

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ~ March 29, 2026

**Mission Statement:** We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.

## Faith Formation News Noticias de Formacion de Fe

### St. James & St. Mary

#### No Faith Formation Classes

No classes (4-1-26) during Holy Week. We hope to see everyone at one of the masses being held during the week. We will see everyone back on 4-8-2026

#### No habra clases de formación en la fe

No hay clases (1ro de abril) durante Semana Santa. Esperamos verlos a todos en alguna de las misas que se celebrarán durante la semana. Nos vemos de nuevo el 8 de abril de 2026.

### St. James

**Wednesdays** Grades 1st - 5th  
1:30pm - 3:00pm

Grades 6th -12th  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

**Miércoles** Grados 1ro - 5to  
1:30pm - 3:00 pm

Grados 6to -12  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

### St. Mary

**Wednesdays** Grades 1st - 5th  
4:30pm - 5:30pm

**Miércoles** Grados 1ro - 5to  
4:30pm - 5:30pm

*For questions and inquiries, please call the Faith Formation Office.*

*Para preguntas y consultas, por favor llame a la Oficina de Formación en la Fe.*

### St. Mary's, Madelia THANK YOU

A heartfelt thanks to those that have given your time and resources for the upkeep of St. Mary's Church. The women of CCW were busy cleaning the Church in readiness for Holy Week. Many volunteer hours were donated by a team of parishioners to provide general maintenance and repairs of kneelers and gluing of the pews. They would like us to remember to NOT put feet on the kneelers, since it damages and loosens them. Your time and energy have touched many lives.

Thank you for volunteering!

### Sta. Maria, Madelia ¡GRACIAS!

Un agradecimiento de todo corazón a quienes han dedicado su tiempo y recursos para el mantenimiento de la Iglesia de Sta. Maria. Las mujeres de la CCW estuvieron muy ocupadas limpiando la iglesia para prepararla de cara a la Semana Santa. Un equipo de feligreses donó muchas horas de voluntariado para realizar labores de mantenimiento general, reparar reclinatorios y encolar los bancos. Nos piden que recordemos NO apoyar los pies sobre los reclinatorios, ya que esto los daña y los afloja. Su tiempo y su energía han tocado muchas vidas.

¡Gracias por su voluntariado!

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars is coming up soon on March 31st, 2026. To get your choice dollars directed you can do one of the following:

- Call your Thrivent Representative
- Call Thrivent Home Office at 800-847-4836
- Go online at Thrivent.com

### St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle Winners



March 29, 2026 ~ \$200 ~ Barb Reed

Please note that Mass times and locations may change during this transitional period. We ask for your flexibility and understanding as we receive support from the Diocese and neighboring parishes.

Tengan en cuenta que los horarios y lugares de las misas pueden cambiar durante este período de transición. Les agradecemos su comprensión y flexibilidad mientras recibimos el apoyo de la diócesis y las parroquias vecinas.

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## Mass Schedule & Intentions: March 30 - April 5, 2026

Mon 30	No Mass		
Tues 31	No Mass		
Wed 1	8:30 am	St. Mary Parish	✠ Sandy Seibert
Thur 2	7:00 pm	St. James Parish - bilingual	<i>pro las almas del purgatorio</i>
Fri 3	3:00 pm	St. James Parish	
Fri 3	7:00 pm	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	
Sat 4	8:30 pm	St. James Parish - bilingual	✠ Regina Riuhl
Sun 5	8:00 am	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	<i>pro populo</i>
Sun 5	10:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ Larry Sandmeyer
Sun 5	12:00 pm	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	✠ Patricio Gonzales

### Liturgical Roles: April 4 & 5, 2026

#### Sat. 4 - St. James 8:30 p.m.

**Servers:** Bilingual Readers  
**Reader:**  
**Ushers:**

#### Sun. 5 - St. James 10:00 a.m.

**Servers:**  
**Reader:** Nonnie Hansen  
**Communion Ministers:**  
**Ushers:**

### 2026 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Donors</u>
St. James	\$18,967		
St. Mary	\$12,193		

**Remember:** If parish goals are not met by December 31, 2026, the parishes **must** pay the amount remaining from operating funds.

***“And of all that you give me  
I will surely give one tenth to you.”*** *Genesis 28:22*

<i>As of March 22, 2026</i>	<b>St. James</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>
Church Support needed per week:	6,379	2,388
Church Support giving last week:	3,733	1,462
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:	242,402	90,744
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	149,158	62,781



### **READINGS** ***For the Week***

**MONDAY March 30**  
*Monday of Holy Week*  
Isaiah 42:1-7  
John 12:1-11

**TUESDAY March 31**  
*Tuesday of Holy Week*  
Isaiah 49:1-6  
John 13:21-33, 36-38

**WEDNESDAY April 1**  
*Wednesday of Holy Week*  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Matthew 26:14-25

**THURSDAY April 2**  
*Thursday of Holy Week*  
**Chrism Mass:**  
Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9  
Revelation 1:5-8  
Luke 4:16-21  
Evening Mass of the Lord's  
Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-15

**FRIDAY April 3**  
*Friday of the Passion of the Lord*  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Hebrew 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

**SATURDAY April 4**  
*Holy Saturday*  
Easter Vigil: Gn1:1-2:2  
Genesis 22:1-18  
Exodus 14:15-15:1  
Isaiah 54:5-14  
Isaiah 55:1-11  
Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4  
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28  
Romans 6:3-11  
Matthew 28:1-10

**SUNDAY April 5**  
*Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord*  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9



Brothers and Sisters,



As we approach the end of Lent, we begin to enter into the most solemn week of our liturgical calendar, known as “Holy Week.”

Holy Week begins this Sunday, with the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, and continues through the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), culminating in Easter Sunday.

We are reminded most vividly this week of the purpose for Christ’s coming to earth. Although His three years of public ministry were filled with wonderful teachings, parables, healings, and miracles, all of these were but a foretaste of the greatest work that God desired to accomplish: to set us free from sin and death. As Catholics, we hear this phrase often, but it is important to keep it in perspective. When Adam and Eve sinned through their disobedience, evil entered the world. In that moment, sin brought a separation between us and God. Thus, we see in Scripture that the Israelites, time and again, struggled to follow God, even though He was in their midst through mighty signs like the column of cloud, the Ark of the Covenant, and even the Temple. As we read throughout Sacred Scripture and experience even in our lives today, sin divides us from God and ultimately brings death, not only in the physical sense, but in an eternal and spiritual sense.

When Christ goes to the Cross, He takes our sins upon Himself, though He Himself never sinned. He walks up Mount Calvary to die, and in so doing, we are freed from our sins. Thus, the sacraments of the Church, such as Baptism and Confession, take away our sins because of the grace Christ won for us on the Cross. And we have the great hope of the resurrection from the dead, because Christ has gone before us in death and has been raised from the dead.

My brothers and sisters, let us not forget all that Jesus has done for us. Although we may be tempted to rush through this week to arrive at the joy of Easter morning, I would like to encourage you to pause and truly enter into this Holy Week. Whether it be simply attending Mass on Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday, participating in the Good Friday service, taking advantage of the sacrament of confession, or simply taking more time for prayer, this week invites us to walk closely with Christ who died so that we might live.

God bless,  
Fr. Tim Welch

Hermanos y hermanas:



Al acercarnos al final de la Cuaresma, comenzamos a adentrarnos en la semana más solemne de nuestro calendario litúrgico, conocida como “Semana Santa.” La Semana Santa comienza este domingo, con la

celebración del Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor, y continúa a través del Triduo Sacro (Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y Sábado Santo), culminando en el Domingo de Pascua.

Esta semana se nos recuerda de la manera más vívida el propósito de la venida de Cristo a la tierra. Aunque sus tres años de ministerio público estuvieron colmados de maravillosas enseñanzas, parábolas, sanaciones y milagros, todo ello no fue más que un anticipo de la obra suprema que Dios deseaba realizar: liberarnos del pecado y de la muerte. Como católicos, escuchamos esta frase con frecuencia, pero es importante mantenerla en su debida perspectiva. Cuando Adán y Eva pecaron a causa de su desobediencia, el mal entró en el mundo. En aquel instante, el pecado provocó una separación entre nosotros y Dios. Así, vemos en las Escrituras que los israelitas, una y otra vez, lucharon por seguir a Dios, a pesar de que Él se hallaba en medio de ellos mediante signos portentosos, tales como la columna de nube, el Arca de la Alianza e incluso el Templo. Tal como leemos a lo largo de la Sagrada Escritura y experimentamos incluso en nuestras vidas hoy en día, el pecado nos separa de Dios y, en última instancia, trae consigo la muerte; no solo en un sentido físico, sino también en un sentido eterno y espiritual.

Cuando Cristo acude a la Cruz, toma sobre sí nuestros pecados, aunque Él mismo nunca pecó. Ascende al Monte Calvario para morir y, al hacerlo, somos liberados de nuestros pecados. Así pues, los sacramentos de la Iglesia, tales como el Bautismo y la Confesión, nos libran de nuestros pecados gracias a la gracia que Cristo conquistó para nosotros en la Cruz. Y albergamos la gran esperanza de la resurrección de entre los muertos, porque Cristo nos ha precedido en la muerte y ha resucitado de entre los muertos.

Hermanos y hermanas, no olvidemos todo lo que Jesús ha hecho por nosotros. Aunque podamos sentir la tentación de apresurar el paso durante esta semana para llegar cuanto antes a la alegría de la mañana de Pascua, quisiera animarlos a hacer una pausa y a adentrarse verdaderamente en esta Semana Santa. Ya sea simplemente asistiendo a Misa el Jueves o el Sábado Santo, participando en la celebración del Viernes Santo, aprovechando el sacramento de la confesión o, sencillamente, dedicando más tiempo a la oración, esta semana nos invita a caminar muy cerca de Cristo, quien murió para que nosotros tuviéramos vida.

Que Dios lo bendiga,  
P. Tim Welch

# Meetings & Events Calendar ~ March 29 - April 11, 2026

Sunday 29	Monday 30	Tuesday 31	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
<p><b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Mankato</u></b>  <b>Chrism Mass</b>                      2:00 pm                      Ss Peter and Paul Church, Mankato</p>	<p><b><u>St. James</u></b>  <b>Rosary - 7:30 am</b>                      in the church.</p>	<p><b><u>St. Mary</u></b>  <b>Rosary - 8:00 am</b>                      in the church.</p> <p><b>No Faith Formation Classes</b>                      See Faith Formation News Column on page 1 for details.</p> <p><b><u>St James/St Mary</u></b>  <b>Knights of Columbus</b>                      Meeting                      7:00 pm in Room 5</p> <p><b><u>St. Mary</u></b>                      CCW Meeting                      5:30 pm in the Social Hall</p>	<p><b><u>Holy Thursday</u></b>  <b>Collection of Rice Bowls</b></p> <p><b><u>St Mary's School</u></b>  <b>No School Easter Break</b></p> <p>Parish office Closed</p> <p><b>Mass</b>  <b><i>St James</i></b>                      7pm (Bilingual)</p>	<p><b><u>Holy Friday</u></b>                      Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</p> <p><b><u>St Mary's School</u></b>  <b>No School Easter Break</b></p> <p>Parish office Closed</p>  <p><b>Mass</b>  <b><i>St James</i></b>                      3pm (English)                      7pm (Spanish)</p>	<p><b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b>  <b>Easter Vigil</b></p>  <p><b>2nd Collection Holy Land</b></p> <p><b>Mass</b>  <b><i>St James</i></b>                      8:30pm (Bilingual)</p>
Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
<p><b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b></p>  <p><b>2nd Collection Holy Land</b></p> 		<p><b><u>St. James</u></b>  <b>Rosary - 7:30 am</b>                      in the church.</p>	<p><b><u>St. Mary</u></b>  <b>Rosary - 8:00 am</b>                      in the church.</p> <p><b>Faith Formation Classes</b>                      See Faith Formation News Column on page 1 for details.</p>			<p><b>2nd Sunday of Easter Vigil</b></p>  <p><b><u>Winona-Rochester</u></b>  <b>Diocesan Council of Catholic Women</b>  <b>Spring Meeting</b>  <b>8:30am mass</b>                      St. Teresa                      104 Silver St. W                      Mapleton, MN  <i>Light Breakfast and meeting to follow</i></p>

**Upcoming Event**  
**Rummage Sale April 24-25, 2026**  
**Drop-off items by April 17-20, 2026**  
**Hosted by the Catholic Daughters of America**  
*(more details to come)*




**Upcoming Meeting**  
**Catholic Daughters of America**  
**Monday, April 20, 2026, 6pm at Marion Hall**  
**Guest Speaker, Supper on CDA**  
**Bring your smile and your friend!**