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## ORGANIZATIONS

Holy Name Society      Parish Council of Catholic Women

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## APRIL BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARY'S

Pete Helmueller's Birthday: 4/1

Sue Caturia's Birthday: 4/1

Ruth Luebker's Birthday: 4/2

Marie Berger's Birthday: 4/3

John Inabnit's Birthday: 4/12

Mary Therese Helmueller's Birthday: 4/12

Susan Sanders's Birthday: 4/13

\*Donald Brunner's Birthday: 4/18

\*Denise Pelzel's Birthday: 4/19

Sue Milliren's Birthday: 4/24

Pete Unser's Birthday: 4/25

Bob & Tonja Binkowski's Anniversary: 4/26

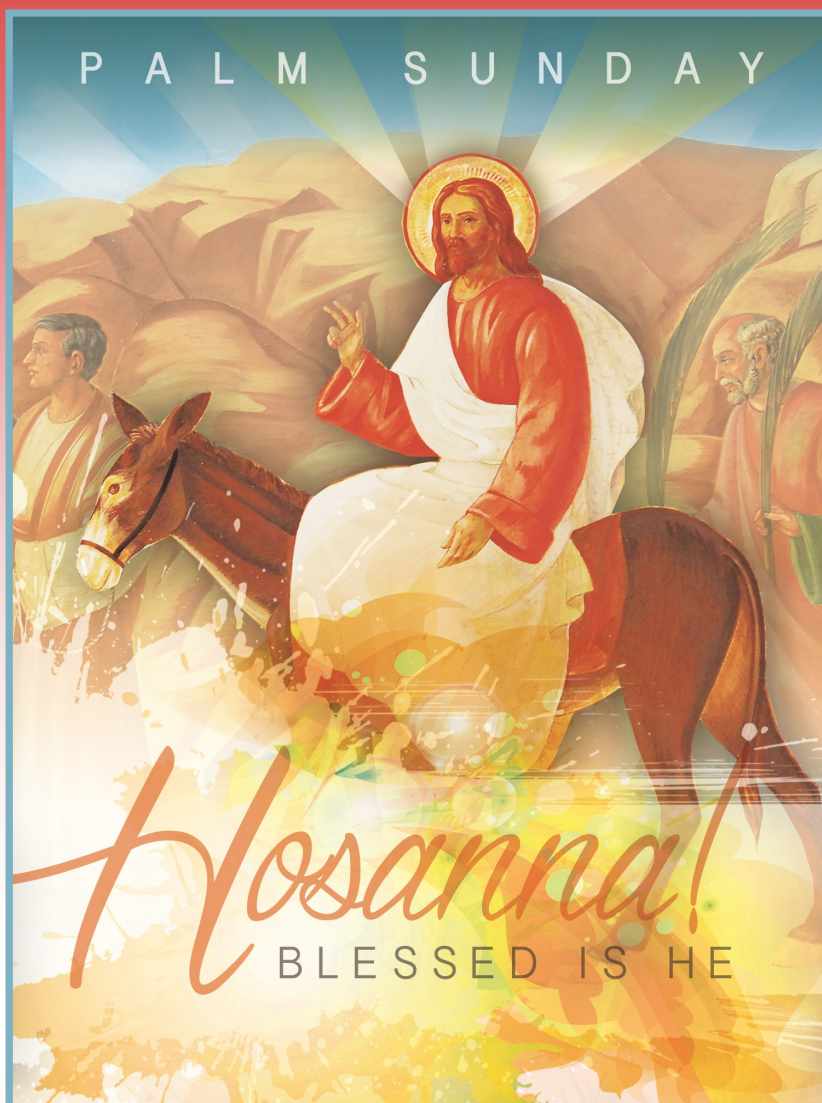
Brad Bauer's Birthday: 4/26

Darrell & Sarah Hinrichs' 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 4/29

Dan & Mary Wieser's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 4/29

**St. John the Baptist Parish, Plum City, WI**  
**St. Joseph Parish, Arkansaw, WI**

**April 14, 2019**



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## HOLY WEEK - THE WEEK OF ALL WEEKS

Friends in Christ, permit me to register my sincerest gratitudes to all of you for making our 40 hour devotion a great success. For the first time after my return from Ghana, I slept like a baby the night after and it was all because your love for Jesus in the Eucharist and your dedication to the hours we voted to stay with him blew me away. The growth and the success of every parish depends to a large extent on the attitude of parishioners towards Eucharistic adoration. You have all demonstrated that our twin parishes have the potential for growth and success; and it is my wish that we would keep that flame burning. Thank you to all of you who worked behind the scenes to ensure the success of the program and to all of you who made time to be with Jesus. May you all be blessed abundantly.

This is Palm Sunday. It is Passion Sunday. It is also the Sunday of the Holy Week (Call it Holy Sunday). This is the Week of all weeks. All too soon, we are putting the days of Lent behind us and if we have lived our Lenten observances to the letter, we should begin experiencing the peace which Palm Sunday brings. Palm Sunday gives us the opportunity to reflect on the final week of Jesus on earth. It is a time for us to remind ourselves that it was Christ who conquered evil and triumphed over sin and death. He is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. The Messiah who rode the donkey instead of a horse as a king of Peace. In him is our peace. In him is our victory. In him is our salvation and we are proud to shout Hosanna with the masses of yesterday.

This also Passion Sunday. It is the only Sunday in the liturgical year that an aspect of the passion narrative is read at Mass. Our next encounter with the Passion Narrative will be on Good Friday. No wonder the entire week is called the Passion Week. It is invitation for us to unite ourselves to the passion of Christ so as to enjoy the glory of his resurrection. One way we can share in Christ's passion is to know what it entails. Such details are made available to us in all the four Gospels: Matthew chapter 26ff, Mark chapter 14ff, Luke Chapter 22ff and John chapter 18ff. In the great silence of the Passion Week, our greatest achievement would reside in reading and meditating on one or more of these accounts and living the passion in our various lives. Our next great achievement is in taking up our individual crosses and journeying with Jesus to Calvary. Ours is the cross of inconvenience, the cross of witness and the cross of martyrdom (see W. J. Bausch). The cross of inconvenience is the burden we bear when we go the extra mile to inconvenience ourselves so as to save a soul. Supposing I have put a sick person on my prayer list, asking God to bring about healing and relief. If all I do is to pray, without making any effort to put myself out in trying to help bring about what I have been asking God to do, I would fail in my call to carry the cross of inconvenience. Sometimes we need to inconvenience ourselves so as to become effective instruments in God's hands. Holy Week is that time. The week also invites us to bear the cross of witness under pressure. This is about being different in the world of conformity. In our world, tyrannies abound and they all aim at forcing us to conform to worldly standards. Yet St. Paul advises us not to conform ourselves to this age. Since it is seemingly insane to be sane when the whole world is insane, the pressure of bearing a nonconforming cross in witness to a conforming society is heavy. As Jesus goes under the weight of the cross this week, he gives us the stamina to carry our own cross in solidarity with him and in witness to the world. There is also the cross of martyrdom. This comes in wet or dry. Wet martyrdom resides in shedding one's blood for Jesus and for the truth. This was the lot of the many, who over the years were persecuted and executed for the sake of righteousness. There is also the dry martyrdom, which involves no bloodshed. This martyrdom involves wounding one's spirit for Christ's sake. It is about surrendering one's security for Christ, the martyrdom of grace under pressure (Bausch). It is about holding fast to God and keeping one's composure in spite of the ills meted out to you. Knowing what people did to Jesus on his way to the cross and how he held fast, we dare to put everything into Jesus' hands and allow him to be our rock in the midst of worldly pressures.

This is also the Holy Week. Technically all the days of the week are holy. Some people would thus call this Sunday Holy Sunday, just as they would describe the rest of the days of the week. This week is thus sacred for all and as we go through the holiness of its days our greatest desire must be to be Holy ourselves. It is as if to say that the Lenten Season was a call on us all to journey into perfection and that even if we blew our opportunities, the last Week of Lent still presents itself for us to pick up our pieces together and make strides toward sanctity. Holiness according to Pope Benedict XVI, implies perfecting oneself in worship. It is about purifying the self. It is a call to sanctification and an invitation to righteousness. This week therefore, we top our reflection on the passion up with acts of piety. We take time to go to confession, to create a room in our lives for prayer, mental prayer, vocal prayer, prayer of adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and petition; we seek to help the poor and the needy. It is good at this time to practice some random act of kindness. A random act of kindness is that act of charity which takes no aim at success nor seeks recognition. Aiming at no reputation, it is simply an unrecognized deed of kindness. It is an act which we perform just because it is within our power to do so, just because we can. It is an act of humility. We get kind not to draw attention to our selves but do so in acknowledgment of the fact that just as we are and in spite of our sinful selves, God in his mercy has counted us worthy to be instruments of his own Kindness. An act of random kindness is one which we perform purely out of love. We are kind because there is nothing to gain in return. It is a thankless act with unrewarded efforts (see R. S. Hurd). The whole passion, death, and resurrection of Christ is an epitome of a random act of kindness. Jesus who was in the form of God did not count equality with God something to grasp. He took the form of a servant, humbled himself, and was obedient unto death, death on the cross. He did all this not for pure gain, neither did he do so for any recognition; he did so just so his blood that poured on Calvary would cleanse us of our sins and bring us salvation. We were his focus and his supreme interest is for us to have life and have it to the full. Our call to sanctity this week is thus a call to be another Christ for others, making the mystery of the passion alive in their lives not for our own gains but for the glory of God.

Have a good week

Fr. Joseph Okine-Quartey

## THAT MAN IS YOU

"That Man Is You" program will **not** be meeting this week, we will resume on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Wieser at (715) 279-2152 or Tom Pullen at (607) 244-3010. Thanks!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



The Plum City/Arkansaw Knights of Columbus Council is hosting a Pancake Breakfast with half of the proceeds going to the family of Kaelyn Nevland. The breakfast will be held in the St. John's School Building on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We will serving Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Apple Sauce, Local Maple Syrup and Coffee, Milk & Orange Juice. Gluten free pancakes will also be available.





## MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS

### Monday: April 15

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday: April 16

- Communion Service: 10:30 a.m., Plum City Care Center - † Laverne White
- Readings: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday: April 17

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Joseph - † Ken Bluem
- Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m., St. Joseph
- Readings: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday: April 18 - Holy Thursday

- Mass: 7:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist - For the Protection of Life from Conception to Natural Death
- Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/  
1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:34/Jn 13:1-15

### Friday: April 19 - Good Friday

- Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist
- Service: 1:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist - † Earl & Catherine Fredrickson
- Readings: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Phil 2:8-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

### Saturday: April 20 - Holy Saturday

- Mass: 8:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist - † Marie T. Gilles-Glaus
- Readings: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35  
or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/  
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/  
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32C4:4/  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or  
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

### Sunday: April 21 - Easter Sunday

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. Joseph - St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - All of the Souls in Purgatory, Especially Deceased members of the Friends of the Suffering Souls
- Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or  
1 Cor 5:6b-8/Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a/Jn 20:1-9

**The Rosary is prayed before all Masses**

## SACRAMENTS

### Confessions (anytime by appointment)

- Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.: St. Joseph, Arkansasaw
- Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City
- Sunday at 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office when needed.

### Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like this special blessing.

### Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment at least one month in advance.

### Marriage

Please call the Parish Office for arrangements at least six months prior to the intended date.

### Hospitalized / Homebound

Holy Communion to the sick and homebound is on Thursdays & Saturday evenings and Sundays after Masses. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements to be made.

### Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office before making arrangements.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHIONERS

### Easter Decorating

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.. Please join us!

### On Holy Thursday Night Keep Watch with Our Lord Until Midnight

Sign up sheets are in the back of Church for you to select a time to spend with the Lord. We need to make sure that several people are here from the end of Mass until Midnight.

## OUR WEEK: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### Money Counting

Monday, April 15, 9:30 a.m.  
Betsy Felzer, Verna Weiss,  
& Carol Bechel

### Announcements

Sunday, April 21, 10:15 a.m.  
Linda Chilson

### Extraordinary Minister

Sunday, April 21, 10:15 a.m.  
Ann Bechel

### Gift Bearers

Sunday, April 21, 10:15 a.m.  
Dan & Mary Wieser Family

### Lector

Sunday, April 21, 10:15 a.m.  
Ramona Schneider

### Music

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.  
Musicians: Bob & JoAnn Larson

Friday, April 19, 1:00 p.m.

Cantor: Steve Carlson

Saturday, April 20, 8:00 p.m.

Organist: Annie Hansen

Cantor: Sara Hansen

Sunday, April 21, 10:15 a.m.

The Contemporary Choir

### Sacristan

Saturday, April 20, 8:00 p.m.

Peggy Gilles

Sunday, April 21, 10:15 a.m.

Denise Pelzel

## FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Adult Envelopes (40).....	\$	2084.00
Capital Improvements (1).....	\$	100.00
Utility Fund (1).....	\$	100.00
Offertory.....	\$	177.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2461.00</b>

### Want to Stay More Connected With the Parish?

Receive Parish and Diocesan messages, daily readings, and Catholic news. Stay connected with our Parishes throughout the week with an easy-to-access **event calendar** and **weekly bulletins**. You can download the free myParish app by searching for "myParishApp" on iTunes or Google Play stores. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



## UNPLANNED

**Unplanned** is currently playing in local theaters. It is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

## OUR WEEK: ST. JOSEPH

### Money Counting

Monday, April 15, 8:30 a.m.  
Mary Martin, Dawn Lauer,  
& Bud Bauer

### Announcements

Sunday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.  
Carol Konsela

### Extraordinary Minister

Sunday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.  
Don Peterson

### Gift Bearers

Sunday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.  
Joyce Haigh & Betty Lauer

### Lector

Sunday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.  
Don Peterson

### Music

Sunday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.  
Musicians: Paul & Char Fetzer

### Rosary

Sunday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.  
Dave & Dorothy Anibas

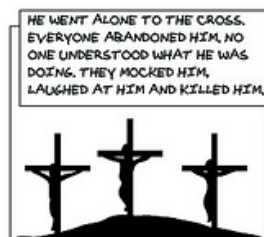


## FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, April 6th, 2019

Adult Envelopes (31).....	\$	950.00
Fuel Fund (7).....	\$	165.00
Offertory.....	\$	311.00
Works of Charity.....	\$	20.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1446.00</b>

Devotoon-Luke 22-23



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We would like to thank everyone who helped organize and those who participated in the 40 Hours of Devotion at St. John the Baptist this past weekend. It was beautiful!

We also thank Father Daniel, who celebrated with us last weekend. And, we thank the PCCW for preparing the excellent reception which followed.



## ABOUT THE GOSPEL

Jesus goes into Jerusalem to suffer His Passion and Crucifixion. This was always part of God's plan for our salvation. While it is heartbreaking, we may find comfort in knowing that Jesus chose to lay down His life to save us.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you feel when you are judged by others? How can you avoid making judgments about

## FAMILY PRAYER

Lord, You suffered so much for us. Help us to be strong when we suffer and to unite our sufferings to Yours.

## IN CHURCH

Participate in the Palm Sunday Mass as if you were transported in time back to when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. Hold your palm branch high, join in the responses of the Passion, and think about what is happening.



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### St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

50th Parish Carnival  
June 2nd, 2019  
American Legion Park  
Plum City, WI  
Need not be present to Win  
Prizes will be mailed  
Lic No. R0025839A-50191

Tickets \$50 each

Drawing 1:30p.m.  
1st Prize: \$1000  
2nd Prize: \$800  
3rd, 4th, 5th Prize: \$500  
6th & 7th Prize: \$250  
8th - 11th Prize: \$200  
12th & 13th Prize: \$150  
14th & 15th Prize: \$100

IN GOD WE TRUST

Proceeds will aid in the restoration of our Church

**Tickets will be sold by the following committee members (tickets will not be sent by mail)**

Ann Bechel: 715-279-1237  
Paul & Char Fetzer: 715-495-3315  
Gary Lecheler: 715-279-4444  
Pete & Jackie Unser: 715-495-6291  
Larry & Linda Chilson: 715-647-4733  
Joyce Berger: 715-647-3150

Sarah Hinrichs: 715-495-3123  
Jeff & Margaret Hartung: 715-495-8901  
Suzie Brunner: 715-495-2699  
Todd & Gwen Glaus: 715-495-7378  
Peggy Gilles: 715-495-3199

## POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

April: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Good Friday Fish Fry

St. Mary's Assumption Parish, Durand, WI will host our Good Friday fish fry on April 19th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement. The facility is handicap accessible.



### Pierce County Ecumenical Choir

Please join us in welcoming the Pierce County Ecumenical Choir to St. John the Baptist in Plum City. They will perform an ensemble entitled "Light" on Sunday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.. Refreshments will follow in the St. John the Baptist School basement.

