


April 14, 2019
Hamburg, Iowa



Palm Sunday
Hosanna To The King of Kings


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Today we remember Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, when he was met by crowds of disciples who joyfully welcomed him to the holy city. As our palm branches are blessed today, we welcome Jesus into our lives, asking that he make them holy by his presence.

Then, when we leave today with our blessed palms, we will praise God with joy, for Christ has won the victory over sin and death, winning for us our salvation.



Bulletins are online at—<http://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-mary-church-51640>



Cycle C -- Reflections on the Readings

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14--23:56

Theme: Myself in the Passion

Today's second reading and Passion narrative focus on Jesus, history's ultimate player. On Calvary the world must have judged him defeated. In fact, he had won both the battle and the war against sin and death for all ages to come.

The passion story was written for us, here and now. As we listen to these readings, therefore, we ought to understand and feel that we are not mere hearers of God's word but participants in it. These readings are not just about people in the past but about us today. In hearing the Gospels, we need to realize that the Jesus who speaks and acts here is not only the Jesus who spoke and acted some two thousand years ago, but the Risen One, alive and active, speaking to us, acting for us now. Our question has to be not 'what did he say and do' but 'what is he saying and doing now?'

We cannot stand in the midst of Christ's death and resurrection without becoming painfully aware of our won divided hearts. We will find it difficult to contemplate the innocent pain of a crucified Lord precisely because our broken lives are a part of that pain. We will rejoice in a risen Lord because in him alone does our insatiable appetite for life finds its answer.

Taking up our palms and walking in procession, we walk with Christ and proclaim him as the Son of David, the one who comes in the name of the Lord. The liturgy of Palm Sunday leads us into Holy Week, the remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection. This living remembrance embraces all that we are. Time no longer stands between us and the events we recall. As we follow in Christ footsteps, we too will know both pain and joy. **May this Holy Week enable us to reflect on the saving works of Christ. Shalom!**



The picture above is some members of the Catholic Community of Hamburg after Eucharistic celebration at the First Baptist Church. Bishop Pates paid a familiarization visit to Hamburg community last week to share in the plight of the community after the flood.

Bishop encouraged members to look beyond the physical loss. He charged all to continue supporting each other in moments like this. His presence is evident of the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. Bishop Pates further assured the community of the Diocese support. After mass, Bishop Pates spent some time with members during socialization. He was taken through the town of Hamburg to acquaint himself with the devastation.

There is no doubt the flood has robbed people of valuable things. **To pg. 3**

Some are still counting the lost. Some farmers are not sure of what lies ahead of them after losing both land and storage. Others have lost their private business space and might relocate. This indeed is the reality.

Despite these happenings, the community spirit in Hamburg has been one of hope and courage. Our two Masses at Sidney Elementary School was filled to capacity. Some members have to drive for many miles for mass due to road blocks, yet the zeal is unwavering. That notwithstanding, attendance at the First Baptist Church was massive. The Israelites wandered for many years before reaching the promise Land. We have been evacuated by the recent flood but not displaced by our bonding and unity.

The people of Hamburg and its surrounding communities express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all and sundry for your spiritual and material support.

Picture by Kim Dowling.

Youth Ministry Prayer & Action

It's time to get your parish's group signed up for [Prayer & Action](#). This is a weeklong mission experience for teens right here in our own diocese. Parish groups as small as three and as large as 30 (1 chaperone per every 6 teens) are invited to register for a wonderful week of service in the Atlantic or Shenandoah/Hamburg communities in June or July. Registration is \$80 per person, and more information can be found on [our website](#).

A photographer for the Diocese recently came down to take pictures after the flood waters were receding somewhat.

If you haven't, and would like to see it, this is the website for that video:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/WblxCyMrB1Y>



The Meaning of Holy Week

By GRACE MACKINNON

Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The

Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The palms are blessed and are then borne in procession to the church, where an entry is made with a certain amount of ceremony, after which the Mass is celebrated. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers. Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter.

On Holy Thursday, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of selected members, just as Jesus did. Also, on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

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On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died) and another later in the evening. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also, on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

Those who engage themselves wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle (Lent, Triduum and Easter's Fifty Days) discover that it can change them forever. This is especially so of the Triduum which, standing at the heart of the Easter season, is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that may be worthy of wearing the crown He wore.



The Veneration of the Cross

In the seventh century, the Church in Rome adopted the practice of Adoration of the Cross from the Church in Jerusalem, where a fragment of wood

believed to be the Lord's cross had been venerated every year on Good Friday since the fourth century. According to tradition, a part of the Holy Cross was discovered by the mother of the emperor Constantine, St. Helen, on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 326. A fifth century account describes this service in Jerusalem. A coffer of gold-plated silver containing the wood of the cross was brought forward. The bishop placed the relic on a table in the chapel of the Crucifixion and the faithful approached it, touching brow and eyes and lips to the wood as the priest said (as every priest has done ever since): 'Behold, the Wood of the Cross.'

Adoration or veneration of an image or representation of Christ's cross does not mean that we actually adore the material image, of course, but rather what it represents. In kneeling before the crucifix and kissing it we are paying the highest honor to our Lord's cross as the instrument of our salvation. Because the Cross is inseparable from His sacrifice, in reverencing His Cross we, in effect, adore Christ. Thus, we affirm: 'We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee because by Thy Holy Cross Thou Has Redeemed the World.'



Readings for the Week of April 14, 2019

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 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35



Please remember our First communicants in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Bentley Grasso

Evan Laumann

Cora Hirner


Cora Moody

Kyla Spurlock


NCYC!

NCYC forms will be handed out today, if you don't receive one today, they will be mailed to you. Forms are due MAY 5TH!

If you don't receive one by April 26th, PLEASE contact Monica ASAP.



All Hamburg services will be held
at the Baptist Church for
Holy Week and Easter.



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

April 14— PALM SUNDAY

April 18---HOLY THURSDAY MASS@ Hamburg 6:30 P.M.

April 18---HOLY THURSDAY MASS@ Shenandoah 6:30 P.M.

April 19---GOOD FRIDAY-@Hamburg 5:00 P.M.

April 19---GOOD FRIDAY-@Shenandoah 5:00 P.M.

April 20—HOLY SATURDAY @ Hamburg-6 P.M.

April 20—HOLY SATURDAY @ Shenandoah-6 P.M.

April 21---EASTER SUNDAY—Hamburg-8:30A.M. Shen 6:30 & 10:30 A.M.

Mark your calendar for: Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday Mass @ 6:30pm

Good Friday Service @ 5:00pm

Holy Saturday Vigil @ 6pm

Please note:

*Holy Saturday Vigil does not replace or
supplant Easter Sunday.
They are not the same.*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We have papers for SHORT TERM GRANT APPLICATIONS through Catholic charities.
If you or someone you know would like to apply, please contact Cheryl or If you have any
questions regarding the application, please contact Deb Powers directly via email
dpowers@catholiccharitiesdm.org or call her at 515-237-5064 or her cell phone
563-275-9643 (after hours). dpowers@catholiccharitiesdm.org

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR INTER CHURCH COUNCIL SERVICES
ALL SERVICES (EXCEPT FOR UNITED TRINITY) START @ 7 AM WITH A
LIGHT BREAKFAST FOLLOWING

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**All services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Hamburg**

April 15——FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

April 16-----ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 17-----UNITED TRINITY @----- 7 PM

April 18-----UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 19-----ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**ATTENTION PLEASE!**

Please be informed that there are some scammers requesting financial aid from church members, especially those whose names and cell numbers appear on the Bulletin. These scammers either sent email or text message supposing to be coming from the Pastor or Finance Member or Trustee. They pay attention to any financial request and capitalize on that. Please **NEVER** send money to any person without verifying from the church office. Be safe!

**Funny Story About Palm Sunday**

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Sammy stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Sammy inquired as to what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father responded. 'Wouldn't you just know it?' Sammy complained, 'the one Sunday I don't go, and he shows up.'

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"Gem of the Prairie" books, which explain the Religious Symbolism of St Patrick Church in Imogene, are available for gift giving at Easter, First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation celebrations. It is a hard bound and full color description of the many symbolic items found in this historic church. Books cost \$12.00 each and are available by contacting Wanda or Marty Maher at 712-370-4503 or 712-386-2124.  
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# ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

## PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



4-17—Linda Dewhirst

4-21—Dave Roberts

4-21—Shane Smith

4-24—Kyla Spurlock

5-1-- Beth Mayberry

5-5--Layne Ettleman

5-5--Kylee Foster

5-12--Bill Ettleman

5-15--Larry Moores

5-16--Becky Lockhart



Greg Andersen  
Grady Secht

Reese Kemp

James Dowling

LeRoy Herscheid

Noah Howe

Mary Lou Miller

Dottie Dankof

Isacc Durr

Robert & Nancy Dalton

Todd Quick

Harold & Verona Mitchell

Joel Loggins

Kenneth Russell

Bill Long

Henry Johnsen

Lawrence DuBois

Angie Witter-Childers

Pat Sheldon

Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny

Esther McCowan

Jeff Guiane

Shawn Collins

Drake Travis

Martha Gude

Gloria Green

Diane Cunningham

Sister Helen Bissen

Alan Briggs

All who are feeling the  
effects of the flood

## *Your Contributions* *April 7, 2019*

Plate—\$61.00

Tithes—\$1080.00

*Thank You*

## *Happy Anniversary!*

4-26—Larry & Cheryl Phillips

4-26—Brian & Amber

Spurlock

4-28—Jim & Ruth Folkes

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| <b>2019</b>                                                                                                | <b>Apr. 14</b><br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br><b>8:30</b>                                                                       | <b>Apr. 18</b><br><b>Holy Thursday</b><br><b>6:30 PM</b> | <b>Apr. 19</b><br><b>Good Friday</b><br><b>Divine Mercy</b><br><b>Chaplet-4:45</b><br><b>Mass 5:00 PM</b> | <b>Apr. 20</b><br><b>Holy Saturday</b><br><b>6:00 P.M.</b> | <b>Apr. 21</b><br><b>EASTER</b><br><b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>8:30</b> |
| <b>Greeters and Ushers</b>                                                                                 | Jim & Ruth<br>Folkes                                                                                                      | Henry & Helen<br>Martin                                  | Joe & Robbi<br>Travis                                                                                     | Shane &<br>Connie Smith                                    | Vince & Susan<br>Hilton                                         |
| <b>Eucharist Ministers</b>                                                                                 | Joe Travis<br>Denny Travis                                                                                                | Joella Travis<br>Annie<br>Wakefield                      | Vince Hilton<br>Dan Goodman                                                                               | Joe & Robbi<br>Travis                                      | Anne<br>Hendrickson<br>Bill Green                               |
| <b>Servers</b>                                                                                             | Tate Mount<br>Ryan Roberts                                                                                                | Garett Phillips<br>Cale Phillips                         | Joseph Roberts<br>Brady Hutt                                                                              | Avery Dowling<br>Alyssa Dowling                            | Alex Dewhirst<br>Joseph Roberts                                 |
| <b>Lector</b>                                                                                              | Carolyn Maher<br>Mark Gude                                                                                                | Michael<br>Gallagher                                     | Teresa Jamison<br>Rick Jamison                                                                            | Linda Dewhirst                                             | Dave<br>Dowling                                                 |
| <b>Mass Setup</b>                                                                                          | Joe                                                                                                                       | Rosie                                                    | Joe                                                                                                       | Rosie                                                      | Joe                                                             |
| <b>Cantor</b>                                                                                              | Kate/Cara                                                                                                                 | Beth                                                     | Kate                                                                                                      | Kate                                                       | Children Choir/<br>Cara                                         |
| <b>Accompanist</b>                                                                                         | Donna                                                                                                                     | Nancy                                                    | Donna                                                                                                     | Kate                                                       | Emily/Kate                                                      |
| <b>Coffee and Donuts</b>                                                                                   | Jeff &<br>Lisa Phillips                                                                                                   | N/A                                                      | N/A                                                                                                       | N/A                                                        | N/A                                                             |
| <b>Wash Linens</b>                                                                                         | Marilyn Gude                                                                                                              | Marilyn Gude                                             | Marilyn Gude                                                                                              | Marilyn Gude                                               | Marilyn Gude                                                    |
| <b>PASTOR</b>                                                                                              | <b>PASTORAL ASSISTANT</b>                                                                                                 |                                                          | <b>BOOKKEEPER</b>                                                                                         | <b>DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION</b>                         |                                                                 |
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