



HOLY WEEK



at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bluffton

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| <p>HOLY MONDAY (March 30th)</p> | <p>Lenten Penance Service - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Parish Social Hall / Church</p> |
| <p>HOLY TUESDAY (March 31st)</p> | <p>Mass - 8:00 a.m. Adoration - 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Confession - 8:30-9:00 a.m. Chrism Mass with Bishop Rhoades - 7:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne</p> |
| <p>SPY WEDNESDAY (April 1st)</p> | <p>Adoration & Confession - 6:00-7:00 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:45 p.m. Mass - 7:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>HOLY THURSDAY (April 2nd)</p> | <p>Morning Prayer (Lauds) - 8:00 a.m. Confession - 5:00-6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m. Adoration in Parish Conference Room until Midnight Confession - After Mass until 9:00 p.m. Night Prayer (Compline) - 11:45 p.m.</p> |
| <p>GOOD FRIDAY (April 3rd) <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i></p> | <p>Morning Prayer (Lauds) - 8:30 a.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 1:00 p.m. Confession - 5:00-6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service - 8:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>HOLY SATURDAY (April 4th)</p> | <p>Morning Prayer (Lauds) - 8:00 a.m. Confession - 8:30-10:00 a.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 9:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>EASTER SUNDAY (April 5th)</p> | <p>Mass during the Day - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.</p> |

"THE CROSS IS THE WAY OF PARADISE, BUT ONLY WHEN IT'S BORNE WILLINGLY." – ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. The Mayer Family
Sunday, March 29

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family
Monday, March 30

No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 31

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Fr. David Violi

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, April 1

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:45 p.m. *Benediction*

7:00 p.m. Dan Runyon +

Thursday, April 2 - Holy Thursday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lauds)

5:00-6:30 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Brandon Harnish

Confession after Mass until 9:00 p.m.

11:45 p.m. Night Prayer (Compline)

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lauds)

1:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's
Passion

5:00-6:30 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

8:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 4 - Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lauds)

8:30-10:00 a.m. *Confession*

9:00 p.m. Fr. Bill Sullivan +

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Charles Ault +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

12:00 p.m. Personal Intention

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 30 - Monday of Holy Week [6] - Is 42:1-7 / Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 / Jn 12:1-11

Tues., Mar. 31 - Tuesday of Holy Week [6] - Is 49:1-6 / Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed., April 1 - Wednesday of Holy Week [6] - Is 50:4-9a / Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 / Mt 26:14-25

Thurs., April 2 - Thursday of Holy Week [6] - Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

Fri., April 3 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) - Is 52:13—53:12 / Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1—19:42

Sat., April 4 - Holy Saturday - Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a / Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 pr Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22 / Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ps 16:5, 8-11 / Ex 14:15—15:1 / (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 / Is 54:5-14 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 / Is 55:1-11 / (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6 / Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 / Ps 19:8-11 / Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Pss 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 / Rom 6:3-11 / Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 / Mt 28:1-10

Sun., April 5 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9 or 41 / Mt 28:1-10

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - MARCH 29, 2026

This weekend (March 28th/29th), the Church celebrates **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**. United with the crowds in Jerusalem, we greet the Lord with palm branches held high. Though His enemies are focused on His destruction, today is a day of triumph for the Lord as He enters into Jerusalem. He, who is to be nailed to the Cross, is first proclaimed as King by the people of the great city and greeted with cries of "*Hosannas to the Son of David!*"

This triumphant entry into Jerusalem of the Messiah was first prophesied by Zechariah as Israel returned from exile: "*Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey*" (Zech. 9:9). The prophecies are fulfilled as we usher in together this great week, known throughout the ages simply as **Holy Week**.

Our **Holy Week Schedule** is our bulletin cover. I invite you to enter into this week of prayer as much as you are able, especially once we enter the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**, beginning with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday**. In these most sacred days, we do not merely recall what has happened, we enter into what is happening now. These mysteries are not confined to the past; through the Mass, Calvary is made present here and now.

Mentioned last weekend and reflected on our bulletin cover, we have **added an additional Mass on Easter Sunday at Noon**. As we welcome many guests for our Easter celebrations, our desire is that everyone who comes among us may feel welcome. Even as we continue to celebrate in a temporary space, we will do all that we can to accommodate everyone this Easter, making room so that all may gather together in the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

This **Monday, March 30th**, we will have our **Parish Lenten Penance Service from 6:00 - 7:00 PM**. During this time, we will be joined by several priests who will be available to hear Confessions throughout the hour. I encourage you to make use of this wonderful Sacrament as a part of your personal preparation for **Easter Sunday**. No matter how long it has been since your last confession, don't be afraid to come and experience the mercy of God.

"Let us not be ashamed to confess our sins, for confession brings healing and restores us to grace." St. Ambrose of Milan, On Penance 2.10, AD 385

THE CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Have you ever attended the **Chrism Mass**? It is the annual celebration of the institution of the priesthood, one of the two principal mysteries of **Holy Thursday** (*along with the institution of the Eucharist celebrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper*). At the **Chrism Mass**, the Bishop consecrates the **Sacred Chrism** (*used for priestly ordination, anointing after Baptism, and Confirmation*) and blesses the **Oil of the Sick** and the **Oil of Catechumens**.

These oils will be sent out to the parishes of the diocese and presented to each parish at the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday** for use throughout the year. In addition to the blessing of oils, it is also the evening on which the priests of our diocese renew our priestly promises. It is truly a unique and beautiful Mass. If you have never attended before, I encourage you to do so: **Tuesday, March 31st, at 7 PM at the Cathedral in Fort Wayne**.

EASTER EGG HUNT & PARISH POTLUCK

As a reminder, we will celebrate the **Octave Day of Easter** (April 12th), known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, with our annual **Easter Egg Hunt and Parish Potluck following the 10 AM Sunday Mass**. This event is open to all as we continue our Easter celebrations together as a parish family. The parish will provide the main entrée and drinks; You are invited to bring your favorite side-dish to share. Please see the sign-up in the narthex!

~In Christ, Fr. David





PARISH Penance SERVICE
MONDAY, MARCH 30TH - 6:00-7:00 PM



CHRISM MASSES
 WITH BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

FORT WAYNE: TUESDAY, MARCH 30TH AT 7 PM
 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 28** - Confession 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Palm Sun., Mar. 29** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Palm Sun., Mar. 29** - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- **Holy Mon., Mar. 30** - Youth Choir practice - 5:30 p.m. in the 8th grade classroom.
- **Holy Mon., Mar. 30** - Lenten Penance Service - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall / Church
- **Holy Tues., Mar. 31** - Adoration - 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel / Confession - 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. in the Kindergarten classroom.
- **Holy Tues., Mar. 31** - Chrism Mass with Bishop Rhoades - 7:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
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- **Easter Sun., April 5** - Mass during the Day - 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
- **Easter Mon., April 6** - Parish Office Close Today

EASTER TRIDUUM



Holy Thursday MASS - 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Monica Harris **Cantor:** Adult Choir
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jill Morrissey
Servers: Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Dominic/Isiah Bedwell

Good Friday - 1:00 p.m.

Lectors: Ginny Fenstermaker / John Vanderkolk **Cantor:** Adult Choir
Servers: Charlie Andrews, Alex/Audrey Mechling, Angel/Zoe Soto

Holy Saturday - 9:00 p.m.

Lectors: George Witwer / John Vanderkolk **Cantor:** Adult Choir
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Laurisa Roper
Servers: Angel/Zoe Soto, Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, **Volunteer**

Easter Sunday - 7:30 a.m.

Lector: Christie Felger **Cantor:** Donna Geisel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Beth Geisel, Barb Ault, Sarah McCorkle
Servers: Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger

Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Bruce Holland **Cantor:** Children's Choir
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Wendy Stout, Kendra Davis, Larisa Sudhoff
Servers: Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

Easter Sunday - 12:00 p.m.

Lector: _____ **Cantor:** _____
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Laurisa Roper
Servers: _____

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

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| Weekend of Mar. 21st & 22nd | Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40 |
| Adult Envelopes - \$2,497.00 | We are \$2,381.62 ahead of |
| Loose - \$422.10 | our budget for the month |
| Repair / Rainy Day - \$346.43 | of March 2026. |
| Religious Education Fund - | St. Vincent de Paul Fund - |
| \$125.00 | \$79.00 |
| Easter Flowers - \$40.00 | |
| Total - \$3,430.53 | |

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Thank you!

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JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
EASTER EGG HUNT AND POTLUCK

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH
FOLLOWING THE
10:00 MASS IN THE
PARISH GYM

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Before you speak....

THINK!

T - is it true?
 h - is it helpful?
 i - is it inspiring?
 n - is it necessary?
 k - is it kind?

"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
 - St. John Paul II