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ST. JOHN'S



CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 28th 2021
Palm Sunday

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Bulletin items should be emailed to office@stjohnsadel.org. The deadline for the upcoming weekend is Tuesday at Noon.

Regular Mass Schedule

Tuesday Mass: 5:30 pm,

Wed., Thursday, & Friday: 8:30 am

Saturday Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Reconciliation is offered on Saturday from 3:30 to 4 pm in the lower level hall.

Eucharistic Adoration is held on Thursdays from 9 am to 9 pm.

Holy Hour is Friday beginning at 6 pm

Join us for the Rosary 30 minutes prior to weekend Mass.

Please call the office if you would like to **schedule a Baptism**, a class may be required if you have not attended one in the last 3 years.

Please call at least 6 months in advance to **make Marriage arrangements**.

Gospel Meditation

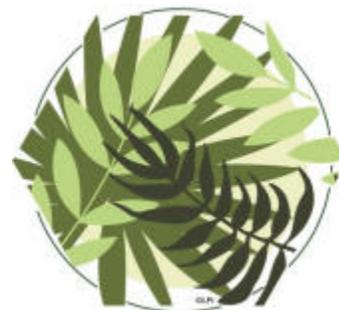
Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes 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?

Live the Liturgy

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, "Hosanna to our King," out of one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!



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Go to www.stjohnsadel.org for more information, Catholic News and parish links!

Saturday, March 27th, 4:30 pm, **St. John's Parish**
Sunday, March 28th, 9:00 am, **Pauline Maurath**
Tuesday, March 30th, 5:30 pm, **Special Intentions for Susan Shepard**
Wednesday, March 31st, 8:30 am, **Special Intentions for Allison Piper**
Holy Thursday, April 1st, 7 pm, **St. John's Parish**
Good Friday, April 2nd, 7 pm am, *Service only no Mass*
Saturday, April 3rd, 8 pm, **Bart Steele**
Sunday, April 4th 8:30 am, **Special Intentions for Jim Cook**
10:30 am, **Special Intentions for Pauline Zimmerman**



Please contact the office to schedule Mass Intentions the suggested stipend is \$5.

Coming up!

Shadow Stations Livestream March 31st at 7:30 pm on our YouTube channel. The Youth Ministry will depict the events and actions through shadows leading up to the death of Jesus.

Holy Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 pm (No AM Mass) Adoration will begin after 7 pm Mass until 10 pm.

Good Friday Service, April 2nd at 7:00 pm (No AM Mass, Stations or Holy Hour)

Easter Vigil, April 3rd at 8:00 pm (no Livestream) RCIA Wine and Cheeses reception following, all are welcome.

Easter Sunday, April 4th at 8:30 am (this Mass will be Livestreamed) & 10:30 am *Easter Pew reservations are available online via the News/Blog on our website.*

There will be overflow seating for both Easter Sunday Mass times in the parish hall.

If you are looking for our Livestream you can find it on YouTube, there is a "livestream" link on our website and phone app or you can search for St. John's Catholic Church, Adel, IA. Please subscribe, it's free! There are also other past recordings including Generations of Faith sessions, Faith Formation videos, and other special events.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord / March 27/28, 2021

First Reading: The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading: Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; (Phil 2:7)

Gospel: They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. (Mk 15:17-19)

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Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/

Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/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]



Thank you to those who have already donated to the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal!

It will take everyone's participation to reach our goal. Your gift ensures that the Church's mission of serving the people of God in southwest Iowa can continue. You can donate via a pledge card (they are available in the entry if you don't already have one) or you can give online via this link; <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal>

*We have reached 55% of our 2021 goal of \$61,193!
Thank you to the 59 families who have pledged to date!*

WeShare Online Giving is a secure and easy way to donate to our parish. There are postcards with the information in the pews or you can sign up by visiting our website and clicking on the give online link, if you would like help with that please contact the office.



Do you have Prayer Requests for the Prayer Chain? They can be emailed or called in to the office during office hours Monday - Thursday 9 am to 4 pm, Friday 9 am to Noon.
office@stjohnsadel.org or 515-993-4482

Thank you!

Knights of Columbus want to thank the parish and community for their great support during our Lenten Fish Fry drive through events.

A special Thank You to the youth who showed up and helped out, we could not have done it without you!

Knight Life

Thank you to the Knights who helped out with the fish fry events. They were very successful.



March 18th meeting summary:

- ◆ We had about 15 Knights present. Insurance agent Steve Tatz and District Deputy John McGee were also present.
- ◆ A \$2500 sponsorship was approved for InnerVision June 3rd Gala. This gives us a table for 10 guest, and a pre dinner meet and greet. If you are interested in attending the June 3rd dinner let Chris Oberreuter know.
- ◆ \$500 donation for Steve Tatz Mary's Meals race.
- ◆ \$800 donation to the parish to cover expenses incurred from our fish fry events.
- ◆ So far \$1,750 worth of donations from fish fry events paid out live on FaceBook, in addition we received a \$1,000 match from brother Knights.
- ◆ April 24th was set for Spring clean up at the church, Inside and out! Rakes, and gloves for outside work. Mask and rubber gloves for inside work. Start 8 AM and go until done.
- ◆ April 23rd is Staley's Chicken put on by fellowship committee. Knights are on standby and will help as we are needed.
- ◆ April 25th will be our next Exemplification after the 9 AM mass. The new Exemplification not only inducts new Knights, it also advances 1st Degree Knights to 3rd Degree. ALL KNIGHTS are encouraged to attend, and bring a recruit!
- ◆ Other upcoming Dates, May 12th RE picnic. Knights will be grilling hotdogs, served with Chips and a cookie! Watch for sign up genius to help out.
- ◆ June 19th Raccoon River Ride. We will be having a PID drive at the Brickyard. Sign Ups coming.
- ◆ State Convention in Sioux City, or Virtual also available. April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd. Let Chris Scanlan know if you would like to be our delegate.

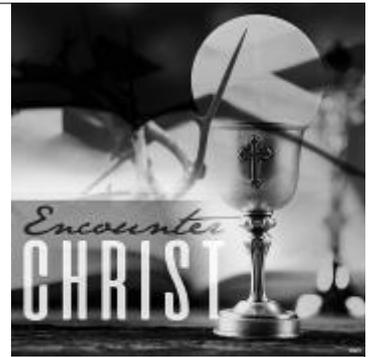


St. John's will offer the opportunity to pick up a **Staley's Chicken Dinner on Friday, April 23rd, from 5-7 pm.** This will be a drive through dinner modeled after the Knights Fish Fry dinner. It will include a breast, leg, mashed potatoes,

gravy, and green beans. The price will be \$10 per dinner. The proceeds from this dinner will go to help our youth ministry participants with the cost of the upcoming NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in November. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for scheduling this event! If you would like to sign up to help there will be a sign up sheet in the entry soon.

Staley's has a reputation for serving great chicken! Please share with your friends!

You are invited to St. John's Holy Hour every Friday at 6 pm. We are so pleased to respond to Bishop Joensen's request to offer a Holy Hour for Eucharistic Renewal. Holy Hour will continue through the remainder of the liturgical year. The time of prayer is meant to ask for an outpouring of grace in our Diocese, specifically to draw us deeper into communion with Jesus, fully present in the Eucharist, and to inspire our missionary efforts to invite others into communion with Jesus.



CRS Rice Bowl- SERVING THE SUFFERING CHRIST As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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Catholic Youth Camp at the St. Thomas More Center at Lake Panorama is planning for the best summer ever! Head to stmcenter.com to secure your spot for **CYC 2021.** Contact St. John's office for a coupon code that will allow you to save \$150 per child, made possible by the children's collection!

RCIA: We're so excited!

Easter is just a week away, and that means our RCIA candidates, Tracy and Michael Wright, will be joining our Church very soon! We're so excited!

At our March 25th gathering, we shared the following lessons:

The Way of the Cross: Following Jesus involves carrying the cross of self-denial and sacrifice. Traditionally, fourteen stations mark the path of Jesus' passion and death.**

Easter Vigil: The reflections and activities during this time of reflection and sharing will help you prepare in heart and spirit for the celebration of Christ's resurrection and the next stage of your faith journey.**

The final lesson in the Altaration video series : The What and Why's of the Mass. What a terrific series and addition to our regular lessons!

**Journey of Faith For Adults

We've loved sharing our faith journeys with our candidates and our entire RCIA family!

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