Welcome to The Church of St. Dominic

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Sunday Masses: 5:00 PM, 9:00 AM, and 2:00 PM (Misa)
Confessions: 5:00-5:25 PM Tues, 3:30-4:30 PM Sat March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday 2021

"Amen, Amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy." (John 16:20) Jesus said these words to the apostles while at their Passover Meal. At the Passover Meal, Jesus instituted the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, offering Himself for the life of the world, "This is my body, this is my blood…do this in remembrance of me." On the cross He physically offered His body, blood, soul and divinity to God the Father for the forgiveness of sins, to conquer evil, to conquer sin and death, winning for us eternal life. He proved this to be true on Easter Sunday. We believe that the tomb was empty; that Jesus rose from the dead and gave us victory.

Life, suffering, death, life. The work of salvation accomplished by Jesus Christ through His Passion, death, Resurrection and Ascension is present in our lives and in our environment. This week we especially take note of our environment that reminds us of the passion and death of Jesus.

We are surrounded by "The Way of Love," also known as The Stations of the Cross. The Stations were created as a form of prayer by St. Francis of Assisi. The journey begins with Jesus, wrapped with cords, beaten and scourged, is condemned by Pilate. Along this way of love, he encounters his mother, Simon of Cyrene, Veronica, the women of Jerusalem, and the cruelty of the Roman soldiers. The Stations of the Cross close with the 14th Station, Jesus is laid in the tomb. The Stations may be prayed any day, any time. Did you know that all who pray the stations receive the same graces from this prayer as if they walked the stations in the Holy Land?

Another focal point of reflection is located near the ambo. The Crown of Thorns; The Sign ordered by Pilate which was placed on the cross above the Head of Jesus; the scourging whip; and the nails. The Crown of Thorns: The crown, large enough to fit a man's head, was made from a bush that is similar to the one used to make the crown thorns for Jesus. The image on the Shroud of Turin indicates such punctures from thorns all over the scalp of Jesus.

The sign ordered by Pilate: crucifixions were meant to be public displays of what happens when a person goes against Roman law. A sign was placed above the head of the person being crucified indicating the reason the person had been condemned, also serving as a warning to people to not commit similar offenses. The signs were, therefore, posted in Latin (the official language of the Roman Empire), Greek (the most common language of the populace even in Italia), and the local language which in this case was Hebrew. The sign has the phrase "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" in those three languages. For artistic reasons, the sign is sometimes reduced to INRI which are the initial letters of four words in Latin (J)Iesus Nazarenus Rex (J)Iudeorum = INRI (Latin had no Js so the Js become Is).

The whip: This is made to be visually similar to the standard Roman whip called a "flagellum" which consisted of a wooden handle to which were attached two leather cords at the end of which were metal pieces in the form of figure 8s, two round balls joined in the middle where the cord was attached. Each side of the metal 8 had barbs, sort of like fish hooks. They were not intended to open huge gashes (one of several major historical inaccuracies in the movie "The Passion of the Christ") but rather lots of little gouges to cause pain but not death. When inflicted prior to crucifixion, the intent was that the criminal die on the cross, not before. Given the double balls of the figure 8, the wounds from the flagellum are in pairs around an inch apart. The image of Jesus from the Shroud of Turin shows dozens of such double wounds from the back of the head down to the buttocks.

The nails: The nails used for crucifixion had to be rather sturdy. Anything metal was expensive, and the nails (just as with the cross) were intended to be reused, so they didn't want nails that bend easily. They were also long enough to go through the wrists and, especially, two feet and secure a body sufficiently to the cross while leaving enough nail on the end with a big enough head to extract them when the body was removed using a type of crowbar and block of wood for leverage.

The Image of the Shroud of Turin at the church main entrance: Many firmly believe that the Shroud of Turin is the actual burial cloth of Jesus and, therefore, gives us an accurate picture of his appearance, his physical suffering on the cross, and his resurrection. When Fr. Denny painted the sign, he used an overhead projector with the sheet of plywood as a screen. It was relatively quick work and reflects the actual image in the best possible way. Included are the words of the centurion at the cross in English and Spanish.

As we enter into Holy Week, let us allow the environment around us to inspire us to exclaim with our hearts and minds, "My Lord and My God!"

Parish Opportunities and News

SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN UP

Looking for an opportunity to help? And be outside? Your help is need for spring clean up of the church grounds!
Clean up is now scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th from 1-4p.m. Please bring gloves, rakes, barn brooms, and clippers if you have them. Many hands make light work!

THANK YOU!

On March 13/14, we collected $350 during Global Solidarity Sunday. Our struggling brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and all those who receive much needed assistance through Catholic Relief Services thank you for your support and generosity.

CALVARY CEMETERY

As of April 1, 2021, revised Rules and Regulations and grave prices and opening/closing prices will take effect at Calvary Cemetery. The rules and regulations and prices are listed on the church website: churchofstdominic.org/resources. If you do not have access to a computer, you may stop by the parish office and the secretary will print you off a copy.

ANNOINTING AT MASS

There will be Anointing at *all Masses* the weekend of April 17-18th, 2021. All are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will not meet Thursday, April 1, due to it being Holy Thursday. The monthly meeting will be the following Thursday, April 8th. Due to the ability for more spacing, the meeting will be in the large classroom in the lower level of the church. Rosary begins at 6:30p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7:00p.m.

INTERESTED IN THE SEMINARY?

If you know a parishioner who is discerning priesthood and would like help with their next steps, please encourage them to contact Father David Blume. Father Blume is currently meeting with men applying to be considered for acceptance as archdiocesan seminarians and begin formation in Fall of 2021. Father Blume can be reached at frblume@stthomas.edu or 651-962-6890.

EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to remember you loved ones with a donation for our Easter flowers (suggested donation: $20). Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center or you may provide your own with “In memory of...” and “From...” written on the envelope.
Return the envelopes in the weekend collection or to the Parish Office,
216 Spring St. N. Northfield MN 55057

PARKING LOT COMMUNION

On TUESDAY, APRIL 6 Fr. Tim will offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion, along with Anointing, at about 6 PM (immediately following 5:30pm Misa) in the Church parking lot. This is for those unable to get to Church for the Eucharist, those who are aged or ill, but have a family member to bring them.

Fr. Tim will be located at the end of the sidewalk area by the main door to celebrate these Sacraments. Cars should enter the lower level parking lot and 'line up' in one direction, facing west(near the main door), so as to exit onto Linden Street afterwards. Please remember that others will be leaving after mass, so do not block any parked vehicles.

OFFICE CLOSED

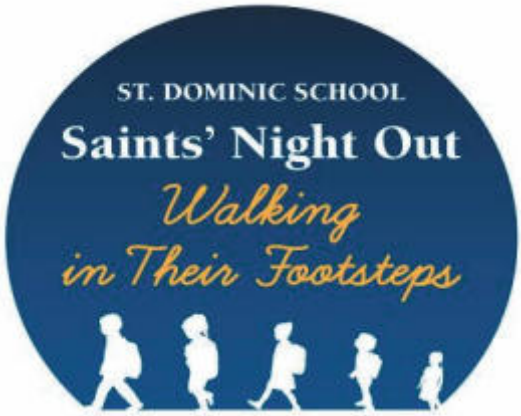
The Parish Center will be closed on Good Friday, April 2, 2021. We will reopen on Monday, April 5 with regular hours. If you have an emergency need for a priest, you can still call the office and your call will be directed to the priest on call.

SACRED TRIDUUM WITH COVID:

*Palm Sunday: Palms will be blessed during the liturgy with out Holy Water.
* Holy Thursday: No Washing of Feet. No procession with Eucharist. Eucharistic Adoration after 8pm Mass until midnight in church sanctuary.
* Good Friday: Adoration of the Cross will occur from pews
* Easter Vigil: Small congregational candles will be available/ used. The congregation will be instructed to very gently extinguish their candles. The congregation will be sprinkled with Holy Water.
* Easter Sunday: The congregation will be sprinkled with Holy Water

Thank you for understanding.

St Dominic School



Join us for a "virtual" Saints' Night Out auction event! Register now to gain access to our online silent auction items. This year's event is free and will be livestreamed on Saturday, April 17 starting at 7pm. This is the largest fundraiser of the year for St. Dominic School, and we invite you to be a part of supporting Catholic Education in our community. To register in advance: stdomsch.ejoinme.org/tickets2021

Thursday, April 1--Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Misa

Friday, April 2--Good Friday
3:00 p.m. Via Cruces
6:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
8:00 p.m. Spanish Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 3--Holy Saturday
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass—Bilingual

Sunday, April 4--Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass
2:00 p.m. Misa

Annunciation Holy Week—Parking Lot Mass
April 1—-Holy Thursday—6:00 p.m.
April 2—Good Friday—6:00 p.m
April 4—Easter Sunday—10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

New Mass Times After Easter

This Easter Sunday we will be returning to two English Sunday morning Masses. *Please note the time change for Sunday.* Beginning Saturday, April 3, weekend Mass times will be Saturday at 5p.m., Sunday at 8:00a.m. and 10:00a.m. (not 10:30a.m.) and 2:00p.m. Misa.

Children's Corner

GOSPEL
Everyone in Jerusalem heard Jesus teach, and saw him heal the sick. They followed him wherever he went. They cheered whenever they saw him. When he arrived in town on a donkey, they shaded him from the hot sun with palm leaves. Imagine what kind of parade you and your friends would have for Jesus if he came to teach in your class or came to visit your town. LPi

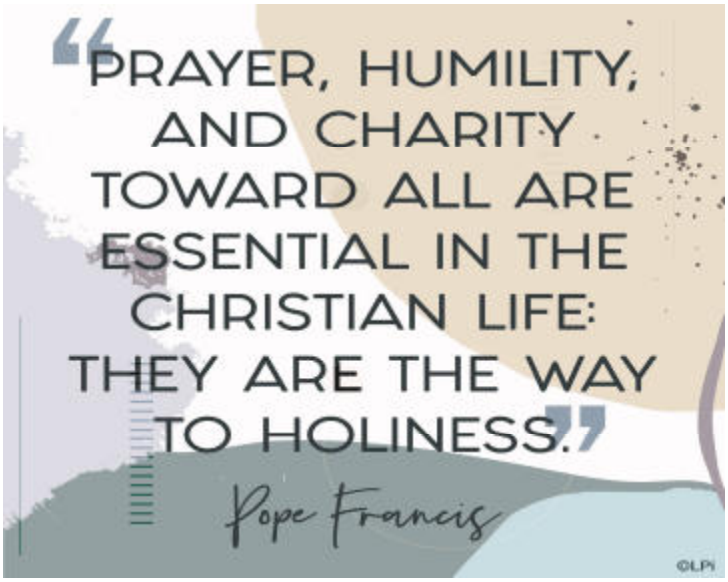
LIVE THE LITURGY

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with the palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on the cross the next. Does any of this make sense? They shouted, "hosanna to our King," out one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At a glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more 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 message 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 evoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouth 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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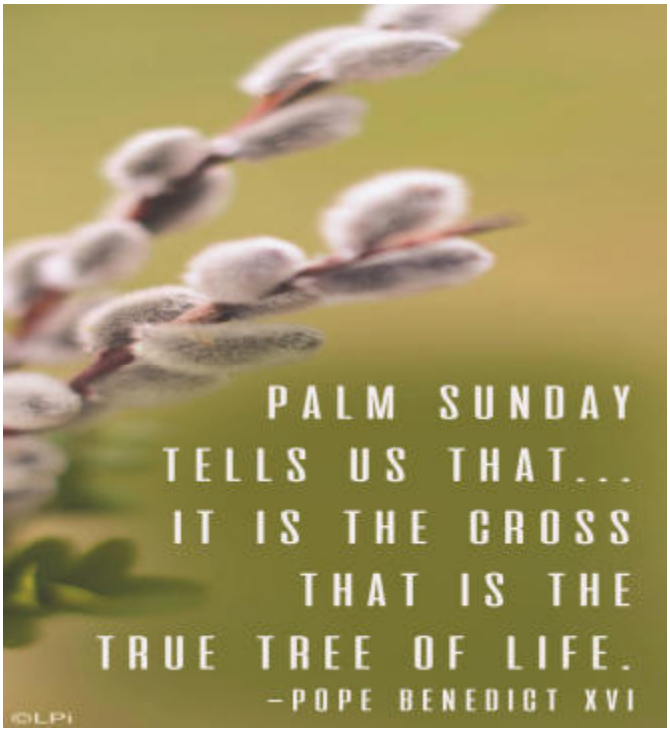
Prayer Requests....

Please pray for Virginia Simon, Joyce Johnson and all those on the Church of St. Dominic Prayer list.

If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.



MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Please note that due to the additional Sunday Mass that will be added beginning Sunday, April 4th, all Mass intentions that are currently scheduled for the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays will be moved to the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Thank you for your flexibility during these changing times.

Mass INTENTIONS

Sat.	Mar 27	5:00 PM	† Jake McKenzie
Sun.	Mar 28	9:00 AM	† For the Souls in purgatory
		2:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)
Mon.	Mar 29	5:30 PM	† Marie Guth
Tues.	Mar 30	5:30 PM	† Almos del purgatorio
Wed.	Mar 31	8:20 AM	† Leo, Irene, Dale, Pat and Denny Brown
Thurs.	April 1	5:30 PM	† Marv Grundhoefer
Fri.	April 2	7:00 AM	WORD SERVICE
Sat.	April 3	5:00 PM	† Jon Rondestved
Sun.	April 4	9:00 AM	† Roger and Helen Conrad
		2:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)

At this time, the Wednesday (School) Mass it not open to the public. To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.

UPCOMING HOLY WEEK 4b

Holy Week Schedule

April 1— Holy Thursday—6 PM Mass

Mass Coordinator Chris Barth
Pianist Emily Deutsch
Ushers Joe Hollinger, Erica Maker
Lector Lisa Theus
EMHC LaVergne Adelmann, Dorothee Ischler
Cheryl Marek, Lynn Ziegler
Videographer Paul Hager

April 2—Good Friday—6 PM Word Service

Mass Coordinator Dave Antonneau
Pianist Grace Martin
Ushers Pat Mahowald, Joe Hollinger,
Kathleen Homa, John McDonnell
Lector Denise and George Budd
EMHC Bailey Kohl, Dorothee Ischler
Cheryl Marek, Barb Moore
Videographer Ashley Imdieke

April 3—Easter Vigil—8 PM Mass

Mass Coordinator Dave Antonneau
Pianist Emily Deutsch
Ushers Pat Ziegler, Lynn Ziegler, Kathleen Homa
Lector Dave Antonneau, Mary McGovern
EMHC LaVergne Adelmann, Denise Budd
Cheryl Marek, Dorothy Ischler

April 4—Easter Sunday—8 AM Mass

Mass Coordinator Brian Rodriguez
Pianist Shawn Dudley
Ushers Pat Mahowald, Joe Hollinger, Sue Hollinger
Lector TBD
EMHC Andy Devney, Dusty Budd,
LaVergne Adelmann, Denise Budd

April 4—Easter Sunday—10 M Mass

Mass Coordinator Dave Antonneau
Pianist Grace Martin
Ushers Erica Maker, John McDonnell, Brady & Dylan Dietz
Lector Robyn and Ryelynn Dietz
EMHC Kevin Bauer, Dave Antonneau
Bernie and Mary Quick
Videographer Peter Hillmann

Reminder: You are required to find a replacement if unable to serve as a minister on your scheduled weekend.

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