

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## PASSION SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday of Lent

PASSIONTIDE MARKS THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF LENT

This Sunday is called Passion Sunday, because the Church begins, for the next two weeks, to make the sufferings of our Redeemer her chief thought.

### Why do we veil crucifixes and statues?

In His sorrowful Passion, Jesus' face and whole body were so disfigured by the blows and scourges that Our Savior was scarcely recognizable.

*"I am a worm and not a man."* (Psalm 22:6)

Thus, the wounds Our Lord endured hid both His divinity and His Humanity. For this reason, we veil our crucifixes in the final days of Lent - hiding our Savior under the sad, purple cloth. The statues of the Saints, too, are covered. It is therefore befitting that if the glory of the Master is hidden, then His servants also should not appear.



Traditionally, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, one week before Palm Sunday, was called *Passion Sunday* or *Judica Sunday* after the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: "*Iudica me, Deus*" or "*Give me justice, O God...*" (cf. Psalm 43)

*"Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength."*

Entrance Antiphon for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (cf. Ps 43: 1-2)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 20

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Larry Dustman +

### Sunday, March 21

#### - Fifth Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Bob & Luciel Fenstermaker +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

### Monday, March 22

No Morning Mass

### Tuesday, March 23

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. Donny Watson +  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, March 24

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Charles Ault +

### Thursday, March 25

8:00 a.m. John & Eileen Rickord +

### Friday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Ryder Jackson

### Sunday, March 28

#### - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 21, 2021

This **Fifth Sunday of Lent** (March 20th/21st) is traditionally known as **Passion Sunday**. It marked the beginning of **Passiontide**, which formed a bridge between these last two weeks of **Lent** and **Easter**. This nearing end of the **Lenten season** is reflected in our liturgy today, which is full of premonitions of Jesus' coming Passion and Death. These premonitions come to a head in the final line of today's Gospel: "*And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.*" He said this indicating the kind of death he would die" (John 12:32-33).

Though the end of **Lent** is nearing, it has not yet come. We do not want to become lax in our **Lenten observances**. Quite the opposite! As is reflected in our liturgical year, we should spend these next two weeks acting in a very intentional manner as we prepare for **Easter**. **Passion Sunday** leads us to **Palm Sunday**, which enters us into **Holy Week** and the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**, the three most sacred days of the Church year. Our liturgical celebrations intensify over these next two weeks, ensuring that Jesus Christ remains our sole focus. And, as it is in our liturgy, so must it be in our life.

As is our parish custom, we have covered the sacred images in the church with purple cloth between this Sunday and **Good Friday** (*for the crucifix*) and **Easter** (*for all the other images*). It might seem odd that, just as we begin to turn our attention more intensely toward Jesus' Passion, we cover up the crucifix. The sacred liturgy, however, frequently makes use of a strategy of revelation through veiling. Even though we cannot see the image of the Crucified, the veiling of the crucifix draws our attention to it more intensely. Frequently, what we can't see is what most arouses our curiosity and imagination.

### UPDATES TO THE DIOCESAN LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES

On the **Solemnity of St. Joseph** (March 19<sup>th</sup>), the diocese has released **updates**\* to our diocesan liturgical directives. These updates continue to be made in consultation with several infectious disease specialists. Working with these medical professionals and specialists, the diocese is seeking to ensure that our parishes are following the safest and most prudent practices as we gather for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. (*The full updates from the diocese are available for your review on our parish website.*)

The most notable update recognizes that "*surface and water-borne transmission are not viewed as common means of viral spread.*" With this understanding, the diocese has stated that it is safe for parishes to return the use of hymnals and refill holy water fonts. Regarding our hymnals, they will be returned to the pews after Easter Day, as we have already prepared the majority of the individual-use handouts/missalettes for Holy Week and Easter Day. (*Our hymnals do contain the weekend readings for Mass.*)

Regarding holy water, we will refill our holy water fonts starting next weekend. Hand sanitizer will continue to be provided when you enter the church building. Two touch-less hand sanitizer stations will be outside of the Church entryway in the narthex. This will allow you to sanitize your hands before entering the Church and blessing yourself with holy water. We will also continue to provide individual holy water bottles (*and blessed salt containers*) in the narthex for use of these sacramentals in your homes.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

*\*Note: The updates do not change the directives regarding social distancing and masking. Thank you for continuing to respect Bishop Rhoades' directives on these practices.*

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Mar. 22 - Fifth Week of Lent** - Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:1-11

**Tues., Mar. 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop** - Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30

**Wed., Mar. 24** - Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/ Jn 8:31-42

**Thurs., Mar. 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord** - Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38

**Fri., Mar. 26** - Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42

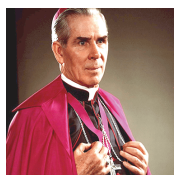
**Sat., Mar. 27** - Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56

**Sun., Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** - Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, John Houlihan, Tom Courtney, Nora LaVine and Pete Geels.





### PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY:

JOIN FR. DANIEL WHELAN, Fr. Tony Steinacker, and Fr. Solanus Guild-Huntington Extension members to visit and pray at the Tomb of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in Peoria, IL. Pray with God's "Hero of Adoration," on Thursday, June 10th, 2021. Cost is \$85. For more details, and registration form, contact Jan Scher at 260-450-3045 or e-mail her at [janscher8@gmail.com](mailto:janscher8@gmail.com). Reserve by May 1, 2021 deadline.

**Lenten Parish Mission**  
**March 29, 30 & 31 - 7-8:00 p.m.**

**FORGIVEN**

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION

### ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP

The St. Joseph Women's Group will meet Tuesday, April 13th in the conference room at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to all women of the St. Joseph Parish family, please join us for fun and fellowship.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Mar. 20 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Mar. 20 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 21 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 21 - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- Tues., Mar. 23 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., Mar. 24 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00
- Fri., Mar. 26 - Confessions 6-6:45 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 28 - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- Mon., Mar. 29 - Parish Lenten Mission- Formed- Forgiven Series- The Transforming Power of Confession - 7-8:00 p.m. in the Church.
- Tues., Mar. 30 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m. / Parish Lenten Mission - Formed Forgiven Series 7-7:30 p.m. / Live Stream Chrism Mass from the Cathedral - 7:30 p.m. shown in Church.
- Wed., Mar. 31 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Parish Lenten Mission/Mass 7:00p.m.
- Thurs., Apr. 1 - Holy Thursday - 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer / 7:00 p.m. Mass / Adoration following Mass until Midnight.
- Fri., Apr. 2 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) - 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer / 1:00 Service / 6-7:00 p.m. Confession / 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross / 8:00 p.m. Tenebrae
- Sat., Apr. 3 - Holy Saturday - 8:00 a.m. / Easter Vigil Mass 8:35 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Mass.
- Sun., Apr. 4 - No Religious Education Class- Easter Sunday
- Mon., Apr. 5 - Easter Monday - Parish Office Closed
- Tues., Apr. 6 - Confirmation Mass at St. Joseph's - 7:00 p.m.



**Matter:** oil

**Form:** "(Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."



Please remember these young men and women in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation Mass April 6 at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Joseph Parish.

Confirmation Preparation Class 2021

Cassandra 'Cassie' Coyne, daughter of Kerry and Tracy Coyne

Luke Dreiband, son of Kim (Dave) Dreiband

Austin Haiflich, son of Andrew and Jennie Haiflich

Anthony Hartman, son of Todd and Anjie Hartman

Emma Howell, daughter of Brett and Amy Howell

Jacquelyn Mayer, daughter of Matt and Jeannette Mayer

Grant Reifsteck, son of Chris and Laura Reifsteck

Angela Rogers, daughter of Rodney and Jessica Rogers

Derek Smith, son of Karl and Anna Smith

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING



The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, April 13 with recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Watch for an email from Jeff Miller, Grand Knight regarding details of the meeting.

### ORGAN CONCERT

St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne will host organist Mr. Vincent Carr in concert Friday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Mr. Carr will present a variety of sacred and classical music for this concert which everyone will enjoy. There is no admission fee, however, a free-will collection will be received. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for more information.



### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

**March 13/14**

Adult Envelopes- \$3,607.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$232.75

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$614.56

Religious Ed. Fund- \$280.00

Easter Flowers- \$277.00

Votives Candles- \$193.25

**Total- \$5,204.56**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We were \$1,925.95 ahead of our budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$285.00

*Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!*

**[osvonlinegiving.com/4741](https://osvonlinegiving.com/4741)**

### WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS?

Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) will be at St. Joseph's July 11-16; make sure to mark your calendars! High School and Middle School will meet Sunday, July 11-15 from 7-9:00 p.m., First Grade through Grade Six will meet Monday, July 12-16 from 9:00a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Watch for more information on this exciting week of faith, skits, fun, laughter, learning and much more!



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