



April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

Our Lady Of Fatima

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass - 11:00 AM
Tuesday - 9:00 AM
Office Hours:
Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Our Lady of the Valley

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 6:00 PM
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Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday

April 12, 2025 - 4:00 PM

✠ For those who are crucified today

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 - 11:15 AM

✠ Peace in the world

Tuesday

April 15, 2025

✠ No Mass

Holy Thursday

April 17, 2025 - 7:00 PM

✠ Mass

Good Friday

April 18, 2025 - 7:00 PM

✠ Passion of Life & Communion

Holy Saturday

April 19, 2025 - No Mass

✠ Easter Vigil at OLV in Middleburgh

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025 - 11:15 AM

✠ That life abounds

Tuesday

April 22, 2025 - 9:00 AM

✠ Phil Ryan - By Ellen Snowden

Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Dennis Corbett, Jeff Stuto, Deacon Larry, Addie Breitenstein, Jean Jonker, David Ciancetta, Janine Dowling, Corrie Ann Keller, Richard Kennedy, Rami and Patrick.

Beatitudes of Christian Living

"How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns and bears it for me?!" ` St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Jesus suffered in order to redeem us. Great is His love!

This week at Our Lady of Fatima...

Date	Event	Time	Place
4/14	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
4/15	No Mass		Church
4/16	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
4/17	Holy Thursday	7:00 pm	Church
4/18	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
4/18	Good Friday Svc	7:00 pm	Church
4/19	Mass	No Mass	Church
4/20	Easter Mass	11:15 am	Church

The Passionate Love of Jesus

Are we the only animal that cries and sheds tears as an emotional response? It seems so, but what function do they serve for us? Jesus says we should be happy if we can weep (Luke6:61), but why? Tears seem to appear in situations of sadness, happiness, awe and fear - and usually come unbidden. What is their free message to us and to those who observe them? Has humanity gotten the message yet? Whatever it is, it's surely a message too deep for words.

There's an inherent sadness and tragedy in almost all situations: in our relationships, our mistakes our failures large and small, and even our victories. We must develop a very real empathy for this reality, knowing that we cannot fully fix things, entirely change them, or make them to our liking. This "way of tears," and the deep vulnerability that it expresses, is opposed to our normal ways of seeking control through willpower, commandment, force, retribution and violence. Instead, we begin in a state of empathy with and for things and people and events, which just might be the opposite of judgmentalism. It's hard to be on the attack when you are weeping.

Prophets and mystics recognize what most of us do not - that all things have tears and all things deserve tears. The sympathy that wells up when we weep can be life changing, too, drawing us out of ourselves and into communion with those around us. May the tears of the Cross move us in faith to love ever more fully.

Challenges Facing the Diocesan Parishes

You are invited to read the article in our Diocesan newspaper "The Evangelist," regarding immediate challenges facing the parishes of our Diocese. See it at <https://evangelist.org/news/2025/apr/02/the-challenge-before-us/>.

To receive this weekly newspaper, please call our parish office.

"A Threshold of Hope"

During this year of Holy Pilgrimage, our church doors are designated as "A Threshold of Hope". We go forth from this sacred space to witness to the sacred everywhere. Every time we come in we remember that it is most important that we go out! ... refreshed invigorated, uplifted and committed to give birth to new hope in our world. For Christ Sake!

P.S. - as you leave Church at our front door, look up at the hand carved wooden sign of hope ... smile and be that hope for someone who needs you.

3/28/25 - 3/30/25

Candles	\$ 73.00
Collections	\$ 3703.85
Catholic Relief	\$ 80.00
Thank you for your contribution	

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Please pray for our young disciples who are preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist on May 15th

Evan Cashdollar
Quinn Dyer
Caleb Gathen
Declan Kropp

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Saturday, Apr 12	Saturday, Apr 19
LECTOR Joe Oehler EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Jeannette Coppola Linda Snow Ruth Kulesa	No Mass
Sunday, Apr 13	Sunday, Apr 20
LECTOR Janet Korwan EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Peg O'Connor Cathy Callahan Jose Flores COUNTERS Paul Callahan Cathy Callahan Janine Dowling	LECTOR Janine Dowling EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Noel Luby Janet Korwan Kris Zedaker COUNTERS Charles Mack Kathleen Mack Janet Ingro



GIFT: The next session for First Eucharist preparation will be held on: Tuesday, April 29th at Our Lady of Fatima.

First Eucharist will be celebrated at OLF on Sunday, May 18th at the 11AM Mass

Our website is updated with GIFT information, prayer intentions by Pope Francis each month, links for parents, saint of the month links, weekly liturgy of the word and information regarding registering families for faith formation. The website: olfgrowinginfaith.weebly.com

Kits are available for our young disciples to draw and color during the service. It includes first liturgy reflection and readings, art activities, coloring pages as well as a few jokes here and there! Please keep the papers and return bag and crayons Thank you.

Lent 2025 WE GATHER, WE PRAY, WE SERVE

Rice Bowls - We support the ministry of Catholic Relief Services here and throughout our world; feeding the poor and hungry, planting trees, and helping farm families. Your donations are needed more than ever in the face of government cutbacks.

Our Church is open: for quiet prayer, meditation walks and peace.

Holy Week Prayer

Passion (Palm Sunday) Mass

- Saturday, April 12 - 4:00 PM
- Sunday, April 13 - **11:15 AM**

Holy Thursday Mass

- Thursday, April 17 - 7:00 PM
(quiet prayer until 9:00 PM)

Good Friday Service

- Friday April 18, - 7:00 PM Passion

Easter Vigil

- Saturday, April 19, - No 4:00 PM Mass
- Easter Vigil Mass - 7:30 PM at Our Lady of the Valley

Easter Sunday

- Sunday, April 20, - **11:15 AM**

Rice Bowls

Please return your Rice Bowls by May 4, 2025.

Thinking of You.

If you know of anyone in our parish or your family, that is in need of sunshine (Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You) contact Barb Willoughby at (518) 469-4073. She will get a card out to them.

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