

MASS INTENTIONS Saturday, April 1 8:00 a.m. Special Intention 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession 4:35 p.m. Rosary 5:00 p.m. Allen Mangen + Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 7:10 a.m. Rosary 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family 9:40 a.m. Rosarv 10:00 a.m. Bruce and Diane Holland Family Holy Monday, April 3 8:00 a.m. Donna Jean Warnimont + Holy Tuesday, April 4 7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration 8:00 a.m. Dan Runyon + 8:30 a.m. Confession Spy Wednesday, April 5 6:00-6:45 p.m. Adoration / Confession 7:00 p.m. Children of Tom & Becky Jackson Holy Thursday, April 6 8:00 a.m. Lauds (*Morning Prayer*) 4:30-6:30 p.m. Confession 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper Bill Lautzenheiser + Prayer after Mass in the Parish Conference Room until Midnight 11:45 p.m. Compline (Night Prayer) Good Friday, April 7 8:30 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer) 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* Holy Saturday, April 8 8:00 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer) 8:30-10:00 a.m. Confession 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Greg Mayer + Sunday, April 9 **Easter Sunday** 7:10 a.m. Rosary 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family 9:40 a.m. Rosary 10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Tom and Ann Reifsteck Family MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Tuesday, April 4 - Holy Week - Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday, April 5 - Holy Week - Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 6 - Holy Week - Ex 12:1-8,11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 7 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) - Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14 -16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 8 - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1,26-31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15; 32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mk 28:1-10

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Acts 10:34a,37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - APRIL 2, 2023

This weekend (April 1st/2nd), the Church celebrates **Palm Sunday** and enters into **Holy Week**. Early in the morning of this day, Jesus sets out for Jerusalem. The crowds rejoice at our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, making her streets echo with their cries of *"Hosanna to the Son of David!"* Emphasizing the desire of the crowds, all of this is done in the very presence of the Roman soldiers and of the high priests and Pharisees.

The prophet Zechariah had foretold of this triumph: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold thy King will come to thee; the Just and the Savior. He is poor, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass" (Zechariah 9:9). This is the glorious mystery which ushers in this great week, the week of sorrow. In her liturgy, the Church has given us this momentary consolation of joy to hail our Jesus as our King before the cries of "Crucify Him!" soon arise.

This Sunday, besides its current name of **Palm Sunday**, has had several other names. It is oft called *Hosanna* **Sunday**, alluding to the acclamation with which Jesus is greeted on His entry into Jerusalem. Of more ancient use, it was also known as *Pascha Floridum* (or Flowery Easter), because the feast of the *Pasch* (or Easter) is almost ready to "bloom", being only eight days away. From this latter name, the Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León named the modern-day state of Florida as he came upon her shores on this feast day in A.D. 1513.

I cannot encourage you enough to take part in the liturgies of the **Sacred Paschal Triduum** throughout this week: Beginning on Holy Thursday evening with the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** (7 PM), the **Good Friday liturgy** (1 PM—*an absolutely unique liturgy* – *there is nothing like it the whole year long*), and the magnificent **Easter Vigil** (9 PM) on Saturday night. Throughout these three holy days, we find ourselves moving through the entire history of salvation. At the end of these three days, we find ourselves with a far deeper appreciation of the whole depths of everything that God has done for us.

The full **Holy Week Schedule** can be found as an insert in this weekend's bulletin. In addition to the three sacred day of the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**, we will also have many other opportunity for both prayer and the Sacrament of Confession. Though the world will continue to move along as normal, may we, as disciples of the Lord, not allow this week to go by with indifference. Instead, may we offer to the Lord the great sacrifice of our time throughout this week and spend what time we can with Him in prayer.

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE MISSIONS - THANK YOU!

Thank you for your donations of devotionals items for the Missions. These items are sent to a religious brother out West (Br. Dominic Michael, FBP) who helps to distribute the devotionals to those his community ministers to in their outreach. As Br. Dominic Michael shares below, those who they work with are often hungering more for spiritual items then even material goods. We will take up another collection for devotionals in the coming months.

Br. Dominic Michael shared the following: We are happy to receive these religious articles. We give out these items to the people who come to our food shelf or are on the streets, and they love and appreciate all that we have. Sometimes, they want a crucifix or a little statue or picture more than a bag of food. Praise God! Thank you for thinking of us, and we appreciate your kindness. Blessings and prayers for the remainder of this holy season.

LAST WEEKEND TO "NAME THAT BELL"

This weekend will be the last to suggest a Saint name for the old church bell that is currently being restored. We have received twenty-eight suggestions. The suggestions will be narrowed down to four names, which we will then have the opportunity to vote upon during the Easter season.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND PARISH POTLUCK

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt & Parish Potluck** on **Divine Mercy Sunday** (April 16th) **after the 10 AM Mass**. What better way to end the Easter Octave then celebrating together as a Parish Family!

Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Margaret Pogue.



Join us Holy Monday, April 3rd for the showing of The Passion of the Christ at 7:00 p.m. Hosted in the Parish Gym.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - Recitation of the Holy

Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

G.I.R.L.'s night out

Will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend!



ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us Sunday, April 16th at 11:30 a.m. for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Pizza and Drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share! Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend. Thank you!

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Apr. 1 Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 2 Mass 7:30 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 2 Religious Class 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 2 Palm Sunday Procession and Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 2 Shroud of Turin Presentation 11:30 a.m.
- Holy Mon., Apr. 3 Mass 8:00 a.m. / The Passion of the Christ movie showing at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish gym.
- Holy Tues., Apr. 4 Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m. / Chrism Mass with Bishop Rhoades - 7:00 p.m.
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- Easter Sun., Apr. 9 Mass during the Day 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- Easter Mon., Apr. 10 Parish Office Closed.
- Tues., Apr., 11 Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Apr. 12 Adoration / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

Weekend of April 8/9 Easter Weekend



Teresa Smith, Jay Crisp, Marita Crawfis Mike Morrissey 10:00 Josie Andrews and Kari Bedwell



George Witwer, ?????????? Barb Ault 10:00 Bruce Holland



Diana Cole, Twilla Herr, Volunteer 10:00 Diana Cole, Monica Harris, Volunteer

Alex/Audrey Mechling, Need 3 Volunteers **Need 3 Volunteers** 10:00 Isaiah Bedwell, Need 2 Volunteers Charlie Andrews- Thurifer

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of March 25/26 Adult Envelopes- \$5,817.00 Loose- \$193.00 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$894.07 Votive Candles- \$30.75 Easter Flowers- \$345.00 Bell restoration donation- \$200.00 Nativity restoration donation-\$200.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40 We are \$47.69 ahead of our budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-\$560.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Total- \$7,679.82

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A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

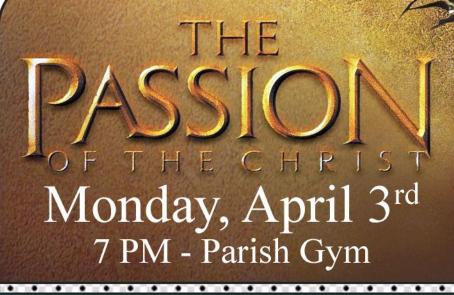
It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can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



Reminder: There will not be Religious Education class on Sunday, April 9th; Easter Sunday; classes resume on Sunday, April 16th at 8:30 a.m.

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ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS THE LOVE OF GOD A SACRED MUSIC EVENT

Sunday, April 30th at St. Joseph Parish 11:15am POTLUCK in the Parish Social Hall 1:00pm CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

