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### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Palm Sunday	4/13	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	Rose Marie Wied for Her Birthday From Patti & Don <b>Mass at St John's Roger Truckey</b> Divine Mercy Chaplet Stations of the Cross	 
Tuesday	4/15	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's Deceased Members of the Krepline Family</b>	
Wednesday	4/16	<b>8:15 AM</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Mass at St John's All Members of St John's Parish</b> Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow	
Holy Thursday	4/17	***** 6:30 PM	<b>NO Services at St John's</b> Greg & Burton Stevens and Dan Nienhaus / Adoration following Mass	
Good Friday	4/18	9 AM - 4 PM <b>1:00 PM</b>	St Sebastian's Open for Personal Prayer / NO Morning Mass <b>Good Friday Service at St John's</b>	
Holy Saturday	4/19	<b>8:15 PM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's Joel Cartier</b>	
Easter Sunday	4/20	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	William & Mary Matuszak and Deceased Family Members By Dcn Rich & Marge Matuszak <b>Mass at St John's Kyle Truckey</b>	

**St Sebastian's Church will be Open for Prayer on Good Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

— Father John Muir

**Palm Sunday Luke 19:28-40**

**"As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road." (Luke 19:36)**

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to "waste" money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Reverence For The Cross**

Jesus warns us in the Gospel of Matthew, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is an invitation to a way of life, and a plan that leads to holiness. But make no mistake, it is a warning as well. The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow him.

The power of this symbol has been diminished in popular culture. It is often used in fashion and simple wall art and on bumper stickers and T-shirts, sometimes with Christian clichés and sometimes not. But the cross is something so much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of one who loved us so much that he would give his very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses.

For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost his Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, his body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel they have no way out - whether due to prisons that are physical or prisons that are of the mind - he hung on a cross and cried out, "Why?" For those who feel alone and abandoned, he hung on a tree where no one could comfort him, not even his own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in his. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
<b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b> <b>April 20</b>	Brad VandenHeuvel	Dcn Rich	Paden Melchert Eloise Melchert	Jacob VandenHeuvel Perry Matuszak

<b>St. Sebastian</b>		
<b>Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report</b>		
<b>2025 Fiscal Year</b>		
<b>Ordinary Revenue</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Parish Support	\$ 10,574	\$ 95,505
Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income	501	19,495
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 11,075</b>	<b>\$ 115,000</b>
<b>Ordinary Expenses</b>		
Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis	\$ 191	\$ 3,701
Personnel Expenses and Salaries	4,671	45,866
Purchased Services and Supplies	882	8,511
Utilities	883	6,715
Building and Grounds	405	3,560
General and Office Expenses	263	4,222
Diocesan Assessments	710	7,532
Other Expenses	22	254
Parish Donations	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,026</b>	<b>\$ 80,359</b>
<b>Revenue Net of Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,048</b>	<b>\$ 34,641</b>



### Easter Flowers

As we prepare our souls for Easter Sunday, we are also preparing our church. If you would like to help decorate our beautiful church this Easter, please place a separate envelope marked **"Flower Fund"** with your name and special intention in the collection basket, parish office or mail to the office.



**~ Breakfast Invitation ~**


St Sebastian Parishioners are invited to breakfast, sponsored by St John's Christian Women, on Sunday, April 27 from 10am-Noon. They are having eggs, ham, potato bake, baked French Toast, desserts, fruit, cheese curds, juice, coffee and milk. If you would like to attend and/or donate food, there are sign-up sheets in the church entrance. All are welcome! Money donations will be given to the Golden House, Vida, Stuff the Backpacks (Methodist Church), local St. Vincent de Paul, and Fr. Regis Mission.

**Prayer For Holy Week**  
Dear Lord,  
I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross....  
and to a victorious hope. Amen

**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
**Inspiration of the Week**  
The disciples followed Jesus' careful instructions for his entry to Jerusalem, even though they did not understand his words. Today, we too, look ahead to his arrival. In obedience, let us prepare the way for the King.

**Helping Christians in the Holy Land**  
It is critical that we continue to support the Christians who are living in the land of Jesus' birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection. These faithful Christians are surrounded by a majority Jewish and Islamic population and are subjected to war and violence. With your support, we can help to ensure that Christians living in the Holy Land now, and that future generations of Christians will have a place to live and thrive. Please help the Christians in the Holy Land with your contribution to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. There are extra envelopes on the tables by the doors.

**The April Bulletin is Sponsored in Memory of**  
  
**Donald Roskom & Karen Vander Velden**



**INCOME FOR WEEK:**

Church Support	\$ 1967.00
Loose Collection	\$ 113.00
Votives	\$ 4.25
Mass Intentions	\$ 120.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Easter Flower Donations	\$ 30.00
World's Poor Diocese Collection	\$ 229.00

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:**

MMC-Multi Media	\$ 20.00
The Catholic Foundation (World's Poor)	\$ 229.00
Reimbursement (RE Reconciliation Dinner)	\$ 111.46
Priests for Reconciliation	\$ 177.12
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 4.48

**DEVOTIONS, Explained!**  
**Seven Churches Pilgrimage**  
The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion, when he asked his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion and death.

**Ministry of the Sick:** Please notify the parish office if a member of your family is confined to their home or is hospitalized. Also, please inform the hospital of your affiliation with your parish.

**Baptisms:** Please call the parish office two months in advance.

**Marriage:** Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Please call St. John's parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick and Dying:** Please call St. John's parish office.

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**Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 – 4:00**  
**Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri**