE:** Weekday Morning Mass/Word & Communion is canceled when a funeral is scheduled.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated every Saturday at 3:15 pm or by appointment.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14

- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3,13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6ab,15,17/Jn 13:21-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Ex 12:1-14/Ps 116:12-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2-6, 12-25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
- Saturday: Gn 1:1--2:2 /Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-23/1 Cor 5:6-8/Jn 20:1-9

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