



Palm Sunday and Holy Week: A Journey of Love and Sacrifice

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the most sacred and solemn week in the Christian liturgical calendar—Holy Week. As we process with palms, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where crowds shouted "Hosanna," acknowledging Him as the Messiah. Yet, we know this joy was fleeting. This paradox—celebration overshadowed by impending suffering—encapsulates the journey of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday invites us to reflect on the complexities of discipleship. The same crowd that welcomed Jesus with praise would soon demand His crucifixion. How often do we, too, offer praises to God in moments of triumph but fall short in times of trial? Holy Week calls us to stay faithful in both joy and suffering, mirroring Jesus' unwavering commitment to His mission, even in the face of betrayal, abandonment, and death.

As we journey through the events of Holy Week, from the Last Supper to Good Friday's solemnity and the triumph of Easter Sunday, we are reminded of the depth of God's love for us. The passion of Christ invites us to a profound encounter with His sacrifice, challenging us to reflect on how we live out our own faith. Are we willing to take up our crosses daily, as He did, with love, humility, and obedience?

This Holy Week, let us enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's love, allowing His Passion to

transform our hearts and renew our commitment to live as His disciples.

May our Suffering Savior and Messiah continue to bless our parishioners and friends as we make this beautiful journey of Holy Week through Easter. Amen.

Happy Palm Sunday!

Fr. Peter



Palm Sunday Weekend

Saturday 4:30pm Mass

Sunday 8am and 10:30am Masses

Holy Monday

7:30am Mass

Holy Tuesday

7:30am Mass

Holy Wednesday

7:30am Mass

Rosary, 6pm

Stations of the Cross Play, 6:40pm in the Parish Center

Maundy Thursday

NO Morning Mass

6:30pm Mass

Night Watch 7:30-9:00pm in the Parish Center

Good Friday

NO Morning Mass

6:30pm Mass

Holy Saturday

7:30pm Vigil

Easter Sunday

8am Mass

No Incense

10:30am Mass

Incense will be used at this Mass

Parish Pilgrimage!

Fr. Peter invites us to a parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lacrosse, WI

On Friday - Saturday

May 9-10, 2025

Call the Parish Office for additional info.



Coffee and Donuts

We will begin hosting Coffee and Donuts every other weekend between the two Sunday Masses!

We will not have coffee and donuts on Easter, but will resume May 4th, and 18th!



Holy Week/Holy Triduum Training!

Attention All Holy Week/Easter Vigil/Easter

Sunday Volunteers/Participants: There is training for each Mass during Holy Week and Easter on **Monday, April 14th, at 6:30pm** in the church. All volunteers/participants are encouraged to attend this training.

Rosary Wednesday!



Please join us in the church at 6pm each Wednesday!

This will continue even as Lent concludes!

Helping Hands in Christ

Our Soap Drive will continue through the month of April before transitioning to the Fan Drive in May.

We are making one additional request. As many of you know we have a parish family who lost their home in a house fire recently. Our church has played an integral role in assisting this family already, but Helping Hands would like to take the opportunity to purchase gift cards for the family through the Raise Right/Scrip Program! In purchasing these cards we can help the family while also supporting the Mission Trip and NCYC trips for the youth.

If you would like to make a contribution just please place your donation in an envelope marked "Gift Card" and place it in the collection basket or drop box.

Thank you for your generosity!
- Jim Havera

Join in Prayer to End Abortion!

Join Beth Auxier, one of our Parish Respect for Life Chairs, to pray outside of Planned Parenthood. We are in need of more prayer warriors for this event.

Tuesday 4/15 from 3-4pm

Please contact Beth Auxier to sign-up for times to pray throughout the day to end abortions or you can contact the Right to Life Office at 217-523-2700 for additional information.

Your prayers are crucial to help end abortion!

Recycling Reminder!

Thank you for your generous donations of aluminum cans.

However, we must give you a reminder that **ONLY** aluminum cans should be placed in our bins.

Unfortunately other items have continued to be disposed of there, and we have to sort and remove.

Thank you for your cooperation!



We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Tom Uzzo, brother-in-law of Jane Molohon, a fellow parishioner.

Tom passed away on 4/1/2025. Tom's visitation took place this past Thursday, April 10th, 2025 from 4pm-7pm at the Wilson Park Funeral Home.

Eternal rest grant unto these souls, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Faith Formation Update



Thursday, May 8: 3-8pm

Friday, May 9: 8am-6pm

Saturday, May 10: 7am-Noon

You can begin to bring your donations. Please try to keep things in boxes with lids so we can stack for maximum storage!

I will need adult volunteers to help with sorting all week- I will work with volunteers to see if we can have day and evening times open so youth can come help as well!

I will need an adult to run the Rummage Sale Thursday and then again on Friday evening.



It is that time of the year to make plans for the National Youth Conference in Indianapolis. This event is **ONLY** for those who will be IN high school beginning the fall of 2025 (current 8th-11th graders). The event is from Thursday 11/20-Sunday 11/22. If you have not received the detailed information via email and your youth is interested in joining us please contact Jennifer

CLOW

Please consider joining the line up to help teach the lessons on Sundays at the 10:30am Mass!



Lessons are provided for you OR you can create your own following the readings!

Contact Jennifer if you'd like to help!

Due to the importance of the family remaining together for the Easter Mass, we will not have CLOW on Easter!

April 13 Activities!

We will have our dress rehearsal for those involved with the play from 4-5pm.

Following the rehearsal, from 5-6:30pm, we invite all high schoolers to join us for pizza, and we will assemble the Easter Baskets.

Then from 6:30-7:30pm those that are attending the Mission Trip are asked to attend a meeting to discuss the Free Day and T-shirt designs!
Come with ideas for both!

Faith Formation Schedule

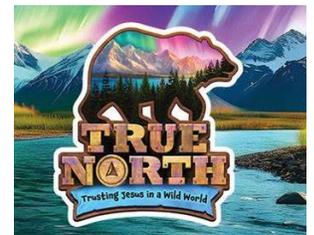
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| April 13: | Play Dress Rehearsal, 4-5pm
Pizza and Easter Baskets, 5-6:30pm
Mission Trip Meeting 6:30-7:30pm |
| April 16: | Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Stations of the Cross Play and Reception, 6:40pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm |
| April 23: | Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm |
| April 30: | Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm |
| May 7: | Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
Final Day of PSR- PSR Party!
Propelled (HS) 7:45-8:45pm |
| May 13: | Confirmation at the Cathedral Pt. 2 |
| May 14: | Ladies Night, 5:30-7:30pm |

VBS!

Now is the time to get your VBS dates down on that calendar!

We will be doing VBS Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25, 2025. The VBS

program will be from 9-11:30am and will include Pre-K-5th graders! Childcare and meals will be available for those who sign up in advance from 8-9am and from 11:30a-1pm to assist parents more with transportation to and from this event!



Please Join Us!!!

Stations of the Cross Play
Wednesday, April 16 at 6:40pm



Wednesday Night Update!

This week looked a little different at PSR. Many of our students had the opportunity to attend the STEM Fair but many of our students wanted to attend PSR so we improvised!

We began our evening with the Stations of the Cross and then while some of our students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the remaining students returned to the parish center for a snack and a video about Palm Sunday!

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Ladies Night
Wednesday, May 14th
5:30-7:30pm

The evening will include dinner, games, wine, and the speaker for the evening will be our very own Jennifer Frericks!

This event is for all women of all ages! Please RSVP and bring a dessert to share!

Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, April 12th:
 4:30 pm Mass (Emma Van Dyke)
Sunday, April 13th:
 8:00 am Mass (Int: Jane Schmitt†)
 10:30 am Mass (Int: James Cannon†)
Monday, April 14th:
 5:30 pm Mass (Int: Carolyn Carmichael†)
Tuesday, April 15th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Lois Jenkins)
Wednesday, April 16th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Diana McClelland†)
Thursday, April 17th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Harry Nickles†)
Friday, April 18th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Sharon Saner†)
Saturday, April 19th:
 4:30 pm Mass (Int: Carolyn Carmichael†)
Sunday, April 20th:
 8:00 am Mass (Int: Gary Leach†)
 10:30 am Mass (Int: James Cannon†)

Sacrificial Giving, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 4,357.00	\$ 165,026.60
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 100.00	\$ 51,745.00
Dev. Fund Env's	\$ 1,804.00	\$ 17,370.00
EFT-Dev. Fund	\$ 10.00	\$ 3,209.00
Loose Checks	\$ 830.00	\$ 54,906.01
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 491.20	\$ 17,496.15
Total this Week:	\$ 7,592.20	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 345,861.61

April 2025 Volunteers: Week #2

Monday, April 14th, Counting Day:

Team #2

Church Dusters:

Laurie McWard and Zana Dahlkamp

April Aluminum Cans Recycle:

Jerry Calvert

April St. Martin de Porres Food:

Jeannette Waters

Advertiser of the Week:

Johnson & Johnson Auto Service Center
Kevin Johnson – Owner
 1325 Stevenson Drive
 Springfield, IL
 (217) 529-9200

Liturgy Schedule

Thursday, April 17- 6:30 pm- Maundy Thursday
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, S. Roth, & H. Crusen

Lectors: D.Anderson and A. Harney
Servers: N. Houmes, D. Sommer, and S. Harney
Hospitality: M. & H. Bruno and D. Roark
Sacristan: Deacon Ray

Friday, April 18- 6:30 pm- Good Friday
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, & Dcn. Tom

Lectors: V. Walker and D. Day
Servers: S. Harney, D. Sommer, & R. Roth
Hospitality: Z. Dahlkamp and D. Roark
Sacristans: Dcn. Ray and Dcn. Tom

Saturday, April 19th- 7:30 pm- Easter Vigil
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, Dcn. Tom, & V. Walker

Lectors: J. Kohlrus, I. Long, D. Anderson, S. Roth, & J. Kohlrus
Servers: M., J., & A. Zucco and R. Roth
Hospitality: F. & L. Yocum
Sacristans: Dcn. Ray and Dcn. Tom

Sunday, April 20th- 8:00 am- Easter Sunday
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, J. & N. Calvert, B. Connolly, and S. Roth

Lectors: L. DeGroot and S. Garcia
Servers: S. & L. Garcia Van Dyke, R. & E. Strawkas, and B. & J. Britz
Hospitality: B. Yong, K. Park, and Z.Dahlkamp
Sacristan: Dcn. Ray

Sunday, April 20th- 10:30 am-Easter Sunday
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Tom, B. Scheufele, and S. Warren

Lectors: L. Warren and A. Harney
Servers: S. Harney and N. Houmes
Hospitality: L. Drewes and D. Roark
Sacristan: Dcn. Tom
THERE WILL BE NO CLOW ON EASTER!



St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St.

Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. I will never forget thy graces and favors you obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to you.

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. Say this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days.

Thank you, St. Jude, for Prayers Answered.

Spiritual Support for the Sick

Request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one facing illness or surgery. The Sacrament may be administered privately or after any Mass. If you or a loved one is in the hospital, Father would like to know so it is possible for him to visit. Please call the Parish Office at (217) 498-9197 for the anointing and/or a hospital visit.

Eucharistic Ministers taking communion to Carriage Crossing & Rochester Estates at 9:15am Sundays

Frances Yocum is having a Communion Service at 2:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesdays at Rochester Estates.

It is a privilege to pray for those who are ill. In hopes of keeping our list current, parishioners and parishioners' family and friends will be on the prayer list for 1 month unless the office is contacted to notify us that additional time is necessary. We are happy to keep people on the list as long as needed.

Please remember the elderly and homebound of our parish in your daily prayer.

God bless them all, and

Pray for Parishioners – JoAnn Camille, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy, Shirley Crawford, Lenna DeGroot, Evelyn Deimel, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Helen Dulle, Gary Dumonceaux, Paul Harris, Ryan Houmes, Jerry Jasinski, Janet Kalb, Jillian Kohlrus, Kristin Kohlrus, Betty Limper, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Jim Nelson, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, ***Eleanor Schudel**, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Frances Tomashavich, Al Urbanckas, Bill White, Patrick Witcik, Laurie White, and Ron Wojcicki.

*** = new this week**

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Mary Aplington – sister of Beth Yong
John Aplington – brother of Beth Yong
Maryann Bailey – mother of Dean Bailey
Gene Blade – friend of Pat Carlisle
Carolyn Binion – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux
John Brunsman – father of Laura Horstman
Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock
Suzanne Camp – friend of Beth Yong
Virginia Chineke – mother of Fr. Peter
Leo Conway – father of Gary Conway
Judy Conway - friend of Maggie Patterson
Eddie Cook – friend of Lenna DeGroot family
Chris Crusen – brother of Tom Crusen
Linda Curtis – sister of Connie Leach
Bill Davis – friend of Donald & Lou Ellen Markovitch
Kelly Diaz – niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Alison Donoho – friend of Jane and Harry Hendrickson
Sarah Egizio – daughter-in-law of Mary Ann Egizio
Frank Emerson- brother-in-law of Jean McDonald
Lynne (Auxier) Feece – sister-in-law of Beth Auxier
Cindy Frericks- mother-in-law of Jennifer Frericks
Ken Frericks- father-in-law of Jennifer Frericks
Jody Frese – sister-in-law of Barb Scheufeule

Lauren Friedmeyer & her baby, Nellie – granddaughter & great granddaughter of Bill & Laurie White
Gary Garrison – brother-in-law of Kathleen Klee
Steven Godar - father of Dennis Godar
Jennifer Harbeck - cousin of Brad Zack
Jennie Harling - sister of Leanne Collings
***Brandon Harris** – grandson of Les & LuAnn White
Chad Kunkle – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family
Jim Kirbach – friend of the Hendricksons
Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendricksons
Glen Limper - son of Al & Betty Limper
***Kristine Lundburg** – sister of Mary Gartner
Rochelle Lynam – daughter of Tom & Helen Crusen
Robin Mahnken – friend of Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski
Ann Martin – sister of Betty Downey
Mark Maxwell – brother-in-law of Beth Auxier
Paula McDonald- sister-in-law to Jean McDonald
Donna Meyers - mother of Kellie Brewer
Wayne Michels – friend of Beth Auxier
Cindy Murdock – sister of Carolyn Carmichael and aunt of Leanne Collings
Fred J. Naffziger – brother of Michele Naffziger
Theresa Oldani – friend of Diane Bortmess, friend of Kelly Conlon & Family
Margie Palmatier – friend of the Hendricksons
Dolores Pantoja Salgado – mother of Diego Garcia
Ann Pardieck – family friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno
Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell
Mike Patterson – father of Lori Farris
Sabrina Rice – niece of Beth Auxier
Mark & Chris Riedle – family of Tess & David Riedle
Teresa Rouse – friend of Jane Molohon
Bud Saputo- brother of Vito and Edna Saputo
Joe Saputo – brother of Vito & Edna Saputo
***Special Intentions** of Carol Mataya
Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich
Special Intentions of Barb Scoggins
Marlene Spurgeon – friend of Pat Carlisle
Russ Steil- father of Teresa O'Sullivan
Mary Stewart – friend of Suzanne Moss
Frank Stroble – friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno
Georgann Turner – sister of Kathleen Klee
Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell
Steve White – brother of Les White
Mike Wilkin- brother of Leigh Ann Szabados
Vicki Will – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer
Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler



Please bring your Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowls to Holy Thursday Mass on April 17th, 2025 at 6:30pm. There will be a basket for your donations in the back of the church. Thank you for your participation in the CRS Rice Bowl project this year and for your generosity during this Lenten season as it is a blessing to many in our world.

