

MARCH 25, 2018
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm



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Sacraments

Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Baptism

For details please call the Church Office. Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR
Anytime by appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm

Call or email submissions.

Parish Mission Statement

"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."

Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name _____ Phone No _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check one:

New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Moving, remove from list

March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday

Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days -- even hours -- Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a

crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**Liturgical Roles****Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday**

Sacristan: Sue Koester

Commentator/Petitions: Greg Gemperline

Servers: Tommy O'Neil, Lauren O'Neill, Tony O'Neil

First Reading/Passion Narrator: Andrea Thomas

Second Reading/Passion voices: Dottie Carpenter

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Koester, Theresa Spencer, Maureen McCon, Louise Yahne

Ushers: Ken Yahne, Alex Andorfer, Angela Spencer, Joe Spencer

Greeters: Andy & Katrina Johnson

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Commentator/Petitions:

Servers: Nathan Johnson, Pat McBride,

First Reading: Dottie Carpenter

Second Reading: John Barnett

Sequence: Andrea Thomas

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Chuck Luther, Joanne Miller, Maxine Stovall, Ken Yahne, Louise Yahne, Celeste Streicher

Ushers: Dennis Doyle, Katrina Johnson, Andy Johnson, Val Vorndran

Greeters:

Coffee & Donuts: Judy Wagoner and Dottie Carpenter

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM - St. Mary Mother of God Church offers this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account. To obtain the necessary form, please contact Julie Crouch at the Parish Office (jcrouch@stmarysfw.org, or 260-424-8231). You may also go to www.stmarysfw.org, click the "Donate" link, and complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment form. Mail or put the form in the Collection Basket. Thank you!

"to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"

"a time to be born..."

"a time to love..."

"a time to be healed..."

"a time to die"

"and a time for peace"

and in our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war, or natural disasters.

Ecclesiastes 3:1f

Readings for the Week of March 25, 2018

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: 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] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

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 Mk 16:1-7 or Lk



Mass Intentions

Palm Sunday, March 25

10:45 am Sam & Lucy Simone

Holy Thursday, March 29

5:15 pm Ron Mausser

Holy Saturday, March 31

7:00 pm For the People of St. Mary Mother of God

Easter Sunday, April 1

10:45 am Marie Strunk



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for ...INSTANT POTATOES.

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Sunday, March 25: Judy Parrott, Nina, Doninic, Josie

Saturday, March 31: Jim Schmidt, Brad, Michelle

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.

Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS: CREAMER**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 25

- Mary's Kids 9:19 am

Monday, March 26

- **Last day to submit your Seder Meal reservations.**
No tickets sold at the door.

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

- Mary's Kids on Spring Break

Sunday, April 8

- Mary's Kids on Spring Break
- Second Collection is for St. Vincent de Paul Society

CHECK OUT WWW.STMARYSFW.ORG

Please go to www.stmarysfw.org and take a look for information about upcoming events. Information for the website can be e-mailed to Sue Koester at skoester@stmarysfw.org OR call the parish office at 424-8231.

EASTER FLOWERS

Once again we are offering you the opportunity to donate Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. You may use the envelopes provided in your packet or envelopes that are in the pews. Please include your name with your donation and name of your loved one. A commemorative list will be included in a future bulletin.

Parish Announcements

CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrism Masses will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, on Tuesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has invited all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay people of the diocese to attend this Mass. An interpreter will be present for those who are hearing impaired or deaf. At the Chrism Mass, the Holy Chrism is consecrated and the oil of catechumens and oil of the sick are blessed. This beautiful Mass manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop in the same priesthood and ministry of Christ.

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK PRESENTED

The Passion Narrative of St. Mark's Gospel (14:1-15:47) will be presented Monday, March 26, at 6 p.m. at the St. Peter Pavilion by Father Tyrell J. Alles, OSB, pastor of St. Peter's Parish. He will analyze the implications of the passion and death of Jesus through the Gospel of Mark and show how Jesus' passion can be related to our lives as Christian disciples. Please bring your Bibles. It is encouraged you read through St. Mark's Gospel prior to the talk.

DIOCESAN JOB FAIR

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has 39 elementary schools and 4 high schools. The schools are looking for qualified, licensed teachers to teach in the schools and licensed administrators to lead. The diocese will be holding two fairs on each end of the diocese. on April 17 from 5-8 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne. Please sign-up for a 20 minute time slot with the school or schools you would like to interview with and bring a resume with you on that evening. Walk-ins will be limited, so it is wise to sign-up in advance.

HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY

St. Mary Mother of God parish has acquired four hearing devices for your use during Mass. You may use the sign up sheet on the counter in the Sacristy to sign a device in and out at the end of Mass.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Any person High school age, or any adult who has not received the sacrament of Confirmation and who would like to receive this year, please call the church office @424-8231.

ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.