



## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Soup Supper

Friday, April 12, at 5:30-6:30 PM

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7 PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Tuesdays ~ 8:30-9 AM; Wednesdays ~ 6-6:45 PM; Saturdays ~ 4-4:45 PM

### PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, April 8, from 7:30-8:30 PM

### PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Sunday, April 14 ~ 10 AM Mass *(with incense)*

Procession starts at 9:45 AM outside the Parish Office

### HOLY WEEK

**Holy Tuesday (April 16) ~ Chrism Mass at 7:30 PM**

*at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

**Holy Thursday (April 18) ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM**

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

**Good Friday (April 19) ~ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion at 1 PM**

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

• Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

• Confessions from 7:45-8:15 PM

• Tenebrae Service at 8:30 PM

**Holy Saturday (April 20) ~ Easter Vigil at 9 PM**

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

**Easter Sunday (April 21) ~ Mass of Easter Day at 7:30 AM & 10 AM**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 6

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Bill Lautzenheiser +

### Sunday, April 7

#### - Fifth Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

### Monday, April 8

8:00 a.m. George Mohler Witwer +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, April 9

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 a.m. Doug Lilly  
8:30 a.m. Confessions  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Wednesday, April 10

5:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction  
7:00 p.m. Jeanette Ault +

### Thursday, April 11

8:00 a.m. Norma Bauman +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Friday, April 12

8:00 a.m. Sr. Margaretta Ehrlich +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, April 13

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Julie Johnson +

### Sunday, April 14

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

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe +

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Apr. 8 - Fifth Week of Lent -** Dn 13:1-

9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:12-20

**Tues., Apr. 9 -** Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30


**Wed., Apr. 10 -** Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/ Jn 8:31-42

**Thurs., Apr. 11 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr -** Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59

**Fri., Apr. 12 -** Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 11:45-56

**Sat., Apr. 13 - St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr -** Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56

**Sun., Apr. 14 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -** Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

 Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, and Heidi Geisel.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 7, 2019- C

As we entered into the church today, we should have immediately sensed that something was different. This yearly veiling of our statues and devotional images serves as a visual reminder that we are now entering into the last two weeks of Lent, often called Passiontide. During this time, we focus our minds and hearts ever more closely on the bitter Passion and death of our Lord so that we might meditate upon the great sacrifice that He has undertaken for each and every one of us. This focus will be guided even deeper as we hear and prayerfully contemplate the narrative of the Lord's Passion next weekend on Palm Sunday.

Prior to hearing the narrative of the Lord's Passion (Luke 22:14-23:56) at the Gospel, we will first hear the Gospel account of the Lord entering into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40) as we begin Mass. At our 5 PM Vigil and 7:30 AM Morning Masses, this first Gospel will be read from the back of the church immediately prior to our entrance hymn. At our Sunday 10 AM Mass, we will start our Palm Sunday celebration with an outdoor procession into the church (weather permitting). To participate in the procession, please gather outside the main entrance to the Parish Offices starting at 9:40 AM. We will begin the reading of the first Gospel at 9:45 AM and will then process into the church. (*Please note: Incense will be used at the 10 AM Mass.*)

The Palm Sunday Procession is itself an ancient practice, first recorded by the pilgrim Etheria in her 4<sup>th</sup> Century letter *Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands*. Etheria recounts this already established tradition of a procession, led by the local bishop, with palm branches from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem to begin Holy Week. Following after this ancient tradition, we too will join with the Church in procession. During the procession, we will see the priest make use of two liturgical vestments that we do not see that often: a red cope and a biretta. The cope is a cloak worn by the priest in liturgical functions outside of Mass, such as Stations of the Cross; the biretta is a hat worn by the priest when in procession.

Just as quickly as both items will appear in the procession, they will also vanish. Before entering the sanctuary, the priest removes the biretta, leaving his head bare, and upon reaching the chair, the cope is exchanged for the chasuble, the priestly garment worn at Mass. These two vestments serve to distinguish between the procession from the world and the heavenly Mass that the procession leads us to. Removing them as we prepare to enter into the Mass also serves as a visible reminder that, as each of us processes from the world towards the altar of God, we are called to humble ourselves and lay our hearts bare before the Father. Those things in our lives that we "wear" to cover our hearts are stripped away as God sees us for whom we truly are.

## Parish Updates

During the summer, we hope to bring to completion our Parking Lot Project. Working with Brooks Construction Company, the parking lot will be renovated over two weeks in July. The work will be focused during the weekdays, which should prevent any disturbances to our weekend Mass schedule. This repair to our parking lot is necessary and will help ensure its sustainability for the years to come. The project expenses will be slightly over \$60,000, much of which will come from our Rainy Day Fund. Your continued support of this collection at the first of the month helps to ensure the upkeep of our beautiful campus for our future generations.

We are continuing to work with Dunwiddie Heating and the Root Candle Company to determine the source of the discoloration along the north church wall. While there are several possible sources, one we have been looking at is soot produced by candles. After an extended period, we have noticed that, every so often, our oil candles will give off soot while burning. We have not seen this from our wax candles. Therefore, as a precaution and at the suggestion of our candle supplier, we will be replacing the oil candles used on the altars with wax candles in the coming weeks. Our candlesticks will not change, as they fit either oil or wax candles, and we will properly store the oil candles so that, if deemed safe, we can make use of them in the future.

Finally, as a reminder, I will be away from our parish for the months of June and July. Bishop Rhoades has asked that I pursue further studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. While the majority of my coursework will be completed online, I will need to be present on campus for classes through June and July over the next several years. We will be welcoming priests throughout the summer who will be assisting at St. Joseph's during my absence. More information to come as we draw closer to the summer months.



## SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT

Come and enjoy soup and fellowship anytime from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and stay for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S LENTEN  
PENANCE SERVICE**  
**Monday, April 8, 2019**  
**7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**



During Lent, our parish will be holding a food drive in support of the local food pantries and resources in Wells County. Please bring in a non-perishable food item each time you come to Church during the Lenten Season and place it in the container in the narthex.



### A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) under "Youth Protection."


If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: [mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org). The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

### PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS


- Wed., April 10 at 7:30 p.m. - Discussion Forum with Fr. David on End of Life Issues
- Mon., Apr. 8 - Lenten Penance Service - 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 9 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Apr. 10 - Adoration 5-7:00 p.m. / Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 12 - Soup and Stations - serving soup anytime between 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 16 - April 21 - Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Service and Easter Mass Schedule; please see the front of the bulletin for specific times.
- Mon., Apr. 22 - Office closed for the day.
- Sun., Apr. 28 - Last Religious Education Class
- Sun., May 3 - First Communion Mass - 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., May 13 - Confirmation Mass at St. Mary's, Decatur, IN- 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 19 - A Celebration of Sr. Rose Clare Ehrlich, CSA, 60th Anniversary of Religious Life, carry-in following 10:00 a.m. Mass. All are invited and welcome!

## WEEKEND OF APRIL 13/14, 2019 (Palm Sunday Weekend)


### CANTORS:

 **5:00** Nichole Decker  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Larry Leitz


### LECTORS:

 **5:00** Stacey Coulardot/Michelle Paxton  
**7:30** Geoff Frank/Carol Butler  
**10:00** Volunteer/Volunteer


### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Need 3 Volunteers  
**7:30** Dave/Margie Huss, Barb Ault  
**10:00** Kevin or Jessica Seago, Sandy Smythe, Need 4 Volunteers

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Need 2 Volunteers  
**7:30** Need 2 Volunteers  
**10:00** Need 4 Volunteers

### SERVERS:

 **5:00** Corey/Brooklynn Huss, Need 1 Volunteer  
**7:30** Need 3 Volunteers  
**10:00** Need 3 Volunteers and 1 Thurifer

### Collection for Weekend of March 30/31, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$4,109.00  
Online Giving- \$1,325.00 (for the month of March)  
Child Envelopes- \$5.25  
Loose- \$70.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$5.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$135.00  
Easter Flowers- \$646.00  
**Total- \$6,295.25**

### The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

We are \$113.49 ahead of our monthly budget.

**Other Collections within  
our Parish-** Bolivian Mission-  
\$10.00

**Diocesan Special Collections-**  
Catholic Relief Services- \$560.00  
Home Missions- \$25.00

## St. Joseph Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting)

**April 27 after 5:00 Mass - Ages 12 & under**

**He Is Risen! Alleluia!**

**Pizza! Games! Decorate Your Own Cupcake! (all ages!)**



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - MARCH 2019

Utilities (electricity/gas) - \$367.16  
Rent/Housing - \$520.00



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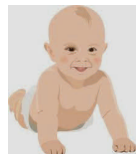
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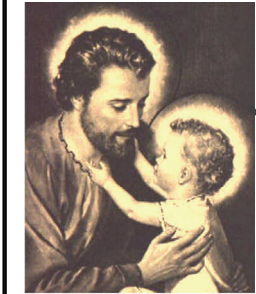
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