

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sat. Apr. 1	5:00 PM	For †Joseph Fariello
Sun. Apr. 2	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Apr. 3	8:00 AM	For †Brian Hazel
Tue. Apr. 4	8:00 AM	For †45,000 killed in Turkish Earthquakes
Wed. Apr. 5	8:00 AM	For †45,000 killed in Turkish Earthquakes
Thur. Apr. 6	7:00 PM	For †Kenny Neuspickel
Fri. Apr. 7	7:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
<i>THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (EASTER)</i>		
Sat. Apr. 8	8:00 PM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz
Sun. Apr. 9	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Rita Funke, Johnathan Briggs, Cheryl Miller, Missy Fryman, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeamme Eames. Bill Schneider (In Storrypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), and Ree Wagner.

BIRTHDAYS—April 3-William Beck, April 4-Ethan Thorworth, April 8-Hogan Oldiges, April 10-Caity Schroder, April 11-Baily Downs, April 13-Cap Kiser, April 13-Tori Schroder, April 13-Gabrielle Feinauer, April 20-Hudson Feinauer, April 27-Jill Schmiade.

ANNIVERSARIES—April 22-Cathy & Matt Oldiges

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

APRIL 2, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES—We will be having Lenten Bible studies on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. These will be led by Matthew Wiseman who teaches Old Testament and Theology so we are in for a treat. We will be continuing this series at least through Lent.

FISH FRIES—Thank you to everyone who worked and supported our fish fries this year!

DPAA—This year's DPAA campaign has begun. Our goal this year is \$12,100. You should have received pledge envelopes in your mail recently. Please fill these out and return them either straight to the diocese or you can drop them off in the collection bin. Thank you for all your support!

EASTER FLOWERS—Please get any donations in for Easter flowers before Good Friday if you would like your memorial/"in honor of" recognized in the Easter bulletin.

LENTEN SCHEDULE—see the flyer next to the bulletins for everything happening during Holy Week

EASTER BASKETS—Fr. Straub will be offering the traditional blessing of Easter baskets after Mass next Sunday. Please feel free to bring your baskets, whether kids with candy or adults with meats and treats.

LECTOR— Apr. 2-Linda Fryman (plus Bernie Rawe), Apr. 9-Julie Feinauer

CLEANING—Tom and Darlene Schutte

CHURCH RULES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

FASTING – ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

Must be done by all aged 18-59; one main meal; two other lesser meals may be consumed which must not equal as much as one main meal; liquids permitted

ABSTINENCE – ASH WEDNESDAY & ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT

Must be done by all who are at least 14 years old; no consumption of flesh meat (beef, pork, chicken, etc.); seafood (fish, shrimp, shellfish, etc.) permitted

Other circumstances may merit a dispensation from these rules (pregnancy, disease, etc); please talk with Fr. Straub if you have any issues or questions or would like a dispensation from these rules.

FROM THE PASTOR – HOLY WEEK

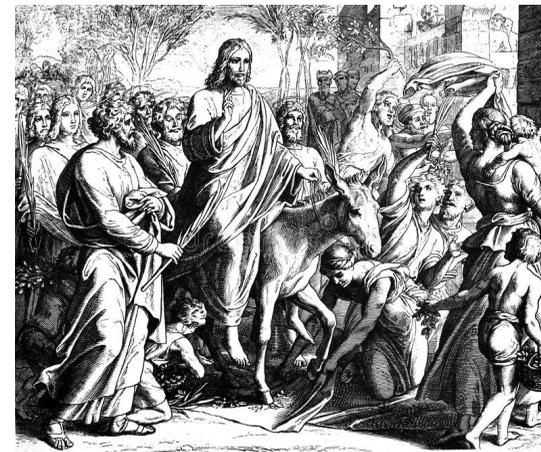
Today begins the most solemn week of the Church's liturgical calendar: Holy Week. This is the week of suffering and salvation, the week for which Jesus was born into the world. Palm Sunday gives us both joy and sorrow, for we hear and join in the triumphant entrance of Christ the King into His royal city Jerusalem, while we also hear His sorrowful passion and death. At the bare minimum, Palm Sunday gives us a miniature Holy Week so that we are prepared for Easter.

While we should make every effort to participate in the solemn liturgies of these most important days of the year, we cannot relegate their celebration to the church. We should do all we can to join ourselves to the mystery of each day. How ought we to observe Holy Week in our daily lives?

Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and Holy Orders. We also enter into the suffering of Our Lord by doing as He asked: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 26:40) I encourage you to make the time to pray after the Mass of the Lord's Supper for one hour before the church closes at midnight. As far as in our homes, we could have a larger supper to rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist, and to prepare ourselves for the fast.

Good Friday is the great day of sacrifice and death. We not only have to abstain from meat and most food altogether through our fasting, but we ought to abstain from serious work and pray about the Passion of Christ. I encourage each one of you to take either the whole day or the afternoon off from your work so that you may either participate in the solemn liturgy at 6 PM or to observe the hours of Jesus' crucifixion in silent prayer and meditation in your homes. Stay off the devices and look to the Cross.

Holy Saturday is still a day of penance until the Easter Vigil has begun. Holy Mother Church encourages us to maintain the Good Friday fast and abstinence throughout that day as well. You could spend the day in prayer, meditating upon the fact that Jesus has experienced that same death



that we must experience one day, and how we ought to pray to Him, along with St. Joseph, for a blessed death, in hope of rising again.

I hope that you will be able to join us in following the sorrowful way of Christ up Calvary, and to finish Lent on a strong note, so that we may indeed rejoice at the day the Lord has made on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Jacob Straub