

**Saint Joseph's Church**

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**Palm Sunday  
March 24th, 2024**

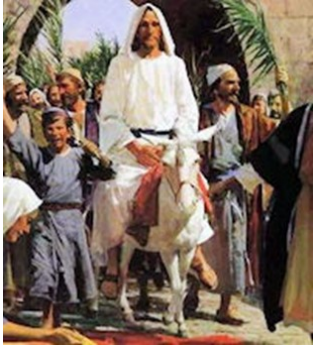
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The Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

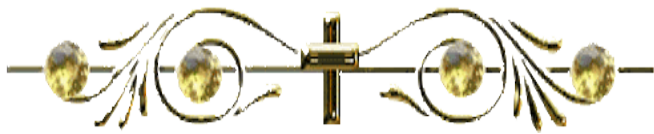


The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

On this coming Sunday, I will start the Mass with a procession behind the church. This introductory word explains the meaning of the Holy week in brief. I will use the below words:

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered in triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work and follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Then I will bless the palms with the following prayer: Almighty God, we pray you bless these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Mon	25	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	26	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	27	8:00 AM	HC	+Ben & Elizabeth Wordekemper
Thu	28	5:00 PM	SJ	**No Morning Mass Holy Thursday
Thu	28	7:00 PM	HC	Holy Thursday
Fri	29	3:00 PM	HC	**No Morning Mass Good Friday
Fri	29	5:30 PM	SJ	Good Friday
Sat	30	8:00 PM	SJ	Holy Saturday
Sun	31	8:30 AM	HC	Easter Sunday
Sun	31	10:00 AM	SJ	Easter Sunday

SJ—St. Joseph's                      HC—Holy Cross  
WCC—Wisner Care Center      CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**

**Works of Mercy Collection:** Works of Mercy envelopes are used once a year to cover all of the special collections the church does to support other universal activities that depend on our generosity. The organizations are listed on the front of the gold-colored envelope in your box. They include: Seminary, Home & Foreign Missions, Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Communication, Campaign for Human Development, Peter's Pence, World Mission Sunday, Catholic Charities, and Retirement Fund for Religious.

The Works of Mercy envelopes may be returned Holy Thursday Mass thru Easter season. The only collection during Holy Thursday Mass will be for the Mercy envelopes and any other donations. Rice Bowls are also returned during this Mass. The Rice Bowl is what you fasted and saved.

Kindly be generous and return these special envelopes since we only do it once per year and then divided amongst the charities.

**Reflection on the Holy Week**

Today marks the start of Holy Week and the significance of its various observances within our Catholic tradition. As you know, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of this solemn and sacred time, commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, which is echoed in our own worship today.



The priests will bless Palms on this Sunday and we will join the ancient crowd carrying them and cheering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as a King. Our new Jerusalem is our places of worship today and every time we enter into these Holy places on Sundays, we cheer him with hymns and prayers as well as participating in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass that is offered. We give back to God with our offerings instead of laying down our cloaks for the king to pass on. This analogy in modern times is poignant and highlights how our expressions of faith have evolved while still maintaining the same reverence and devotion.

The Easter Triduum, comprising Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, stands at the heart of Holy Week, offering profound opportunities for spiritual reflection and renewal. Our participation in these liturgical celebrations underscores the importance of engaging fully in the rituals and traditions of the Church during this holiest of times. Everyone has a part to participate in this Journey of Jesus to Calvary.

An analogy that is coming to my mind is of funeral ceremonies. No one sends out invitations to such sad emotional encounter but once we get a word, we respond in kindness and generously because of how the person has touched us either directly or indirectly. Accompanying God's son during the Holy week is a way of responding and acknowledging to God's goodness to us. It strengthens and personalizes our relationship with God and the gratitude we owe for His sacrifice. May we all indeed have a deeply meaningful and fruitful Holy Week as we journey together in faith.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Holy Thursday—March 28th

EMHC: Ann Bausch

Weekend of March 31st—Easter Sunday

WORD: Rita Eichelberger

EMHC: Ann Bausch

SERVER: Kris & Kim Pena

USHER: Scott Ortmeier

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Holy Thursday—March 28th

LEC: Steve McGuire

EMHC: Martha Schweers

SERV: Lilly Good, Annamae Bloedorn, Jaylee Lueken

OFF: Tim Phillips

Good Friday—March 29th

LEC: Joyce Stal, Holly Schroeder

EMHC: Steve Ausdemore

SERVER: Maddisyn Lampman, Chesney Ruskamp, Hailey Grenier

OFF: Chris Liermann

Holy Saturday—March 30th

LEC: Diane Davies, Gayle Lampman

EMHC: Alan Harms

SERV: Emma Schroetlin, Kinsley Lueken, Angel Ramirez-Lugo

OFF: Dave Oligmueller

Weekend of March 31st—Easter Sunday

LEC: Chris Ruskamp

EMHC: Alan Harms

EMHC 2: Capri McGuire

SERV: Leighton Porter, Jentrye Frederickson, Brodrick Burki

OFF: Mark Porter

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Sunday, March 24th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

Sunday, March 31st—Team #4 AJ and Lindsey Burki, Chris and Brenda Liermann

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—March 2024**

Chair: Tim Stal

Co-Chair: Eric VonSeggern

Members: Jeff Phillips, Nathan Janke, Ken Knust, Mark Porter, Nate Phillips, Chuck Ross

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—April 2024**

Chair: Austen Godbersen

Co-Chair: Perry Albers

Members: Roger Lampman, Todd Schroeder, Chad Ludwig, Lorin Batenhorst, Ray Johnson, Wade Over-turf, Nick Heller, Hayden Schroeder

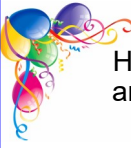
**Stewardship of God's Gifts**

**Holy Cross—March 17th, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$321.00
Plate:	67.00
Children:	12.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
Easter Flowers:	70.00
Total:	\$670.00

**HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY** will be meet Monday, April 8th, at 5:00 p.m. in the church basement.

**HOLY THURSDAY DONATIONS & RICE BOWLS** are brought up during 7:00 P.M. Mass that night. Please be generous. Adoration times are as follows: A – G: 8-9 P.M. H – M: 9-10 P.M. N – P: 10-11 P.M. Q – Z: 11-Midnight Closing. Please come and pray or try to find a sub.



**Celebrations:**

Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

**Birthdays**

Dawn Peatrowsky March 26

## Religious Education

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

**Grades K-6:** The first grade took Easter decorations to the residents at the Wisner Care Center. Second grade is finishing up with lessons on First Communion. We closed the afternoon with all grades in church for Stations of the Cross.

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS– GRADES 7-12**

**Grade 7-9 Girls:** We watched More of our movie "Risen" and saw the Roman soldier encounter the Risen Jesus. Life changing!

**Grade 7-9 Boys:** Continued the movie "Glory Road" which is about a basketball team with the message that teamwork trumps selfishness. Respect for others is preached. Sacrifice and hard work, in the classroom, on the court and in life lead to rewards.

**Grade 10-12:** Discussed Holy Week and the Last Supper. Our word for the week was "Follow".

The evening ended with prayer in church on the "Seven Last Words of Jesus" from the cross.

**Grades K-12...No classes this week - Easter Break**

Please attend the Holy Week services.

**Stewardship of God's Gifts**

**St. Joseph—March 17th, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$815.00
Plate:	106.00
Children:	17.00
Tithely:	170.81



**EASTER LILY DONATIONS:** There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for Easter lilies and flowers in the remembrance of your loved ones. Suggested donation for lilies is \$20 each. Please complete the form as you would like to have the names listed. Thank you.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:** The new schedule for 2nd & 3rd quarters has been emailed and copies are available in the back of church

**SERVICE PROJECT —** It is time for St. Joseph's annual 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel Ed service project, putting together backpacks of necessities for kids caught up in domestic violence situations. Often those kids are escorted from a dangerous situation at home with nothing but what they are wearing. We will put together things that those kids will need the next morning. We are asking for donations of: full-size shampoo/conditioner and soap or body wash (there is a 3-in-1 bath product for kids), deodorant, hair brushes, socks, snacks, and toothpaste/toothbrushes. Gift cards to local businesses that carry these items would also be appreciated. There is also a box at the entrance to church for your donations, or you can put gift cards or cash donations in the collection, marked "4<sup>th</sup> grade project." We would appreciate donations by Easter weekend.

**YOUTH MASS & SENIOR SUNDAY**

Mark you calendars!! April 14th at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph. Refreshments after with free will offering. Proceeds will go toward our Youth Group trip to Steubenville, which this year is being held in Springfield, MO.



**Men's Lenten Breakfast  
At United Methodist Church of Christ—Wisner**

The final breakfast for this year will be Holy Thursday. Men and boys of all ages are encouraged to attend. Breakfast is served at 6:45 a.m. followed by a short message at 7:00. A free-will donation is accepted, and the proceeds go to the Wisner Ministerial Association to help members in our community who are in need.