

Passion (Palm) Sunday - April 8th & 9th, 2017
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You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9:8-11


Collection April 1 & 2	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 4,070.30	\$ 3,465.00	+ \$ 605.30	- \$ 4,369.10

March Sharing God's Gifts - \$ 1,937.00

APRIL

11	Lions Prairie Manor Mass	2:00 pm
20	Ministry of Hope	7:00 pm
20	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:30 pm
	Note - change of date	
22	Baptism Preparation	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
23	First Communion	11:00 am
30	Confirmation	11:00 am

 **COFFEE PARTY** - there will be none Easter Sunday.

 **BUILDING FUND COLLECTION** - will be the second collection on Sunday, **April 16th**.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER - if you would like to make a donation towards this years Easter Flowers please use a Visitor's Envelope and mark it "Easter Flowers". All donations are greatly appreciated. Donations will be added to your tax receipt at the end of the year..

WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS - are available in the gathering area. As you may not be aware, these books come from the States. The cost has gone up because of the exchange rate. **If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, they will be \$2.50.** Thank you.

Some of the people went ahead of him, and some followed, they all shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven.

TRIDUUM "THE THREE HOLY DAYS"

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 pm
Good Friday	Passion of Our Lord	3:00 pm
Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer	10:00 am
Easter Vigil	Resurrection of Our Lord	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	Good Shepherd Parish	11:00 am
	St. Ambroise Parish	1:00 pm



Oils consecrated at Chrism Mass are central to the Church's sacraments - Some of the church's most ancient traditions and rituals are witnessed during Holy Week, including the preparation, blessing and distribution of oils central to the Catholic Church's sacraments and rites. From Jerusalem to Rome to parishes around the world, the pope and local bishops will soon carry out the annual custom of preparing and distributing to churches the holy oils. **The chrism Mass is celebrated on Monday April 10th, at 7:00 pm**, with the bishop gathered with his priests. The oils include the oil of the sick, used in the anointing of the sick; the oil of catechumens, which is for those preparing to be baptized, and the chrism oil, which is consecrated and used for baptism, confirmation and holy orders.



THE BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS is a time honored tradition by various cultures. For the past dozen years I have been asked to bless Easter foods on Holy Saturday morning, as families prepare to gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour. On Holy Saturday morning there will be morning prayer offered, followed by the Blessing of the Easter Baskets.



"40 CANS FOR LENT" - **Knights of Columbus** - knows that every season and everyday many people go hungry. The goal of this program is for each Council member and each Parishioner to contribute **1 non-perishable food item** per day during the 40 days of Lent in order to help keep our local food pantries well stocked all year round. The items 'can' be dropped off in the baskets in the gathering area. Some items could be used at Prairie Welcome House, and the bulk delivered to Salvation Army and/or the soup kitchen. Thank you for your generosity. Last years total collection was 880. **Collection to Date - 780**



BAPTISM PREPARATION - is planned for Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00 am till 1:30 pm (lunch is provided). To register please call the parish office or Dawn at 204-872-2897.

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TRIDUUM - *"The Three Days"*



HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Mass of the Lord's Supper opens this solemn three-day Easter liturgy. The readings form the Easter core: the sacrificial lamb, Christ Jesus, is given as Passover and Eucharist to the world, calling us to express this divine gift in humble service of 'washing one another's feet'.

Passover, Eucharist, and service are one package. God protects, spares, delivers in the sharing of Christ's body and blood in the sacred meal of Eucharist, expressed in the sacramental act of humble service – foot washing – in the world. Being a sacramental presence in the world means that our very being, expressed in thoughts, relationships and actions, become like Jesus. Tonight Jesus shows us how we become this face of God: we eat and drink Christ Jesus in Eucharist so as to serve one another in bodily acts of touching washing, caring bringing God's love to bear on mundane and the profane, as a light in darkness, as a balm on open wounds, as a protest amid violence and war. In Jesus we touch God through our senses and our bodies. The command to wash one another's feet sends us into the world as sacrament of God's love, so others can touch God through us. This is the meaning of incarnation, the meaning of sacrament, and the mission of the Eucharist.

This night begins our holy remembering which we celebrate and believe so as to renew our lives in Christ.

GOOD FRIDAY - Passion & Death of our Lord



The Passion and death of our Lord which we recall today in ritual and story unlock the promise of redemptive suffering, providing an answer to the two deepest human questions: how do we face evil, and why do we suffer? Look through the suffering and let the cross of Christ reveal its answer in the power of self-giving love, freely given.

We engage our senses in this service, in particular our sense of touch, as we keep watch with Jesus on the cross in his hour of death. People who suffer greatly before they die often only have their sense of touch intact; for them, like everything in this liturgy, everything else has been stripped away. The rough wood of the cross looms large, and we are invited to touch.

"This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the saviour of the world"

"Come, let us worship"

Since it is the midpoint of the Triduum, the liturgy of Good Friday has neither an opening hymn and greeting nor a closing hymn and blessing. We begin and end in silence.

EASTER VIGIL - Resurrection of the Lord



This celebration is the "night of all nights". What the Resurrection of Jesus promises is that things can always be new again. It's never too late to start over. Nothing is irrevocable. No betrayal is final. No sin is unforgivable. Every form of death can be overcome. There isn't anything lost that cannot be redeemed. The Resurrection assures us that God never gives up on us, even if we have given up on ourselves!

This night we immerse ourselves in God's radiant splendor of light, holiness, redemption, and salvation. It is the story of who we are and whose we are.

"Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead! Of this night scripture says: 'The night will be clear as day; it will become my light, my joy!' The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy, it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride." - words from the Exultet, our ancient hymn singing of the glory and power of the Resurrection and will be sung during our Vigil.

GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY LAND COLLECTION - the collection for Good Friday is a collection throughout the world. This collection supports the Church in the Holy Land. I'm sure we are all aware of the difficulties facing individual Christians and the Church as a whole in the land of the Church's birth. It is vital that we try to be generous in helping our "Mother Church". A quote from Pope Francis, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri said that "my thoughts turn in a special way to the Holy Land where Christ lived, died and rose again. Every Catholic therefore owes a debt of thanks to the churches that live in that region."

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Passion (Palm) Sunday Saturday, April 8th Sunday, April 9th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For the Candidates Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation
	11:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of the Verwey Family by Donald & Shirley Verwey
Tuesday, April 11th	2:00 pm	Lions Manor	✠Mark Harrison by the Semchshyn Family
Holy Thursday , April 13th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday , April 14th	3:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday , April 15th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Morning Prayer
Easter Vigil , April 15th	8:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 16 th	11:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Yvonne Bouchard by Tony & Family
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	For All Parishioner

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, April 15th

Greeters - Rose Marie Neault, Ruth Deegan
Ushers - Ron & Shirley O'Neil
 Bob Dionne, Paul Seguin
Gift Bearers - Norbert & Donna Rey
Lectors - Rick Ryzner, Denise Payment,
 Bernadette Le Lievre, Michel Touchette, Dana Payment
Eucharist Ministers - Donna Rey, Lynda Jones,
 Rosemary & Dave Barney, Jo-ann Voesenek

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, April 16th

Greeters - Richard Fraser Family
Ushers - Armand Tanguay, Arthur Rey,
 Michelle Lalancette, Sharon Murkin
Gift Bearers - Lernowicz Family
Lectors - Gayley, Reniedo, Marie Hinagpis
Eucharist Ministers - Elaine Harder, Karen McLeod,
 Jo & Marie Wermie, Gary & Dawn Lernowicz,
 Mickey Cuthbert

JESUS SETS THE EXAMPLE - As we move through Lent and approach Holy Week, we might think about the Lord's Passion as a goodbye story, almost as if it were a closure. It begins with a Passover meal, where there is a discussion of what might happen in the future for the disciples. However, listening to Jesus must have been very uncomfortable for some of those gathered. One of the disciples learned that he would betray Jesus; Peter heard that he would deny him. These predictions might remind us of what it is to be human – that we make mistakes and that we are limited. This meal is followed by Jesus' rejection at the hands of the authorities – and his humiliation as he is whipped and mocked. He then dies on the cross. Jesus is at the mercy of the worst kind of humiliation. How does he respond? With anger or indignation? No. He is humble until the end; he shows great respect for authority but also remains true to himself. We see this when he goes off to pray on his own: he 'withdraws'. He needs to be rooted in that relationship with his Father. What kind of a saviour is Jesus? How does it feel to have a saviour who was mocked and abused and humbled himself to death on a cross? How counter-cultural is Jesus, and how is he still counter-cultural for Christian stewards today? As we continue through our Lenten journey, let us think about how we live as Jesus' followers, as stewards of his Gospel message. How often do I empty myself, even a small amount for others? Jesus sets us an example of how to live. Even at his death he was living his ministry by reaching out to the women at the foot of the cross. We are all called to live that ministry too – we are accountable for how we live our lives. Our faith has been passed to us and faith is a huge gift. How we live in response to that gift is left to each of us, but we are called to reflect God's love. Mother Teresa once commented that each of the people we meet is Jesus in disguise. Try to see Jesus in just one person each day this month. At the end of each day, try and reflect on how that was. Was the person in whom you saw Jesus someone you find easy to love?

"In this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: he will give us his life, his body and his blood, his love." – Pope Francis

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