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## ORGANIZATIONS

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## BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Josalin Helmueller's Birthday: 3/28

Pete Helmueller's Birthday: 4/1

Sue Caturia's Birthday: 4/1

Ruth Luebker's Birthday: 4/2

Marie Berger's Birthday: 4/3



If you would like have your birthday or anniversary included in the bulletin, please call the Parish Office or send an email to our Bulletin Editor. Thank you!

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

**MARCH 28, 2021**



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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## A CHOICE FOR CHRIST IN THE HOLY WEEK

This is the week of weeks - the Holy Week, the Passion Week, the most sacred week on our calendar. It is the week that offers us room to relive the Paschal mystery. This week, we shall carry palm branches and sing *Hosanna* to the Son of David. We shall read the Passion as depicted by the synoptic Gospels. We shall celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, as well as Jesus' commandment to love and serve Christ in one another. On Good Friday, Christ's Passion as narrated by the Beloved Disciple will be proposed for our reflection and all of us will rise to venerate the Cross and bring to focus the Christ-event as it happened on Calvary. Since death hasn't got the final say, we shall celebrate the mother of all vigils on Holy Saturday to usher in the Easter season. All the events of this solemn week have been designed to sharpen our resolve to make a choice for Christ and to live holy lives.

A pagan prince ascended the throne of his kingdom. At the inception of his reign, he discovered that many Christians held important positions in his administration and his palace. He thereby issued a decree, asking all Christians to either give up Christ or give up their jobs. Far from disowning Christ, a great number of Christians in the kingdom gave up their jobs. Some few Christians out of fear, or perhaps thinking to themselves that man needed to earn a living, gave up their faith to keep their job. Impressed by the courage and the conviction of the many, the emperor laid off the few and recalled the many saying: "He who is not true to his God will neither be true to me, a mortal king."

Dear friends, this Sunday is Palm Sunday, and we are happy to join the crowd of old, in spirit, to declare our loyalty to Christ and our fidelity to his teachings. We do so by actively participating in the liturgy. As we carry the palm leaves to our homes, we declare our choice to accept Jesus as the king and the ruler of our lives and our families. We declare our readiness to forsake all earthly allurements and cling to him. We bind ourselves onto His name, bow at his name, and resolve to be obedient to him until death.

As we hear the passion narrative, we remember that like the chief priests and the crowd, who had the option to choose between Jesus and Barabbas, we also have the opportunity to either give up Christ or give up Barabbas. They made a choice for Barabbas and gave up the King. They asked for a thief to live and had the innocent King put to death. However, our choice is for Christ. We are grateful to Him for redeeming us by his suffering and death as we actively participate in the Holy Week liturgy. We choose Christ by living the Holy Week in a holy manner. He died, that we might live. We choose to live for Him who died for us. We choose to live the last week of Lent as its name implies – Holy Week. We choose to be holy as our God is holy. We choose to reconcile with God and His Church, repenting of our sins and receiving God's pardon and forgiveness from Jesus through his Church. We choose to spend some time every day in silent meditation on God's word. We choose to pray more fervently, mortify our flesh, and strive to increase in corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We choose to live the Holy Week as if it was the first and the last week of our lives. Jesus will be increased as we decrease. He shall reign in every facet of our lives and the impact of his passion and death will be felt wherever we set our feet this week. We shall ensure that our practice of charity will give others the stamina to embrace Christ. We shall thus feed the hungry and quench the thirsty's thirst. We shall shelter the homeless and visit the sick and the imprisoned. We shall bury the dead and give alms to the poor. By our works of charity, we shall also draw others to holiness. The sinner, we shall admonish. The sorrowful, we shall comfort. Injuries, we shall forgive. Wrongs, we shall patiently bear and we shall pray for the living and the dead. In all, we shall choose to help our neighbors not only in their physical needs but also in their spiritual needs. We shall join hands with all on this journey to holiness. A choice for Christ is a choice for holy living, and a choice for holy living is the preferred choice to make in the Holy Week. In a leap of faith then, let us do all we can to grow in holiness at least in this special time of grace.

Have a fruitful Holy Week  
Fr. Joseph Okine – Quartey

*Hosanna!*  
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HOLY  
  
THURSDAY

Do this in remembrance of me.  
- 1 Cor. 11:24

  
GOOD  
FRIDAY

There they crucified him, and  
with him two others, one on  
either side, with Jesus  
between them.  
- John 19:18

HOLY  
SATURDAY

Do not be amazed! You seek  
Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.  
He has been raised;  
he is not here.  
- Mk 16:6

## MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS

### Monday: March 29

#### • No Mass

Readings: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday: March 30

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † Missy Retzliff
- Readings: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17 [cf. 15ab]/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday: March 31

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † Laverne White
- Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m., St. Joseph
- Readings: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34 [14c]/ Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday: April 1 - Holy Thursday

- Mass: 7:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist - † Clarence & Loretta Jilk
- Adoration: Following Mass until Midnight
- Readings: 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: April 2 - Good Friday

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 11:45 a.m., St. John the Baptist
- Good Friday Service: 12:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist
- Readings: 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: April 3 - Holy Saturday

- Mass: 8:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist - † Lawrence Bechel
- Readings: Gn 1:1-2:2/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/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/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 8-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

### Sunday: April 4 - Easter Sunday

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. Joseph - † Blanche Radle
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † James Glaus
- Readings: 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

**The Rosary is prayed before Mass**

### THAT MAN IS YOU

"That Man Is You" program will **NOT** meet this week. We will meet again on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Wieser at (715) 279-2152 or Tom Pullen at (607) 244-3010.



### PRAYER WARRIORS

If you would like to offer prayers for those who are in need or are aware of someone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office or send an email to [prayer.warrior.st.john@gmail.com](mailto:prayer.warrior.st.john@gmail.com).

### POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

March: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHIONERS

### Easter Decorating

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 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.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

As we continue through the Lenten season we wanted to provide an update on the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We are more than half way through the annual appeal and are pleased to report that we have had over 35 donors make donations or pledges thus far this year. This is approximately two thirds of the total donors from last year, so we are well on our way to meeting or beating last year's donations. Thank you to all who have made donations. If you would like to donate to the annual appeal, please visit: <https://diolc.org/donate-online/>, use the envelope provided in the mailing from the Diocese, or drop your donation in the collection basket. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

### SEE ROE V. WADE THE MOVIE

#### The Real Story You've Never been Told

Coming in April, see Roe v. Wade, a new movie that looks behind the scenes of the infamous 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. The story is told through the eyes of Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the New York OB/GYN who paved the way for abortion on demand but later became pro-life. Visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life) for links to the movie website and trailer. The film will be available for streaming on Amazon Prime, and iTunes in April, with the DVD to be released in May. It is currently available for pre-order from Amazon, Walmart and Target, as well as Christian booksellers.

### SACRAMENTS

#### Confessions (anytime by appointment)

- Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.: St. Joseph, Arkansaw
- Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass to 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 contact the Parish Office 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 KARNIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

### Now on Sale!!

The biggest part of our Karnival proceeds is the Main Raffle. All of the proceeds will be going towards the renovation of St. John the Baptist's heating system. The drawing will be at a date to be determined.



We only have 350 tickets at \$50.00 each. You can purchase tickets from:

Ann Bechel 715-279-1237	Joyce Berger 715-647-3150
Paul & Char Fetzer 715-495-3315	Sarah Hinrichs 715-495-3123
Gary Lecheler 715-279-4444	Jeff & Margaret Hartung 715-495-8901
Pete & Jackie Unser 715-495-6291	Suzie Brunner 715-495-2699
Linda & Larry Chilson 715-647-4733	Peggy Gilles 715-495-3199
Nadine Kannel 715-495-9161	Pete & Irene Helmueller 715-781-4466

We will also be selling them after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Masses on Sundays. The prizes are:

1st Place \$1000.00  
2nd Place \$800.00  
3rd - 5th Place \$500.00  
6th - 7th Place \$250.00  
8th - 11th Place \$200.00  
12th - 13th Place \$150.00  
14th & 15th Place \$100.00

Please support this renovation project with the purchase of one or two Karnival Raffle Tickets.

Thank you, St. John the Baptist's Karnival Committee



**Save the Date**  
St. John's Karnival Drive thru  
Barbecue Chicken Dinner  
June 6th, 2021  
American Legion Park  
11:30 a.m. until gone

## PCCW NEWS

### Annual Dues

At the PCCW meeting in January 2020, our council decided to discontinue our Mother's Day Bake Sale due to concerns over poor profitability. Other fundraising options were discussed, however in March the COVID-19 pandemic shut down all activities. At this time, the only source of our income is dues. We would greatly appreciate it, if all ladies of the Parish could pay their 2021 dues of \$15. Thank you and God Bless.

### Officers Needed

The PCCW is looking for a new president and vice president. Our current president, Suzie Brunner, has been president for 4 years and is ready to step down. If you are interested in volunteering for these positions, please contact Suzie Brunner (715-495-2699, [suzie\\_brunner@hotmail.com](mailto:suzie_brunner@hotmail.com)). Thank you!!

## Choir Practice for Easter Masses

There will be Choir Practice for Easter Masses in between Masses on Sundays and after morning Mass on Tuesday at St. John the Baptist. Please join us!



-CHOIR PRACTICE-

## JESUS' PASSION & DEATH

### ABOUT THE GOSPEL



When we participate in the reading of the Passion, it is hard to say the words, "Crucify Him." It reminds us that we all choose to sin and that Jesus loves us anyway. He loves us so much that He died and rose for us and our salvation.

### IN CHURCH

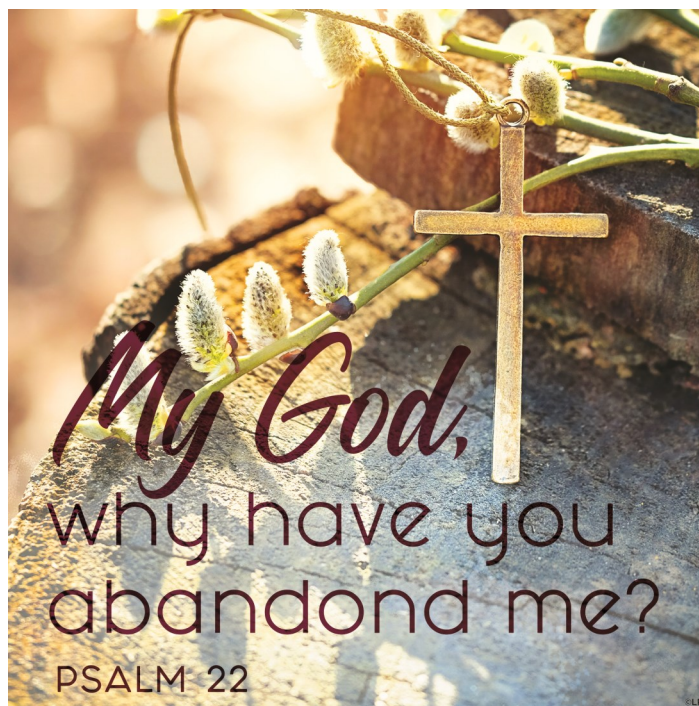
Focus on the Passion of Jesus during Mass. Follow along carefully and say the crowd responses strongly. Consider what it would have been like to be there when Jesus was crucified.

### FAMILY PRAYER

We want to choose you, Jesus! Show us how to do what is right, even when others want us to do what is wrong. Amen.



When have you gone along with the crowd, even when you knew it was not the right thing to do?



### Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m., Mass is followed by adoration until midnight, St. John the Baptist

### Good Friday

11:45 a.m., Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Service to follow, St. John the Baptist

### Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist

### Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m., St. Joseph  
10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist

## HOLY WEEK



## SCHEDULE

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