

PASSION SUNDAY
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF:
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Cromwell-Wright
ST. MARY'S ST. LOUIS
Meadowlands Floodwood



MASS SCHEDULE and CONFESSIONS

St. Louis

105 4th Ave E , Floodwood, MN 55736

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Tuesday -Wednesday: 8:30 AM

Adoration after weekday Masses.

Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday
and Saturday from 10:00-11:00 AM

Immaculate Conception,

5944 Hwy 210, Cromwell, MN 55726

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM

Adoration after Thursday Masses at the church

First Thursday Mass at Villa Vista: 8:30 AM

Confessions half hour before Mass on Saturday

St. Mary's

9999 Hwy 133, Meadowlands, MN 55765

Sunday: 8:00 AM

Friday: 8:30 AM

Adoration after Friday morning Mass.

First Saturday : 8:30 AM

Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday

(Confession also available by appointment)

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Before any detailed arrangements are made, parents must attend a pre-baptism class.

Funerals: Arrangements are to be made with the priest before publication in newspapers.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made in person with the priest at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls: Inform the Rectory or Office of the ill and homebound.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without oversexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

- Father John Muir
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Collection Counters

March 24 - Palm Sunday

St. Mary's Len, Craig, Laura

St. Louis Phil, Kay

March 31 - Easter

St. Mary's Craig, Laura, Don

St. Louis Carrie, Michael



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTION

3/26 8:30 AM St. Louis (Holy week)

3/27 8:30 AM St. Louis

3/28 7:00 PM St. Mary's

3/29 12:00 PM St. Louis

3:00 PM St. Mary's

5:00 PM Immaculate Conception

3/30 7:00 PM Immaculate Conception

Richard Prevost +

3/31 8:00AM St. Mary's (Easter Sunday)

Our Parishioners

10:30AM St. Louis

Patrick Ryan +

Holy week & Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday - St. Mary's - 7:00 PM

Good Friday - St. Louis - Noon

St. Mary's - 3:00 PM

Immaculate Conception - 5:00 PM

Easter Vigil - Immaculate Conception - 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday - St. Mary's - 8:00 AM

St. Louis - 10:30 AM

Chrism Mass - Monday, March 25, 2024, 5:30PM
at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, Duluth.

Good Friday Ecumenical Service - St. Louis will
be hosting this year, service will be at 7:00 PM.

LITURGICAL ROLES

March 30, 2024 - Easter Vigil

Immaculate Conception

Lector Mary Jo Stenson

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday

St. Mary's

Lector Laura Kowarsch

Gifts Kozumplik Family

Ushers Gene Kowarsch & Len Kucza

St. Louis

Lector Colleen Arfman

Gift Bearers Pete & Sally Ruzynski



MARCH 24, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCA - Ministry Appeal

The Duluth Diocese is undergoing some reform in some of the area of finances and the way funds are collected and how they are dispersed for the various activities in the diocese. One of the areas that is affected is the United Catholic Appeal (UCA). Many of you have been contributing to the UCA over the years. In April, when the UCA used to begin, it will be replace by the **Ministry Appeal**. The UCA used to fund all the activities in the diocese. The Ministry Appeal will only be used to support three ministries in the diocese: *Education and Family 2. Evangelization and Outreach and 3. Vocations and Clergy Support*. The assessments for the Ministry Appeal will be the same as the UCA. Our goals will be assessed every year according to our Ordinary Income.

So please from now on make all checks to Ministry Appeal instead of UCA. You can still use the same UCA envelopes in your package for now. We will take care of them. As of April all the envelopes will be forwarded directly to the diocese where they will be opened and counted.



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the many women, children, and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerabilities, and lack of resources. Your contribution can help lighten their load. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
03 / 17 / 2024

Immaculate Conception

ENV	\$ 250.00
PLATE	\$ 55.00
EASTER	\$ 20.00
UCA 2024	\$ 1,190.00
UCA goal for 2024	\$ 5,029.00

St. Mary's

ENV	\$ 2,020.00
Plate	\$ 18.00
UCA	\$ 400.00
Mission	\$ 50.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 510.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00
Holy Land	\$ 100.00
UCA 2024	\$ 2,635.00
UCA goal for 2024	\$ 8,127.00

St. Louis

ENV	\$ 609.00
PLATE	\$ 121.00
UCA 2024	\$ 1,535.00
UCA goal 2024	\$10,223.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- ♦ **First Thursday Mass:** Mass on the 1st Thursday of every month is at Villa Vista.
- ♦ Our Ham Bingo was a great success! Thank you to all of the parishioners who helped. Our bingo fundraisers provide the needed income we need to survive, and it's great that we all work together to make that happen. After expenses we were able to make \$2,054 on this ham bingo. Thank you again!

ST. LOUIS

- ♦ Our deepest sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Leonard & Norma Schminski. Leonard passed away on March 8th.
- ♦ **Easter Decorating:** As you are preparing for Easter, we invite you to purchase a flowering plant of your choice which can be brought to the church by March 30th. We will meet Holy Saturday morning @10:30 am to decorate for Easter. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Tags for your plant will be available, and you are welcome to take it home for your garden some time after Easter.
- ♦ **End of month plate collection:** we will be using the loose cash collected to be for Bob & Sue Johnston.

ST. MARY'S

- ♦ **First Saturday Mass:** Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM.
- ♦ Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family of Martha Van Duker. Martha passed away March 17th in Duluth, surrounded by her loving family.

ALL PARISHES

- ♦ **Mass Intentions:** If you send a check with your Mass intentions, please make them out to St. Louis Church.
- ♦ Please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl next Sunday.

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