

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Reflection for this weekend's readings

This reflection was taken from Young Catholics Resource.

The readings for Palm Sunday Year A (Passion Sunday) focus on the stark contrast between the crowds love for Jesus and then their act of abandonment. The reading for the procession of the palms tells how Jesus was greeted by a joyous crowd when he entered Jerusalem. The first reading speaks of the suffering servant. The psalm reflects Jesus' words on the cross, but ends as a song of praise. The second reading reminds us that Jesus is lord of all. And in the gospel, we hear the narrative of Jesus' crucifixion and his willing sacrifice for us.

- Jesus' act of sacrificial love
- The revelation of the nature of God
- Feeling abandoned
- Suffering

More Thoughts for Palm Sunday Year A (Passion Sunday)

The readings on Palm Sunday gives us the opportunity to place ourselves in the events of Holy Week and consider how we would have responded had we been there. Perhaps we would have been among the crowd on the street singing Hosanna. Or maybe we would have been complaining about these demonstrators who were disrupting our preparations for the Passover.

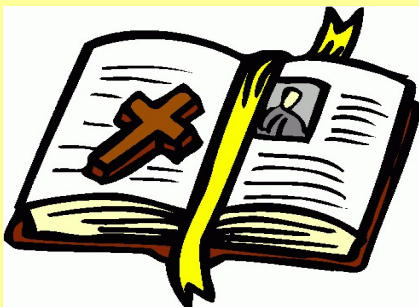
We might have been sitting next to Peter, denying we even know the Lord, fearful and afraid. Or we might have been among the crowd calling for the crucifixion of Jesus. There are other people to identify with: Simon of Cyrene who was forced to serve, the women at the foot of the cross who steadfastly stayed close to Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea who provides what is can, the women who keep vigil at the tomb.

Chances are we can see ourselves in many of these people. This is an opportunity to think about how we respond to Jesus in our own lives.



Bible Study

**Every Monday at 4:30 in
the Parish Center, classroom
Our study will focus on
The Rescue Project with
Fr. John Riccardo.**



Weekday Morning Rosary

**Beginning at 8:00am Monday - Friday
Please join us in praying the rosary.
Wonderful opportunity for Lent**



Religious Education and Quiz answers from last week

The Answers to last week's questions.

1) modesty and self control 2) the universal church 3) ecumenism 4) love

This week's questions.

1) Which symbolizes the transforming of energy of the Holy Spirit?

a) wind b) water c) fire d) oil

2) Catholics can receive the sacrament of Confirmation more than once in their lives?

a) True b) False

3) Which is a joyful mystery of the rosary?

a) the crowning with thorns b) the resurrection c) the annunciation

4) According to St. Paul, what in us is directly opposed to the Spirit?

a) love b) flesh c) law d) freedom

Just a reminder, here is the schedule for the rest of the RE Year

March 28 and 29 - Regular Class

April 4 and 5 - No Class Spring Break

April 11 and 12 - Regular Class - LAST CLASS

May 6 and 7 - First Holy Communion

PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR REGISTRATION AND OTHER RE NEWS FOR NEXT YEAR!!!!

**Have a great week,
Peace and Blessings,**

**Deacon Fred Ban
Director of Faith Formation**



St. Mary's Church Shadow Stations of The Cross

Good Friday, April 7th 3:00pm



ALL HS TEENS, 8th & 7th GRADERS OF ST. MARY'S PARISH

Interested in being part of Good Friday's Shadow Stations?

Please come to the Parish Center March 26th

7:00pm to 8:00pm

Join us as we start practicing or let us know you will be coming

as we practice that day and will make a place for you

Other Practice Dates:

April 2nd Parish Center 7:00pm to 8:00pm

April 7th: Good Friday, 11:30pm Set up, Lunch, Final practice



Refuge

MT 11:28

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

TEENS! JOIN THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA THIS SUMMER FOR THIS LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE!

Staubenville | St. Paul is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 9th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. The Diocese of Joliet is forming a diocesan delegation to attend this life-changing conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Register: <https://sites.google.com/view/dojsteubie>
Deadline April 25, limited spots available!

Ministry team:



Host: Kris Frank

SONAR Worship

Katie Prejean McGrady

Brian Greenfield

Katie Hartel

Fr. Jonathan McElhone, TOR



July 28-30, 2023

University of St. Thomas,
St. Paul, MN

\$ 349/teen

Questions? Contact dojsteubie@gmail.com



Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, April 19th

**Menu- Chicken Pot Pie w/biscuit
Dessert will be Apple Braid**

Entertainment - Saxophone player

**Please RSVP no later than April 14th
to 815-467-2322**



Mad Hatter Tea Party!!

Sponsored by CCW

**Tickets on sale after 5:00p Mass next weekend and
at Donut Sunday on April 16th**

**Sunday, April 30 Doors open at 1:30p
2:00-4:00pm
Parish Center**

**Sweet treats, cheese and crackers and fruit.
Tea and other beverages will be served.**

**Dave Fleming, Magician and Juggler will entertain all
Basket Raffles and Split the Pot Wear a hat to get a free raffle ticket**

**Cost is \$5.00 per person.
Under 5 years of age free**

You can contact Peg Francisco for tickets by calling (815) 351-4493 or email pegfran@att.net

**Tickets will be limited so don't be late!
You don't want miss this very important date!!!
No sales at the door**



Do you support abortion restrictions?

There are plans underway to amend our Illinois Constitution to make abortion a constitutional right by securing voter approval on the 2024 general election ballot. Pro-life residents are working to combat this constitutional change and to counter it with a referendum of our own, calling for key abortion limitations—which the majority of Illinoisans support.

Respect Life Petition Drive

To show your support for abortion restrictions in Illinois, scan the QR code to support a referendum:

1. To re-instate parental/guardian notification and consent for a minor (all those under the age of 18) to have an abortion in the State of Illinois.
2. To ban Illinois tax-payer funded abortions, so those morally and religiously opposed to abortion are not forced to fund this objectionable act.



Let your opinions be known today!



April CCW Meeting

All women of the parish are invited to attend the next CCW meeting in the Parish Center on **April 20th at 6:30 pm**. Please join us as we learn more about the wonderful work of a local charity called "Meal Ministry for Families in Crisis." We will also have snacks and goodies, followed by a business meeting and announcement of the new officers for next year. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Lent and Holy Week Schedule 2023

Private Confession	Monday, March 27th, from 6:30pm - 7:30pm Every Saturday from 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Palm Sunday Mass	Saturday, April 1st, at 5:00pm Sunday, April 2nd, at 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am
Tenebrae	Wednesday, April 5th, at 7:00pm. Setting the mood for the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil), Tenebrae, Latin for "darkness" is a candlelight prayer service observed for centuries in monasteries. It includes Psalms, Scripture, and solemn Lenten music.
Mass of the Lord's Supper	(Holy Thursday) Thursday, April 6th, at 7:00pm. We commemorate the Last Supper before His death. The Church will stay open for one hour for Adoration until 9:00pm.
Good Friday	Friday, April 7th, at 3:00pm - Shadow Stations of the Cross performed by our Teens. Friday, April 7th, at 7:00pm. (Passion of our Lord) Mass is not celebrated. However during our liturgy you will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion which will be consecrated at Mass on Holy Thursday.
Decorating the Church	Saturday, April 8th, at 9:00am
Blessing of the Easter Baskets	Saturday, April 8th, at 11:00am - At the back parking lot of Parish Center
Easter Vigil	Saturday, April 8th, at 7:00pm. The celebration of the Easter Vigil Liturgy includes the blessing of the fire, the lighting of the Easter Candle, Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist. Each year during our liturgy we renew our Baptismal Commitment and welcome new members into our faith.
Easter Sunday Masses	Sunday, April 9th, at 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am.

This week candles were lit for :



Police & Firefighters
Gloria Ziebler



**If you would like a candle lit
outside for a special intention, please
call the Parish Office at
815-467-2233.**

Please Pray For:

Denise Tonarelli	Sara Lovell	Lorenzo Benitez
Kimberly Gaydula	Wren Wagoner	Marlena Benitez
Dylan Pickett	Jerry Davidson	Judy Stafford
Paul Thien Phu	Linda Bradley	Irene Davidson
Robert Fonck	Baker Family	Ruth Kesselring
Marilyn Wilkens	Bayley Webb	Olivia Arenella
	Ron Erwin	Lisa Pelton
	Cliff Erwin	

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please email
st.marysminooka@sbcglobal.net or call the parish office
at 815-467-2233.



Mass Intentions



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Saturday, April 1	4:00pm - 4:45pm	Confession	
	5:00pm	Susan Kuykendall	Helen Furto Family
		Leonard & Winona Bols	The Family
Sunday, April 2	7:30am	Rita Bernardy	Chuck Bernardy
		Noble Collins	The Family
	9:00am	Earl Yunker	Sydney & Glen Yunker
		Fr. Tuan's Parents	
		Steve Clennon	The Clodi Family
	11:00am	Kata Eric	Mike Brozovich & Family
		Hilda Garibay	The Family
Monday, April 3	8:30am	Susan Kuykendall	JoAnn Dollinger
Tuesday, April 4	8:30am	Rosalie Jostes	The Family
Wednesday, April 5	7:00pm	Tenebrae	
Thursday, April 6	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Friday, April 7	3:00pm	Shadow Stations	
	7:00pm	Passion of the Lord	
Saturday, April 8	9:00am	Decorate the Church	
	11:00am	Blessing of the Baskets	
	2:00pm	RCIA Rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Easter Vigil	
		Raymond Noel	The Family
Sunday, April 9	7:30am	Dorothy Bickle	The Family
	9:00am	Scott Tezak	The Family
	11:00am	Kata Eric	The Otto Family



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE



	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, April 1 5:00pm	Jada Akroush	Carolyn Healy	Mike Healy
Sunday, April 2 7:30am	Volunteer	Terry Danek	Deb Bols Marie Moretti
Sunday, April 2 9:00am	Carlin Quinn	Sue Gregory	Mike Schramm Alice Mayr
Sunday, April 2 11:00am	Xander Esquivel	Brenda Rittorf	Cheryl Nelson Kathy O'Hagan

Thank you for your financial support to St. Mary's

Please Remember St. Mary's in your will or trust

As Catholics. We are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing free, online will writing tools. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations. Get started at FreeWill.com/DiocesefJoliet.



Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2023



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Weekend Masses-

Saturday- 5:00pm

**Sunday- 7:30am, 9am Livestream
and 11am**

Weekday Masses -

Mon, Tues, Fri- 8:30am

Communion Service-

Wed, Thurs - 8:30am

Confession-

**Saturday's 4pm-4:45pm
in the Church**

Anointing of the Sick - Please call the office