

**GOSPEL MEDITATION: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir

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**March 29, 2026  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Earlier in Lent we had the Gospel of the Transfiguration, a glimpse of Jesus' glory. We think of dominion and majesty as making God visible. But, if God is love, a self-gift to the other; if the Father shows the Son everything he does/is and the Son gives commends himself always back to the Father; THEN is not the crucifixion even more revealing of God to us? THIS IS GOD, this is love. And, for us, made in the image and likeness of God, love is also our calling.

Called the Sacred Triduum, let us be united with Christ through the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday

Service, and the Easter Vigil (which is at 8:30pm instead of a 5:30pm Mass this Saturday). Before that there are additional Confessions times, Tuesday's 7:30pm Cantata, and Wednesday's 6pm Cabrini movie. Bring your Rice Bowls to put in the collection on Holy Thursday (or whenever you can); the annual Holy Land collection is on Good Friday (so much need there!). No one has approached me about the mowing or church cleaning positions looking to be filled at Dante.

Peace,  
Fr. Jim

**HOSANNA TO THE MESSIAH**

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal.

Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

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**SOUP DINNER RESCHEDULED!**

Sunday, March 29  
(Rescheduled from March 15 due to inclement weather)  
Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Serving: *Chilli, Chicken Noodle Soup/ Ham Sandwiches, Chicken Salad Sandwiches/Pies/ Desserts/Beverages*  
Sponsored by Wagner-Dante Catholic Daughters

**CRADLE CATHOLICS CLASS**

Wednesday, April 15  
6:00 p.m.  
St. John's Church Basement



Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mary Hurd, Brenda George, Joe Nedved, Keith Kuca, Sylvia Beeson, Waylon Koupal (infant son of Tyler & Tayleigh Koupal), Eleanor Andersh, Joe Morrison. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like a name added to the list. Names of those on the list are also added to the daily Rosary intention list at St. John's.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

Tuesday, April 7  
7:00 p.m.  
St. John's Church Basement

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTER MEETING**

Thursday, April 9  
6:30 p.m.  
St. John's Church Basement  
See next week's bulletin for the names of the members of the lunch committee.

**MASS/SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	March 30	Monday of Holy Week	5:30 p.m. - Grey Eagle Apts.	Kateri Circle Families
Tuesday	March 31	Tuesday of Holy Week	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Dorothy Dixon †
Wednesday	April 1	Wednesday of Holy Week	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Gladys Slaba †
Thursday	April 2	Mass of the Lord's Supper	5:15 p.m. - St. John's 7:00 p.m. - Assumption	Bonnie Novak † Robert Schrupp †
Friday	April 3	Friday of the Passion of the Lord/Good Friday	1:00 p.m. - Assumption 3:00 p.m. - St. John's 5:30 p.m. - St. Paul/s	..... ..... .....
Saturday	March 28	Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday	8:30 p.m. - St. John's	Ann Morgen †/Sherri Nedved †/ Leonard & Frances Nedved †
Sunday	March 29	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	9:00 a.m. - Assumption 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Oscar & Theresa Slaba † Rita Kocer



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS WEEK**

**Monday, March 30**  
5:00 p.m. - Grey Eagle Apts. (On Slides)  
**Wednesday, April 1**  
7:00 p.m. - Assumption (By FCSLA)

**THIS WEEK ON FORMED: MARCH 29**

- ◆ The Annunciation
- ◆ The Annunciation: Sacred Art
- ◆ The Annunciation: Hail Mary

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!**

The local food pantries are in need of donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal care items (body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent). Parishioners of all parishes are asked to leave their donations in the containers in the entryways of their churches. The ROCS Community 15Closet is also in need of children's and men's clothes. Clothes can be dropped off at the Community Closet. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations to this worthy cause!



**MOVIE NIGHT**  
Wednesday, April 1  
6:00 p.m.  
Wagner Theater  
FREE ADMISSION

There will be a free showing of *Cabrini*, at Wagner Theater on April 1. Theater rental and the cost of admission is being covered by St. John's. Concessions will be available. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<b>Thursday, April 2 5:15 p.m. - St. John's</b>	<b>Thursday, April 2 7:00 p.m. - Assumption</b>	<b>Friday, April 3 1:00 p.m. - Assumption</b>	<b>Friday, April 3 3:00 p.m. - St. John's</b>	<b>Friday, April 3 - 5:30 p.m. - St. Paul's</b>	<b>Saturday, April 4 8:30 p.m. - St. John's</b>	<b>Sunday, April 5 9:00 a.m. - Assumption</b>	<b>Sunday, April 5 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's</b>
<b>EM</b>	Jim Thornton/ Gene Niehus	Danielle Krcil	Mike Beeson	Gene Niehus/ Sandy Seiner	Sr. Pat	Barb Johannsen/ Don Koupal	Volunteer	Karen
<b>Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions</b>	Kim Soukup	Danielle Krcil	Mike Beeson/ Daniel Soukup	Becky Brunsing/ Buzz Durham	Sr. Miriam/ Amy	Matt Slaba	Julie Uchtyl	Georgia/ Sr. Miriam/ Sr. Pat
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Hannah, Luke, Rachel, & Jacob Holzbauer	Frank Krcil/ John Krcil	Kate Swier/ Vivian Beeson	McKinley Podzimek/ Jaylee Kafka/ Skyler Kocer	Bennett/ Ridge	McKinley Podzimek/ Clarah & Windsor Soukup	Josiah Krcil/ Trent Uchtyl	Emma/ Kalea
<b>Music</b>	Lisa Cihak	Bernie Koupal	Marilee Krcil	Volunteer		Kim Soukup	Emily Walloch	
<b>Ushers</b>	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Greg Krcil/ Tom Krcil	Ross Beeson/ Don Krcil	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Jason/ Briggs	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Clayton Rados/ Doug Cimpl	Jason/ Dave
<b>Greeters</b>	Dorothy Holzbauer			Jay & Kim Kafka	Mary Jo	Theresa Koupal		Judy
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Matt & Mieke Slaba Family	Greg Krcil Family	Ross Beeson Family	Jeff & Julie Doom		Matt & Mieke Slaba Family	Charles Roth	Jeff, Rhonda, & Family
<b>Rosary</b>	Don & Theresa Koupal			Ray & Bonnie Soukup		Ray & Bonnie Soukup		
<b>Sacristan</b>	Jim Thornton			Don Koupal		Don Koupal		
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Patty Eggers/ Fran Kocer			Karol Kniffen/ Peggy Eggers	Sr. Miriam/ Jason	Cletus Wiechmann/ Paul Eggers	Charles Roth/ Adam Uchtyl	Ramona/ Judy

### ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week	\$2750.00
March 21	\$ 937.00
Children's Collection	\$ 4.00
<b>Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:</b>	
February EFT/Online Donations	\$1105.00
Facility Rental Fee	\$ 50.00
Easter Flower Memorials	\$ 165.00
Votive Candle Offering	\$ 20.00

### ALTAR SOCIETY: HELP NEEDED!

Helpers will be needed to assist with serving and cleaning up after the First Communion meal on Saturday, April 18. Our parish is hosting Confirmation for the parishes in our pastorate on Sunday, April 26. Altar Society will need people to provide cookies and bars for the reception after the Confirmation Mass. Help will also be needed to serve/clean up. Contact Lynne Doom, 491-5966, if you can help!

### SURPLUS DÉCOR AT ST. JOHN'S

We have surplus décor (wreaths, garlands, lights, etc.) that we would like to find new homes for. If you would like to see what is available, items are currently in the choir loft for viewing. Contact Theresa Koupal.

### ST. JOHN'S CFSA UPDATE

Donations/Pledges Received: \$30,792(101%)  
Goal Exceeded By: \$292  
Level of Parish Participation: 30.4%  
The \$292 remains in the parish (as will additional donations received) to be used for parish projects/activities without being counted/considered as parish income. If you have not already donated, your donation will increase our level of participation as well as the amount to remain in the parish.



Please keep the following young people from our three parishes in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for to receive their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks.



#### St. Paul's, Marty - Sunday, April 12

Teacher: Cathy Kreeger

*Emsley Kuhlman,*

*Daughter of Jeff & Rhonda Kuhlman*

*Mackson Kuhlman,*

*Son of Jason Kuhlman & Lindsey Nedved*

*Sahveya Kuhlman,*

*Daughter of Jeff & Rhonda Kuhlman*

*Skya Tuttle,*

*Daughter of Jordan Tuttle & Laken Nedved*

#### St. John's, Wagner - Saturday, April 18

Teachers: Judy Barnett, Matt & Mieke Slaba

*Slider Davies,*

*Son of Josh & Jennifer Davies*

*Kenna Hanan,*

*Daughter of Mick & Kara Hanan*

*Owen Kuhlman,*

*Son of Chase & Erin Kuhlman*

*Chloe Payer,*

*Daughter of Clay & Traci Payer*

*Maci Soukup,*

*Daughter of Ryan Soukup & Taylor Fischer*

*Lalena Turner,*

*Daughter of*

*Daughter of Russell Turner, Jr.*

*Jentry Wiechmann,*

*Son of Josh & Lindsey Wiechmann*

#### Assumption, Dante - Sunday, April 19

Teacher: Danielle Krcil

*Kolt LaVern Koupal,*

*Son of Derek & Kristi Koupal*

*Naomi Josephine Krcil,*

*Daughter of Andrew & Andrea Krcil*

*Grace Uchtyl,*

*Daughter of Adam & Julie Uchtyl*

### EASTER LILIES AT ASSUMPTION

Anyone wishing to donate towards Easter lilies at Assumption, please contact Josie Rezac 605-481-1771. Prices are \$24 each. Lillies will be purchased from Stems and Cells of Wagner. Deadline to order is March 26. Thank you!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

High School Seniors: The deadline for submitting applications for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship is May 1. Seniors are asked to contact Theresa Koupal or Jamie Soukup to have a copy of the scholarship application emailed to them. Completed applications must be emailed to Jamie Soukup by May 1.



### YOUNG CHILDREN'S BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday, April 11

9:00 a.m.

Assumption CCD Center

### CAMP SYDNEY 2026

Registration is NOW OPEN. The Lourdes Center is once again excited to offer a grief camp for youth (to include their parents/guardians) this summer at Broom Tree Family Camp, beginning at 6 p.m. June 5 until 11 a.m. June 7. This three-day camp includes fun activities, discussion and support for both kids and adults. Free-will donations will gladly be accepted. Registration is required and can be completed online at [www.thelourdescenter.com](http://www.thelourdescenter.com).

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# Birthdays

**Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:**

March 30: Elizabeth Beeson (A), Emma Beeson (A), Alex Kocer (SJ), Nash Brunsing (SJ); March 31: Marcy Bares (A), Roland Luke (A); April 1: LaVern Koupal (SJ); April 2: Frances Kocer (SJ); April 3: Chris Kokesh (SJ), Kimberly Soukup (SJ), Sherri Fuchs (SJ), Leighton Carda (SJ); April 4: Ron Dilts (SJ); April 5: Jeanette Doom (SJ), Mary Cotton (SJ)  
Also, Happy Birthday to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week!



**Happy Anniversary to these couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:**

April 3: Don & Doris Hosek (SJ); April 5: Gary & Jan Holzbauer (SJ).  
Also, Happy Birthday to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week!

## Holy Week Schedule



### LOOKING AHEAD Monday, March 30

Daily Rosary at 4:30 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments  
Stations of the Cross Slides at 5:00 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments  
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments  
Confessions at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's

### Tuesday, March 31

Book Study at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's  
Confessions at 4:30 p.m. at Assumption  
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption  
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's  
Confessions at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's  
Bon Homme Easter Cantata at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's  
Confessions at 8:30 p.m. at St. John's

### Wednesday, April 1

Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 p.m. at St. John's  
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following  
Confessions at 6:00 p.m. at Assumption  
Stations of the Cross by FCSLA at 7:00 p.m. at Assumption  
Confessions at 7:30 p.m. at Assumption

### Thursday, April 2

Service at 10:00 a.m. at Good Samaritan Center  
Daily Rosary at 4:45 p.m. at St. John's  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5:15 p.m. at St. John's  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. at Assumption  
Adoration & Confessions at 8:00 p.m. at Assumption

### Friday, March 31

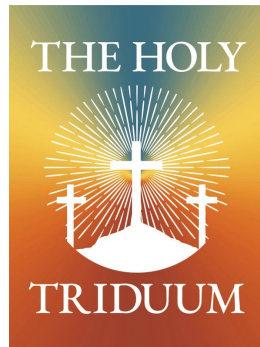
Good Friday Service at 1:00 p.m. at Assumption  
Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's  
Confessions at 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's  
Good Friday service at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul's  
Confessions at 6:15 p.m. at St. Paul's

### Saturday, April 4

Confessions at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's  
Daily Rosary at 8:00 p.m. at St. John's  
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m. at St. John's

### Sunday, April 5

Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption  
Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption  
Easter Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's



Please keep the following young people from our three parishes in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to be confirmed on Sunday, April 26, at St. John's.



### St. Paul's, Marty

Teacher: Amy Doom  
Bennett Kuhlman,  
Son of Jeff & Rhonda Kuhlman  
Braxton Nedved,  
Daughter of Jordan Tuttle & Laken Nedved  
Eli Marshall,  
Son of Riley & Amy Reiff  
Emma Kreeger,  
Daughter of Chad & Cathy Kreeger  
Leo Mendoza,  
Son of Cecilia Mendoza  
Ryann Langdeaux,  
Daughter of George & Tana Langdeaux

### St. John's, Wagner

Teacher: Jamie Soukup  
Jessica Barnett,  
Daughter of Judy & the Late Jerry Barnett  
Brianna Fuchs,  
Daughter of Curt & Sherri Fuchs  
Hannah Holzbauer,  
Daughter of John & Stacy Holzbauer  
Paxton Kuhlman,  
Son of Paul & Jessica Kuhlman  
Ravyn Medricky,  
Daughter of Mike & Miranda Medricky  
Taya Stone,  
Daughter of Tim & Tammy Stone  
Assumption, Dante  
Teacher: Mike Beeson  
Kadon Mixon,  
Son of Shawn & Penny Mixon  
Dashel Smejkal  
Son of Shawn & Donna Smejkal  
Katherine Swier  
Daughter of Scott & Theresa Swier

Dear Lord, I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross ..... and to a victorious hope. Amen.

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### BON HOMME EASTER CANTATA

Tuesday, March 31  
7:30 p.m.

St. John's Catholic Church  
Father Jim will hear Confessions at 6:30 p.m. and after the cantata.

### Readings for the Week of March 29, 2026

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54  
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25  
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42  
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/  
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10  
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

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