DIVINE WORD
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 5th, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE:
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM
Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Rosary: Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4:00–4:45 PM or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM: Arrangements are to be made in advance. Parent Baptismal Class and Sponsor’s Certificate are required. Please call the Parish Office to register.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before the wedding. Please contact the Parish Office before you set your date or reserve your hall.

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday–Friday 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

**Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week**

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<td>8:30 AM +Fr. Kinkoff and Norine Woost</td>
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<td>Holy Saturday (GN 1;1-2:2; EX 14: 15-15:1; IS 54: 5-14; IS 55: 1-11; BAR 3: 9-15, 32-4-4;</td>
<td>Irene Ariemma, Marie Milano</td>
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<td><strong>APR 12</strong></td>
<td>8:30 AM +Jesse Ehredt, Sr.</td>
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<td>11:00 AM +The Living and Deceased Members of the Ulepic &amp; Sustar Families</td>
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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

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Above events will be Livestreamed at [www.divinewordkirtland.org](http://www.divinewordkirtland.org)

**Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?**

The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to “put on Christ” and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us.

Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition.
We enter Holy Week like we never have before! These are strange and unprecedented times for us. The Coronavirus has certainly made its impact across the world. The power of how we react to all we experience is up to us. As quickly as this virus has placed many into isolation, away from school and work, and at arm’s length from one another, the one thing it cannot take away is how we react to it. Hence, we must search and ponder the positive in this situation.

Thus, goes Holy Week! We proclaim and powerfully remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into the sacred city of Jerusalem. He was hailed and acclaimed by many. At the same time, there was an undercurrent of those who were plotting against him. Jesus’ goodness drew so many to his side and to others they wanted to see his life end. Yet, we keep in mind that as palm branches welcomed him a cross is waiting for him.

So, what we have is the ultimate juxtaposition. We begin our Palm Sunday liturgy usually singing Hosanna and waving palm branches, and only moments later shout out “Crucify Him.” The liturgy is set-up this way to represent a humanity that is fickle and precarious. The reality of this situation has been relived throughout generations to this very day. Betrayal, trust, friendship, power, humility, hubris, manipulation, denial and deceit are just a few themes at work in our Gospel today.

All of us have at one time or another felt the betrayal, manipulation, or deceit of another. The feelings that these themes stir in us can consume and draw us into ourselves. How we overcome such situations cannot be done on our own. We have the great gift of faith that tells us Jesus is with us even in and through his death. My time with the Lord these past few weeks has stirred up quite a bit from my life. When you have more “down time” and you begin to ponder, God at some point will bring up those moments or parts of our life that we are called to strengthen and at other times the parts of our life we have difficulty accepting. We are not whole but are striving for completion. This is only done through the working of Jesus in our lives who gives us the ability to make amends with ourselves and others.

All of what I just said begins to take on added significance through the events that we intimately remember through the next week. Jesus will wash feet, share his body and blood, go through the passion, carry and die on a cross, and overcome all the world can throw at him by conquering death. His Resurrection means our redemption and the impetus to grow in our faith and meet head-on those parts of life we may have been afraid to face. I hope and pray that this Holy Week will be powerful for you even though we are physically separated.

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I am praying in a special way throughout this Holy Week for your intentions. This Holy Week for me will be different than any other Holy Week in my life. I offer this time and these powerful days for you and your family. Please remember to keep those who are in special need of our prayers. We pray for those who are alone, isolated, and depressed because of illness or situation in life. We also pray that the Coronavirus will quickly dissipate, and life will return to normal. We pray for all those in the medical field who are putting their lives on the line to make life more comfortable and caring for those who are sick.

Finally, I just want to make financial plea. As you can guess our collections have gone down drastically over the past several weeks. We can always use your help. I say this also realizing that your financial situation may have been altered by the difficulty of the COVID-19 Virus. If you can help us out financially through the next several weeks, I will appreciate your generosity. You can always sign up for our Automated Giving through the bulletin or call us at the parish office and we can help set this up for you or you can mail in your envelopes.

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FORMED.org
This week we are going to walk with Jesus from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. The last seven days of Jesus’ life were deliberate and thoughtful, a tapestry of fulfillment. Draw inspiration during these challenging times today by going to formed.org/signup, select your parish, register with your name and email address, check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED to access thousands of movies, programs, audio files and books.

Check out our new Facebook Page!
Thanks to Melissa DiFini, the Divine Word Catholic Church Facebook page will now be maintained! Click FaceBook link here to access it.

Please visit and like the page. This provides another resource to keep apprised of church news and updates!

Live Streaming Mass from Divine Word
Please see the schedule of the week for the events that will be live streamed for Holy Week at www.divinewordkirtland.org.

Catholic Cemeteries Association – Digital Grief Support
The Catholic Cemeteries Association has decided to cancel the April 19th, Sunday Grief Support meetings at our cemetery locations. We are following guidelines set by the CDC, the Diocese of Cleveland, and the State of Ohio on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are available for families in need and will continue our efforts to serve families before, during, and after the death of a loved one. We understand that as a grieving person, having a sound support network is critical to your health and well-being. We are currently working to provide grief support resources on our website and social media. Digital bereavement resources, which include our blog and podcasts, can be found by visiting the “Media” tab on our website www.clecem.org. Please contact us with any questions or if you would like to request additional materials at email@clecem.org or contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Humor from the Caddyshack
A young man told his pal that he had asked his sweetheart to marry him. His friend asked, “What did she say?” The young man replied, “She hasn’t texted me back yet.”

Two neighbors had a serious disagreement and they decided to take their argument to an arbitrator. Both women appeared in front of the mediator who looked at them and said, “Okay, I understand there is a problem between you two. Let’s hear from the eldest person first.” Neither had anything to say and the session was ended.

Father Jim

AM 1260 The Rock
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Have a prayer intention? Call us at 216-227-1260. We continue to pray for your intentions along with the nuns at Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton, Ohio. You can also send your prayer request to prayers@am1260therock.com.

"I know well that the greater and more beautiful the work is, the more terrible will be the storms that rage against it."
— St. Faustina

Jesuit Retreat Center
All JRC programs and retreats in April have either been postponed or canceled, but we encourage you to look ahead with hope to future retreat and program offerings: https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar.

You can also stay informed about any program postponements or cancelations on our website: https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/about/news/2020/03/14/postponed-or-canceled-events.
**Simplify Your Life with Automated Giving!**

Are you looking for an easy way to simplify your life? With our Automated Giving Program, the parish receives your donation automatically! Money is transferred from the account of your choice directly into Divine Word’s account. No more mad rush to find your weekly envelopes or a pen to write a check. Automated Giving makes your financial stewardship simple! Call Dee Germano in the parish finance office at 440-256-1412 to set up your Automated Giving Program.

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**DIVINE WORD**

- **Automated Giving Option** -

I have been blessed abundantly with gifts from God. With gratitude, I wish to offer my gifts of prayer, thanksgiving, and resources to God. I wish to enroll in this safe, free program to make regular contributions to Divine Word Catholic Church.

- **Authorization Agreement** -

I hereby authorize Divine Word Church of Kirtland, Ohio to initiate debit entries to my [ ] Checking [ ] Savings account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount $___________

Please check one:

___ Monthly on the 5th  15th  30th
___ Weekly (every Monday)

Bank Name: ______________________________________

Address ______________________________________

City/State/Zip _________________________________

Bank Transit-ABA # ___________________________________(always nine digits)

Bank Account Number ____________________________

(Please attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account)

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until Divine Word has received written notification at least ten (10) business days in advance of the desired termination date.

Authorized signature for above account  Print Name  Date

If second signature is required:

Authorized signature for above account  Print Name  Date

Please return this form to the Finance Office. Thank you!

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**Kirtland C.A.R.E.S.**

Kirtland cares and is here to help! Due to an outpouring of support and concern from residents and community organizations, The City of Kirtland has formed Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Response Team in an effort to help those most directly affected by the coronavirus, should an emergent need arise. Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Community : Action : Resources : Education : Support

Reach out to City personnel at KirtlandCares@KirtlandOhio.com or if you can help with any of the following:

◊ Identifying people in need, especially the elderly.

◊ Donations of non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, basic first aid items.

◊ Provide hands-on assistance delivering necessary items and connecting with shut-ins.

Thank you!

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**Wedding Banns**

II Kyle Smith & Hannah Timperio

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**Divine Protection**

The best defense is a good offense. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water. And observe the 20-second wash rule. Praying while you wash is a good practice.

The Prayer of Prayers takes only 20 seconds.

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**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Our Father who art in Heaven hallowed by thy name.*

*The kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.*

*Amen*
God Bless You for Your Generosity
Stewardship Report
Weekend of March 28/29, 2020

Weekly Collection (65 envelopes): $8,214.20
Weekly Collection Goal: $10,130.00
Weekly Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $1,915.80

YTD Collection: $548,794.05
YTD Goal: $551,111.00
YTD Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $2,316.95

St. Vincent de Paul

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

Do This in Memory of Me

As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.

Remember Our Sick & Suffering!


Please take a moment to lift these individuals up in prayer this week. Please notify the parish office when a name.

Four Seasons Book Club

The Spring season will soon be upon us so let’s check out another good read. On Heaven and Earth presents a series of conversations from the man who became Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio and Rabbi Abraham Skorka. They share their thoughts on faith, family, prayer, guilt, death and many other topics. Both men sought to build bridges among Catholicism, Judaism, and the world at large. Hope you can join us Tuesday, May 12th at 7 PM in the Gathering Area to share your opinions, questions, likes and dislikes regarding the book. Please acquire it on your own.

Komic Korner

Palm Sunday

YOU KNOW "THE" SIMPLE TRUTH "THAT" PEOPLE MAKE OUT OF "THE" BARE LEAVES?

SLAB!

THAT'S WHY THEY HANG "THEM" ON "THERE" CRUCIFIX.

I'M NOT

HANGING "THEM!"