

PALM SUNDAY

*of the passion
of the Lord*



Welcome to

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RECONCILIATION

Friday 7:30 a.m.

Saturday 3:30 p.m.

May be scheduled by appointment

BAPTISM

- First Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Please contact the Ministry Center to schedule pre-baptismal instructions.

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday by 7:00 p.m.,
to be published the following weekend
Email: bulletin@delphosstjohns.org

Celebration of Holy
EUCCHARIST

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:30, 9:15 and 11:30 a.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sacrament may be administered by request.

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Ministry Center at least six months in advance to schedule your preparation and celebration.

LITURGICAL UPDATES

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LITURGY READINGS

March 31, 2024

Acts 10:34a,37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9a

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 17, 2024

Adult Offering	\$ 10,460.30
Anonymous Offering	\$ 687.00
Student Offering	\$ 125.14
Total	\$ 11,272.44

Thank you for your support!

WEDDING BANNS

I - Grant Goecke and Jessica Odenweller

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:00 a.m. † Bob and
Donna Holdgreve

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:00 a.m. † Msgr. Carl F. Reineck

Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:30 p.m. † Mary Agnes Bergfeld

Saturday, March 30, 2024

8:30 p.m. † Bob and
Connie Warniment

Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:30 a.m. † Norie Hemker
9:15 a.m. † Nanny, Grandpa,
Uncle Joey, Aunt Rita
and Spouses
11:30 a.m. † Edgar and
Helen Schwieterman

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Sophia Becker, Lisa Davis Bemis, Ken Blankemeyer, Tracey Boberg, James Bodnar, Gordon Brendle, Marcey Brickner, Madalyn Donaldson, Dolly Elzey, Janice Etkorn, Carolyn Fisher, Rosie Fortener, Mary Ann Franklin, Mary Freund, Barry Friemoth, Jim Friemoth, John E. Friemoth, June Gable, Herb Gerdeman, David Gonyea, Carol Graham, Dan "Beeze" Grothouse, Mary Grothouse, Don Heitz, Joann and Tom Hempfling, Tom Hickey, Sharon Hines, Angela Hoehn, Madelyn Jones, Shawn Kimmet, Shelly Klausung, Donna Klinger, Braden Knebel, Laura Krietemeyer, Sharon Lawrence, Harry Liebrecht, Dave Merschman, Linda Miller, Millie Minnig, Minnie Moenter, Mary Mullen, Amy Musser, John Phillips, Barb Recker, Sue Reddy-Bemis, Martha Reddy-Lehman, Alissa Rice, Becky Richardson, Tracy Rowland, Amy Schulte, Winifred Siefker, Tina Vance, Donna Vogt, Mark and Sue Wannemacher, Chad Weber, Darrell Wieging, Mel Williams

The Recently Deceased: Carolyn Mueller

Those in the Armed Forces: Christine Bemis, Frances Bemis-Sigler, Jordan Boone, Mahlon Haunhorst, Brian Huysman, Troy Trombly, Samantha Wehri

OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

THIS WEEK IN PARISH HISTORY By Jack Bockey

*Traditions and History of Lent, Part 3*

The 14 Stations of the Cross are original to the church. They were made in Paris and are made of fired French terra cotta. They were purchased for \$65.00 each. When they were installed, they were installed "backwards." If you look at the first and second stations, you will notice that Jesus is walking towards Pilate. If they had started on the south wall, Jesus would be walking away from Pilate. Over time, the stations have been repainted many times. In the 1960s, they were painted white or "ivory." Then in 1998, they were restored to their original colors. Conrad Schmitt Studios went through 7 layers of paint to get to the original colors. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12:00 noon on Good Friday in Church!

COMMUNITY

LENTEN TUESDAYS AT SPENCERVILLE

St. Patrick's is featuring Tuesday Evening "Soup and Stations" again this year, followed by a period of Eucharistic Adoration. Homemade Soups (usually 3 kinds) will be served in the Church basement from 5:00-6:10 p.m. with Stations of the Cross being prayed in Church at 6:15 p.m. Following Stations, Adoration will be available until 7:15 p.m. We invite you to join us in this Lenten opportunity for an evening of socializing, reflection on Christ's Passion, and personal spiritual growth. Come for a time – or for all of the evening!

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None of us Can
Live Forever...
But ALL of us Can
Give Forever.

Create your "Eternal Envelope"
Ask How.

PARISH CALENDAR: MARCH 24-31

Sunday, March 24, 2024*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church
 8:00 a.m. – Reconciliation – Landeck Church
 8:30 a.m. – Mass – Landeck Church
 8:45 a.m. – Rosary – Delphos Church
 9:15 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church
 10:20 a.m. – PSR – Delphos Elementary School
 10:30 a.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church
 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

Monday, March 25, 2024*Monday of Holy Week*

6:00 a.m. – Lenten Mass – Delphos Church
 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church
 8:30 a.m. – Rosary for the Respect for All Life – Delphos Church
 4:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration – Landeck Church
 6:45 p.m. – Benediction – Landeck Church
 7:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) – Delphos Church
 7:00 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

Tuesday, March 26, 2024*Tuesday of Holy Week*

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church
 5:00 p.m. – “Soup-er” Supper – Spencerville
 7:00 p.m. – Cantors – Delphos Church
 7:45 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Delphos Church Choir Loft

Wednesday, March 27, 2024*Wednesday of Holy Week*

1:30 p.m. – Early Dismissal – Easter Break
 6:00 a.m. – Lenten Mass – Delphos Church
 7:00 a.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Ministry Center
 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church
 12:15 p.m. – Mass – Delphos Church
 5:00 p.m. – Shepherds of Christ Prayer Group – Delphos Church
 6:00 p.m. – Adoration – Spencerville Church – CANCELLED
 6:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Practice – Delphos Church
 7:00 p.m. – Benediction – Spencerville Church – CANCELLED
 7:30 p.m. – PSR Mass – Spencerville Church – CANCELLED
 7:30 p.m. – Tenebrae – Delphos Church

Thursday, March 28, 2024*Thursday of Holy Week*

No School Easter Break
 8:00 a.m. – Mass – CANCELLED
 7:30 p.m. – Mass of our Lord's Supper – Landeck Church
 7:30 p.m. – Mass of our Lord's Supper – Spencerville Church
 7:30 p.m. – Mass of our Lord's Supper – Delphos Church

Friday, March 29, 2024*Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*

No School Easter Break
 6:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Group – Ministry Center
 7:30 a.m. – Reconciliation – Delphos Church – CANCELLED
 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church – CANCELLED
 12:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – Delphos Church
 12:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – Landeck Church
 1:00 p.m. – Reflections – Delphos Church
 1:00 p.m. – Good Friday – Landeck Church
 1:45 p.m. – Good Friday – Delphos Church
 2:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – Spencerville Church
 3:00 p.m. – Good Friday – Spencerville Church
 7:30 p.m. – Good Friday – Delphos Church

Saturday, March 30, 2024*Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church – CANCELLED
 8:30 a.m. – Rosary for the Respect for All Life – Delphos Church
 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation – Delphos Church – CANCELLED
 4:30 p.m. – Mass – Delphos Church – CANCELLED
 8:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil – Delphos Church
 8:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil – Spencerville Church

Sunday, March 31, 2024*Easter Sunday*

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church
 8:30 a.m. – Mass – Landeck Church
 8:45 a.m. – Rosary – Delphos Church – CANCELLED
 9:15 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church
 10:20 a.m. – PSR – Delphos Elementary School – CANCELLED
 10:30 a.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church
 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church – CANCELLED

COMMUNITY

THE WOMEN OF WELCOME 2024 RETREAT DONATION REQUESTS

The Women of Welcome retreat planners are in need of the following donations for the April 13-14, 2024 retreat. Donated items can be dropped off in the back of the Church by Tuesday, March 26. Look for the container marked “Women of Welcome retreat.” Call Pam Hickey 567-204-8479 if you have any questions. Boxes of tissues, bags of mini individually wrapped chocolates, index cards, individual packs of tissues, regular coffee, tea bags, honey, AA & AAA batteries, eating utensils (spoons, forks), 3 long white plastic table clothes, 12 oz. paper coffee cups (not Styrofoam), individual serving size bags of chips/snacks.

THE MIKE GALLMEIER FOUNDATION'S MIKE'S FOOD ON US!

Free Food Distributions for Delphos School District Residents. The Mike Gallmeier Foundation was established in 2018 after the death of Mayor Mike Gallmeier, to support those in need in our community. Please call Deb at 419-302-9349 with any questions. Mike's food on Us 2024 dates... All are Tuesdays: March 26, May 28, July 23, September 24, November 19 and January 28, 2025. Must bring Photo ID and current utility bill for registration. The location is Delphos Eagles, 1600 E. 5th Street. ** MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE DELPHOS SCHOOL DISTRICT! **

DIOCESE

HOMESCHOOLED MASS

Come together with Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2024 Homeschool Mass scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Rosary Cathedral. This special event is open to all 8th-grade and graduating high school senior homeschoolers. If you wish to take part in this Mass, kindly reach out to us at homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com.



Palm Sunday: Trusting the Lord



WORK OF MERCY: Forgive Injuries

THE GRACE I SEEK: to trust that Jesus is with me and is transforming my life even in my suffering

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me to trust you even when I am suffering.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

“The LORD God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.” (Isaiah 50:7)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

Identify an area of your life where you feel shame or humiliation. Give this to the Lord, and ask how he wants to take away your disgrace. How does he want to be your “help” in the midst of this suffering, just as Isaiah says?

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.

“When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.’” (John 12:12–13)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

Coming into Jerusalem, Jesus was met with enthusiasm by those who would soon petition for his death. However, he wholeheartedly forgave them all on the Cross. Identify one person in your life whom Jesus is inviting you to forgive. Offer this person to the Lord in a concrete way, asking for the grace to unite your pain with his own pain on the Cross.

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER — Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Palm Sunday)

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to unite your humiliations and pain with the Lord's in his sacrifice on the Cross.

LOVE IN ACTION — Many saints and spiritual writers have encouraged an examination of your day, each day, as a central part of the spiritual life. It is not only a way to see how the Holy Spirit is moving in your life and how well (or not so well!) you are responding, but it is also a beautiful opportunity to forgive those who may have hurt you in some way. Try working an [examen](#) into your daily routine, and make it a way to forgive any hurts or injuries others may have inflicted on you throughout the day so you can live in greater freedom and peace.



A Eucharistic Meditation for Bishops & Priests

Holy Thursday Chrism Mass: Chosen and Sent



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

This Eucharistic Meditation has been prepared as a gift to our bishops and priests in gratitude for their ministerial priesthood and gift of self to Jesus and his bride, the Church.

THE GRACE I SEEK: to more deeply understand the anointing I have received

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me to deepen my priestly identity and more freely bring you to every person I encounter.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

“The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me...” (Isaiah 61:1a)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

On the day of your ordination, you were anointed by the Lord; you were sent to all his people. However, in the midst of toil, busyness, and the distractions of daily life, it is easy to lose sight of that commission. To whom is the Lord sending you this Triduum? Be specific. Ask for the grace to show them the face of Jesus in a very particular way.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.

“Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, ‘Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.’” (Luke 4:20–21)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

Every day, at every moment, the Father is longing to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah in your life. You have been chosen, and he longs to meet his people through you. You act in *persona Christi Capitis*. What is one way that the Lord has strengthened you in your priestly identity this Lent? Thank him for this incredible gift!

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER — O God, who anointed your Only Begotten Son with the Holy Spirit and made him Christ and Lord, graciously grant that, being made sharers in his consecration, we may bear witness to your Redemption in the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Holy Thursday Chrism Mass)

MASS CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to be strengthened in your identity as a priest of Jesus Christ: one who is chosen, anointed, and sent.

FAITH IN ACTION — The Triduum is one of the busiest times of year for a priest. However, in a very real way it is the most profound expression of your identity, acting in *persona Christi Capitis*. Spend some time in the next few days recalling and imagining that moment when you were anointed on your ordination day. Ask the Lord to help you live your life from the graces of that moment so you can enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery this year than you ever have before.



Holy Thursday: Living in Love



THE GRACE I SEEK: to know and live in the love Jesus has for me

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me to know and believe in the love you have for me.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.*

“Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” (1 Corinthians 11:23–24)

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

We are told in today's readings that, in the Eucharist we receive at Mass, Christ offers himself fully—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—to us, not only collectively but individually as well. Where in your life right now do you need Jesus' grace the most? Ask him to come into that place specifically as you receive the Eucharist.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.*

“Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end.” (John 13:1)

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

Jesus offers us himself fully—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Eucharist out of pure love. Identify one or two areas of your life that you think are in most need of his love. Ask the Lord how he wants to love you there, trusting in his promise that he loves us to the end.

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER — O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Thursday of the Lord's Supper)

MASS CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. Next time you are at Mass, offer your desire to receive the Lord's love and presence into the places of your heart that need him the most.

LOVE IN ACTION — The Lord has come to us in the Eucharist, and he, in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, dwells in every tabernacle and monstrance throughout the world. Make it a goal throughout the Easter season to add a few extra minutes of either Eucharistic adoration or prayer in front of a tabernacle each week, trusting that the Lord is longing to pour his loving presence more fully into your heart.



Good Friday: Cruciform Love



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

These Eucharistic Meditations are designed to help you spend 30 minutes to an hour in meditation and silent prayer. Our tabernacles are empty as we stand in silence at the foot of the Cross, aware of Jesus' total gift of love in his passion and death.

THE GRACE I SEEK: to allow my heart to be pierced, like Jesus, to bear fruit for the salvation of souls

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Become aware of the silence and emptiness of this Good Friday. Let yourself imagine Jesus in his suffering and death. Know that he did it for you, for your salvation.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in his death on the Cross.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me to allow all the moments when I am united with you in suffering for the sake of others to bear much fruit for the salvation of souls.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

“But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; but the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all.”
(Isaiah 53:5–6)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

How can you become more grateful for the redeeming love of Jesus, who spared nothing out of love for you? Ask Jesus how he desires you to walk with him in love always, so that you can share in the pain of the lance that pierced Jesus' heart and be a consolation to him.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.

“But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.” (John 19:33–34)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

How can you allow your heart to be expanded, even when you think you have nothing left to give, so that you can give life to your brothers and sisters who are most in need of healing and peace? Ask Jesus to help you embrace moments of suffering as a salvific gift, united to him.

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER — Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants, for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. (Opening Prayer, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion)

LITURGICAL CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. Next time you are at Mass, offer your desire to participate in Jesus' work of salvation by uniting your sufferings to his.

LOVE IN ACTION — During this sacred Triduum, we are called to unite ourselves to our brothers and sisters who are suffering, especially those who are being persecuted for the sake of Christ around the world. Offer your Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charity in solidarity with those suffering throughout the universal Church and beyond.



Holy Saturday: Enduring Love

This Meditation is designed to help you spend 30 minutes to an hour in meditation and silent prayer. Our tabernacles are empty today as we ponder the death and burial of Jesus, aware of his total gift of love in his Passion and Death.

THE GRACE I SEEK: to allow the Word of God to illumine and purify my heart so that I can fully cooperate with the graces of his Resurrection

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Become aware of the silence and emptiness of this Holy Saturday. Let yourself imagine Jesus in his suffering and death, now enclosed in a cold tomb. He did it for you.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Paschal Mystery.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, in this silence of Holy Saturday, help me to allow you to transform my mind and heart.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.*

“Indeed, God’s word is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates and divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the reflections and thoughts of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

How can you allow Jesus to form and guide you as you walk alongside him on the road to heaven? Ask Jesus to help you open your heart so his Word can pierce through your false expectations and other distractions, helping you love and serve him with an undivided heart.

PRAYERFUL MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow these words of to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.*

“I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you. Rise, let us leave this place.” (from an ancient homily on Holy Saturday, Liturgy of the Hours)

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

How can you await the joy of Easter with a greater sense of urgency so you can go in haste to proclaim the Good News, even if it means leaving your comfort zone to do so? How can you allow Christ’s Precious Blood to heal any wounds in your heart so you can rise and leave the past with greater freedom?

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER — All-powerful and ever-living God, your only Son went down among the dead and rose again in glory. In your goodness raise up your faithful people, buried with him in baptism, to be one with him in the eternal life of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Liturgy of the Hours; prayer from the Office of Readings for Holy Saturday)

LITURGICAL CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. Next time you are at Mass, offer your desire to radiate the light of the Gospel. Ask for a deepening of the gift of an undivided heart.

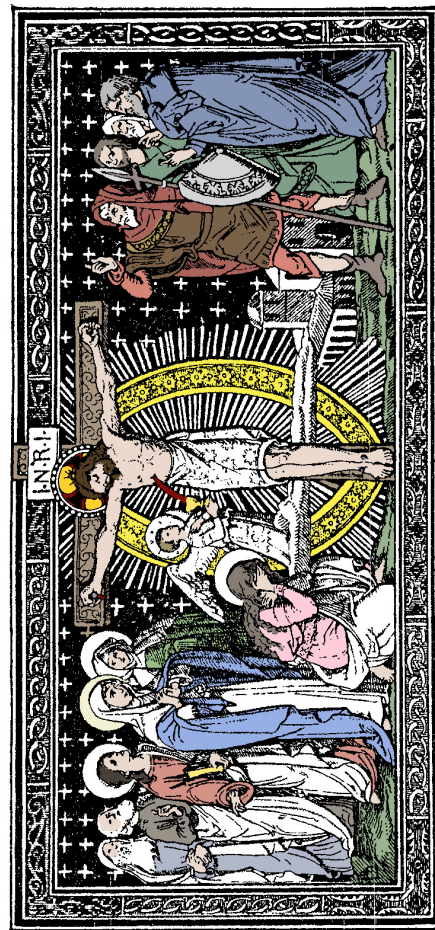
LOVE IN ACTION — As we wait with grateful, expectant hearts for the joy of Easter, we can pray and offer sacrifices for our brothers and sisters who are unable to celebrate the Triduum due to persecution, violence, or other difficult circumstances they face in their families, communities, nations, and continents. May we be instruments to them of the new life Christ brings us both now and in the future.

Holy Week

This is a very special week. On Thursday we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to offer them to the Father.

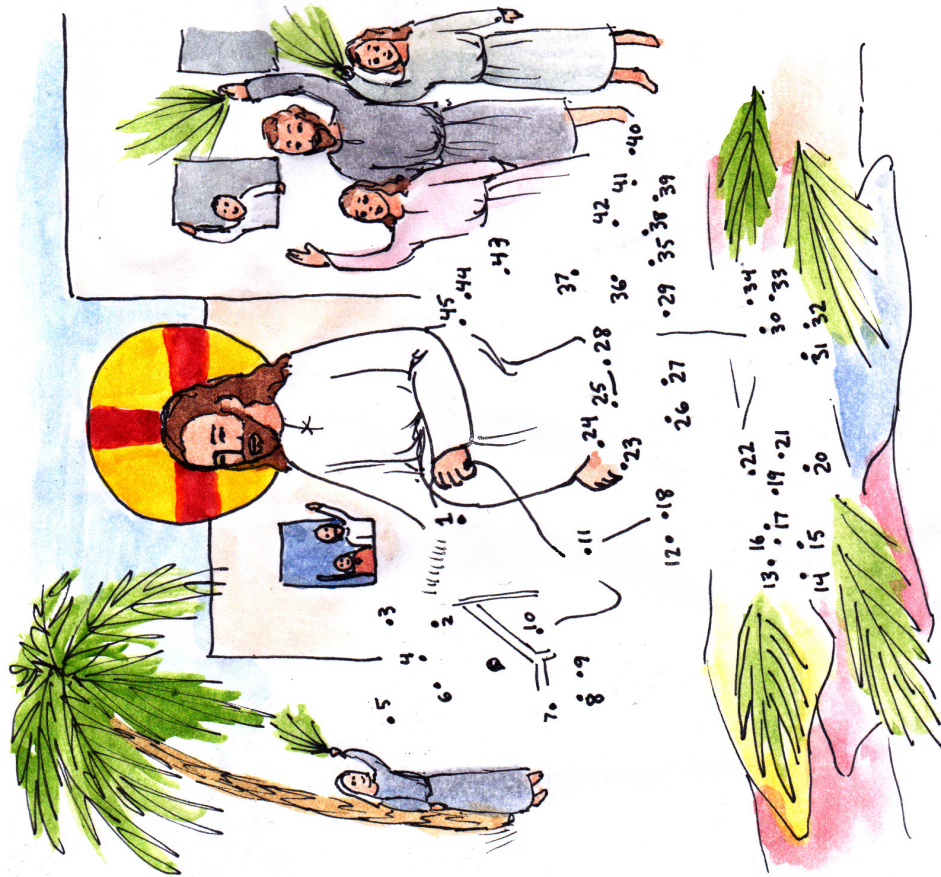
On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?



The Kids' Bulletin

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
March 24th, 2024



A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!

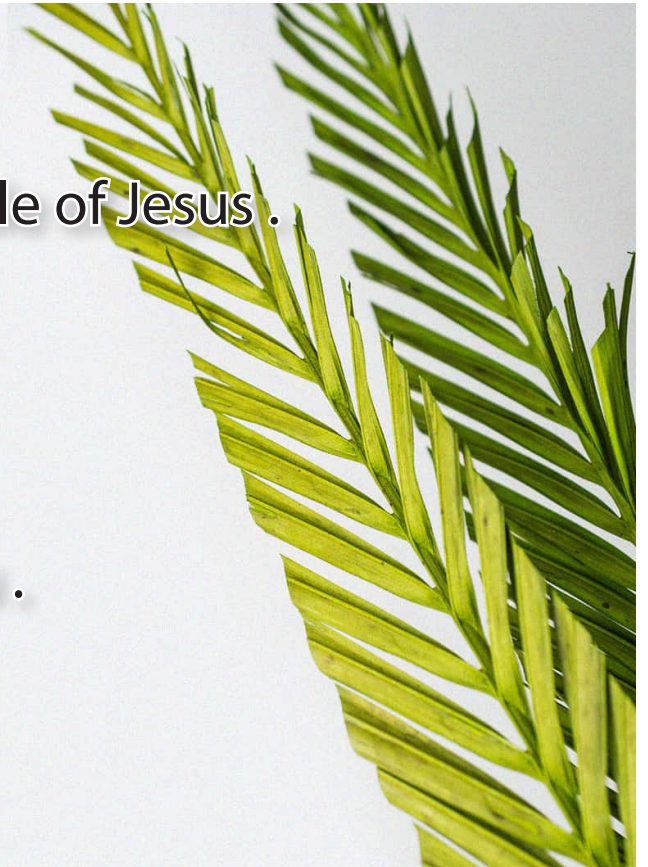
MINISTRY SCHEDULE: MARCH 27, 28 & 29

	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 – 7:30 P.M. – TENEBRAE	THURSDAY, MARCH 28 – 7:30 P.M. – MASS OF OUR LORD’S SUPPER
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		Jan Bockey, Brian Buettner, Barry Friemoth, Rosie Hedrick, Deacon Gene Honigford, Kelly Krites, Karen Martin
SERVERS	Aaron Bockey, Zach Bockey, Faith Cross, Madelyn Haehn	Jack Bockey, Boe Friedrich, Maisy Friedrich, Aubrey Friedrich, Amber Gerdeman, Hank Kopack, Austin Shafer
LECTOR	Rosie Hedrick, Cory Werts	Dani Duncan
GREETERS	Rosie Hoersten, Kim Honigford, Kelly Krites, Karen Martin	Dennis Hedrick, Rosie Hoersten, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
CANTOR	Nancy Dukes	
	GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 – 1:45 P.M. – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 – 7:30 P.M. – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Brian Buettner, Rosie Hedrick, Deacon Gene Honigford	Deacon Gene Honigford, Karen Martin, Jackie Wrasman
SERVERS	Leah DeVelvis, Anika Freewalt, Isaiah Freewalt	Olivia Bockey, Maddox Kroeger, Alayna Wrasman
LECTOR	Denny Hickey, Jared Hufford	Regina McClure, Lois Steyer
GREETERS	Dennis Hedrick, Rosie Hoersten, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED	Keith Burgei, Kim Honigford, Tom Honigford, Kelly Krites, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
CANTOR	Chelsea Wellmann	Nicole Pohlman
GOOD FRIDAY CROSS CARRIER	Drake Fittro, Alex Herron, Brady Ricker, T.J. Werts	Brayden Hensley, Braylon Metzger, Aaron Moenter, Austin Moenter
GOOD FRIDAY DRUMMER	Alena Fuerst	Riley Wenzlick

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: MARCH 30 & 31

	SATURDAY, MARCH 30 – 8:30 P.M. EASTER VIGIL	SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – 7:30 A.M. – EASTER SUNDAY
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Brian Buettner, Mandy Gerdeman, Deacon Gene Honigford. Anne Maas, Tricia Patton. NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED – Choir Chalice, NOT FILLED – Choir Paten, NOT FILLED – Dishes	Mark Clement, Dani Duncan, Kayla Hageman, Anita Lindeman, Linda Martin, Jean Mueller, Steve Recker, Paula Hellman – Back Chalice, Nate Stant – Back Chalice, Charlie Luersman – Back Paten, Mary Lou Wittler - Dishes
SERVERS	Austin Arnold, Aaron Bockey, Isaac Gable, Connor Gaynier, Nicholas Gaynier, Madison Schnipke-Patton, T.J. Werts	Maddox Kroeger, Emma Lindeman, Austin Shafer, Kennedy Sterling
LECTOR	Brian Buettner, Mandy Gerdeman, Doris Neumeier, Cory Werts	Wes Liebrecht
GREETERS	Joanne Smith, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED	Doris Bockey, Joe Bockey, Nathan Gable, Jeff Lindeman, Jerry Luersman, Claire Martz
CHOIR	Scheduled	Men’s Schola
	SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – 9:15 A.M. – EASTER SUNDAY	SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – 11:30 A.M. – EASTER SUNDAY
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mark Bockey, Olivia Bockey, Tori Bockey, Cindy Grothouse, Sandy Harr, Pam Hickey, Kathleen Siefker, Katie Honigford – Back Chalice, Alayna Wrasman – Back Chalice, Kim Honigford – Back Paten, Aubrey Friedrich – Choir Chalice, Hopelyn Friedrich – Choir Paten, Denise Cook – Dishes	Dave Clark, Dawn Ledyard, Lorelei McKeddie, Grace Moenter, Evelyn Vonderwell, Ella Wilson, Annette Brown – Dishes
SERVERS	Cameron Elwer, Andrew Elwer, Brayden Klaus, Braylon Metzger	Trayce Brickner, Ethan Hunt, Christopher Navarro (sub requested), Cole Wilson
LECTOR	Denny Hickey	Elle Gable
GREETERS	Keith Burgei, Maisy Friedrich, Diane Friedrich, Lilly Grothaus, Jerry Neumeier, Avery Pohlman	Angie Bonifas, Colton Clark, Faith Cross, Kevin Dukes, Chloe Kill, Avery Suever
CHOIR	Men’s Schola	Youth Choir

Please, Lord,
 Guide my mind with Your truth .
 Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus .
 Help me to be with Jesus in
 this week as He demonstrates
 again His total love for me .
 He died so that I would
 no longer be separated from You .
 Help me to feel how close
 You are and to live in union
 with You .



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