



**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

- 4-3 Mon 9:00 AM George Harper  
By Paula Ciborowski
- 4-4 Tues 9:00 AM Father Gordon  
By Josephine Materazzo
- 4-5 Wed 9:00 AM Alicia Conseulo  
By Alex
- Holy Thursday**
- 4-6 Thurs 5:30 PM Gabriel & Hilda Rivera  
By the family
- Good Friday**
- 4-7 Fri 12:00-1:30 PM Confessions  
3:00 PM Good Friday Service  
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
- 4-8 Sat 8:00 PM Father Gordon  
By Tony & Joan Barber
- 4-9 Sun 8:30 AM Fred Schuck  
By the family
- Sun 10:30 AM Mark Granan  
By Marge Surinao



The sign up is on th bulletin board in the vestibule for Holy Thursday volunteers for the "Washing of the Feet", Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers. Also, please sign up for Eucharistic Ministers on the schedule for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday in the vestibule.

**Rice Bowl Contributions**

All Rice Bowl contributions should be turned in Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. Please convert coin to bills or write a check for your donation. A separate check to Sacred Heart with "Rice Bowl" in the memo line or your cash donations can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "Rice Bowl".



The bread and wine at all Masses this weekend are in memory of Father Gordon offered by Marge LaFave.



Parish Offices will be closed Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Easter holiday.

**Passion Sunday**

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred time when we remember and relive the profound events that brought about our redemption and salvation. Holy Week brings us to accompany our Lord Jesus on his journey through his passion and death and to his glorious resurrection at Easter.

Today's liturgy is full of drama. It is one of joy and sorrow, intimacy and rejection. The first part of our celebration is marked by enthusiasm and excitement. We wave palm branches in our hands to welcome Jesus as well as offer him our joyful worship and praise. We imitate the crowds who greeted Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with joyful enthusiasm. The crowds spread their cloaks on the streets and waved palm branches to welcome Jesus into his own city of Jerusalem. They chanted words of praise: "Hosanna to the Son of David and blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The crowds were fickle minded. Their enthusiasm and excitement were all short-lived. They turned against Jesus Christ. They asked for his crucifixion and the release of Barabbas who was a criminal.

In the second part of our liturgy, our scripture readings take us from the joy and hosannas of Jesus' triumphant entry to contemplate on his passion, suffering and death.

In the first reading, the book of Isaiah talks about the fate of the Suffering Servant of God. The reading describes how God's Servant gave his back to his torturers. The Suffering Servant did not shield his face from buffets and spitting.

Jesus is the Suffering Servant of God who gave his back to those who struck him and his cheeks to those who plucked his beard.

The passion narrative from Mathew's gospel describes how Jesus suffered betrayal, arrest, denial, unjust trial and condemnation, mockery, scourging, crucifixion and death.

The narrative is filled with several characters, action, plots, emotions, twists and turns. We find Judas Iscariot approaching the religious leaders to determine the monetary value for delivering Jesus into their hands. Judas agreed to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. He betrayed his master with a kiss.

We find other characters such as the disciples who disserted Jesus, the angry crowds, Simon Peter who denied Jesus three times, the cruel soldiers, the coward Pilate, Simon of Cyrene who was forced to help carry the Cross of Jesus etc. These characters exemplify a part of us. Like the crowds, we hail and praise others and also criticize and condemn others.

We find ourselves, like the disciples, often dozing at Mass and failing to watch and pray with Jesus.

Like Peter, we promise to die with Jesus but deny him in difficult times. We allow fear to overtake us. We betray Jesus and later regret our mistakes.

Sometimes we are like Pontius Pilate afraid of the crowds and lacking courage to stand by the truth. Pilate fell into the darkness of injustice. He knew that Jesus was innocent but he feared the crowd.

There are times when we too find ourselves in the person Simon of Cyrene pressed into service to help others to carry their cross in life. Sometimes we reach out to others and walk with them in their way of suffering and pain.

Like Jesus, we accept the cross as part of our pilgrimage of life. We strive to carry out God's will in our lives.

As we walk through this Holy Week, I encourage all of us to come together as one family of God to celebrate the profound events that brought about our redemption and salvation.

Let us all find time to be with the Lord and journey with him to Calvary and to the Easter glory. I wish all of you a fruitful and grace filled Holy Week.

God bless

**Weekend of April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

First Reading-Acts 10:34, 37-43

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ben

**Lector:** Bill Babbage, Paula Ciborowski, Jane Artis

**Eucharistic Ministers:** to be filled

**Altar Servers:** to be filled

Second Reading-Colossians 3:1-4

**Sunday 8:30 AM**

Fr. Ben

Ray Keckeisen

Carole Ostrander

**to be filled**

**Easter Sunday**

Gospel-John 20:1-9

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Kerri Green

Terry Maggio

**to be filled**

Offerings of March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular, \$2,247.00; Fuel, \$270.00; Repairs, \$ 175.00; Religious Education, \$205.00; Easter Flowers, \$190.00; Catholic ReliefServices, \$ 175.00; Rice Bowl, \$122.20



April 2<sup>nd</sup>- 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes  
 April 9<sup>th</sup>- No Classes

The weekend of March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,247.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$489.00 below budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$97,238.00, which is \$6,730.00 below budget.

### Upcoming April Meetings and Events

**All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted**

April 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Council 6:30 PM Old Church  
 April 15<sup>th</sup>- A/K Fund raiser, Knights of Columbus 4-7 PM  
 April 17<sup>th</sup>- Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM  
 April 20<sup>th</sup>- Pastoral Council 6:30 PM Old Church  
 April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>- Ladies Retreat Weekend  
 April 27<sup>th</sup>- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

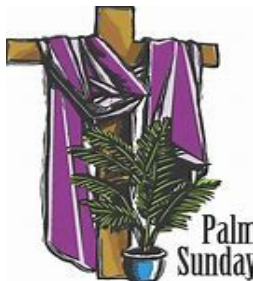


### Easter Flowers

In your packet of Envelopes there is one for Easter flowers. There are also Easter flower envelopes in the vestibule for those who do not use envelopes. If you wish to contribute in memory of a loved one please print their name on the envelope and place it in the regular Sunday



Please join us after the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Mass for a Parish Breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish Center. Miguel Dumay will be preparing eggs, pancakes, waffles, sausage, and bacon. Beverages served will be coffee, tea and oranges juice.



**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete George Mertz,, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre' Lundstrom, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Jake Delay, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, [Paul J. Hamilton, Sr.](#), Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, [Matthew Baxter](#), Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Jeremy Matviak, Sandy Kemp, [George Walters](#), Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, [Patrick](#), John McCann, Natalie Stone, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Joan Kaiser, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Moratwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Liliana, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Marian Heeps, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, [Rev. Steve Deckard](#), Terry Nicolini, [Tammy Byrnes](#), Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Maureen Joy, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, [Bob Oliver](#), Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Rose LoGasci, Timothy Bell, Jamie Mathewson, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Jim Mylotte, Dixy Pflug, Maryann Cottrell, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, John Alksnis, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Alfredine Duguay, Gary Maraia, Leon Matthews, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & family, Steve Barber, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Regina Mathewson, Vicki Czapanik, Paul McCarthy, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Sean Granan, Charlie Washburn, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Anielle (AK), Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr.

**Please Note: All names will remain on our list and all will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.**

### April Bulletin Quotes

“Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection*, on Friday, April 15, 2022, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. 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.

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Did you know...Child abuse occurs in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer reviewed research especially that of the past 30 years, repeatedly shows this to be true. This same research indicated that the vast majority of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may even ingratiate themselves into the home. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be ever observant and vigilant in all public and private settings.

