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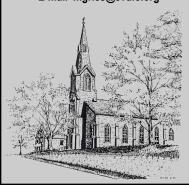
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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE** Saturday—5 PM Sunday-8 & 10:30 AM **SACRAMENT OF** RECONCILATION SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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### APRIL 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION r triends, Throughout his years here on JOINUS TODAY AFTER THE 8 AM MASS

Dear friends,

earth, Jesus spent his time teaching people about a way of life. One way he would describe this way was to tell people that if they wanted to be his disciples, they must be willing to take up their cross and follow him. It took his disciples a long time to fig-



ure out just what he meant by this. But Jesus was very **IN** patient with them. And, in the end, like a good leader, he didn't just tell them what to do. he showed them how its done.

This week, as we celebrate Holy Week, we will be remembering those special days wherein Jesus showed us how to take up our cross. The striking characteristic about what Jesus did, is that it has a great deal of allowing and surrendering. We recall the words he spoke: "Father, if it be your will, let this cup pass from me, yet, let not my will but yours be done." "Into your hands, I commend my spirit." In all this, he led from a position of powerlessness.

I read this from Dominican Sister, Dominican sister and counselor Catherine Chapman from her book Step Spirit: The 12 Steps as a Spiritual Program. She describes why so many of us struggle to accept our powerlessness:

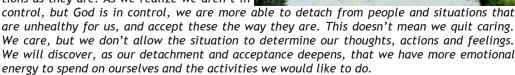
The very idea that we are powerless over people, places and things is an alien concept to many of us, especially men, in our North American culture. We in the United States grew up with the notion that we could do anything we wanted if we put our minds to it.... Being powerless is almost an un-American idea....

We are powerless to control anyone and anything except ourselves; and there are even things about ourselves we cannot control. If we are an addict we are powerless over drugs and alcohol anything else we use compulsively. Those of us in relationships with addicts are powerless over the addict. All of us are powerless to make anyone be, feel, and do exactly what we want. We have very limited control over what happens in the world at large....

Admitting we are powerless over people, places and things, and that our lives have become unmanageable, can be one of the most difficult, yet one of the most freeing, admissions of our lives. It is usually beyond our comprehension that admitting powerlessness and unmanageability will help us find peace. For many, if not most of us, this admission implies

we have given up or we are defeated. However, this is exactly what the First Step is asking us to do: admit defeat. But, we are only admitting defeat in relation to our way of doing things.

Admitting our powerlessness frees us to allow the One who is Power to become active in our lives. We become more open to new ways of doing things as we allow God to love us and teach us how to give and receive love. We also begin to accept people and situations as they are. As we realize we aren't in



The emotional component of Step 1 is getting in touch with our powerlessness over people, places and things. The behavioral response to Step 1 is letting go of control. Not controlling means we do not try to manage anyone's life in any way. Not controlling means we allow other people to be responsible for their lives.... We begin to listen to others and, on occasion, try things their way. No longer are we rigidly wedded to the notion that our way is

the only correct way. Not controlling means letting go and going with the flow.

I was reminded this week that there are many events in our lives that can teach us this lesson. Last week, I found out that my dog. Kiska, had a mass on her spleen which did not look good. Early Monday morning, she took a turn for the worse. I took her to the Pet Emergency Center where I learned she was bleeding into her abdomen. The best thing I could do was just to have the vet put her down. I told Kiska that her last job was to find just the right dog for me. Tuesday I was introduced to my new dog, Cody. So far, he has passed two big tests: he's

nice to our secretary Julie and he was nice to all the people that came to weekday mass! Kiska has done her last job well! Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

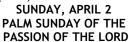


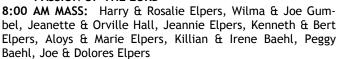


### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00 PM MASS: Darlene Martin, Don Barfield, Henry Hoefling (1889), Josephina Adler (1904), Josephine (1974) & Henry Niemeier, Patricia (1974) & John Kissel, Francis Kormeling (1982), Janice (2017) & Bill Kempf, Albert (2012) & Aletha Vollman





10:30 AM MASS: Joe Straub, Ignatius Straub, Ada Straub, Rick Dile, Otilla (1964) & Henry Baehl, Leo (1975) & Alice Hillenbrand, Nancy (2019) and Lawrence Gumbel

#### MONDAY, APRIL 3 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

**6:30 PM MASS:** Francis Rexing (1858), Paul Will (1875) Verena Mayer (1918), Janet Englert (1972), Sean Witsoe (2010), Wilbur (2015) & Marian Fehrenbacher, Loretta (2020) & Darrell Whelan

## TUESDAY, APRIL 4 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:30 AM MASS: Valentine Meyer (1881), Herman Hassing (1889), Van Thomas (1953), Elizabeth Williams (1996) 5:30 PM CHRISM MASS AT ST. BENEDICT

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

**7:30 AM MASS:** Theresa Beckerle (1877), Bernard Urich (1887), Henry Will, Sr. (1890), Elisabeth Muss (1905), Josephina (1969) & Joseph Goebel, Rosemary Hollingsworth (2015)

# THURSDAY, APRIL 6 HOLY THURSDAY

**7:00 PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS:** Joseph Foerstel (1884), Sebastian (1923) & Katherine Weiss, Andrew Martin (1965), Joyce Smith (1938), Dolores (2009) & Jim Niemeier, Allen Hartweck (2013), Jeff Schneider (2020)

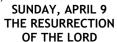
#### FRIDAY, APRIL 7

#### GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** Infant Schmitt (1872), Francis Weiss (1880), Maria Rexing (1915), Joseph Sudholt (2010), T.P & Mary (2013) Lewis, Bob McIntosh (2017)

# SATURDAY, APRIL 8 THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:00 PM HOLY SATURDAY MASS AT NIGHT: Easter Flower Memorials, Joanna Rexing (1883), Catharine Freppon (1887), Anton Salmen (1903), Amy Wallis (2020)



8:00 AM MASS: Easter Flower
Memorials

10:30 AM MASS: Easter Flower Memorials, Appolonia Schmitt (1896), Albert (1963) & Elsie Hillenbrand



"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!



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Michael Jung, Ronald Orth, Katherine Roemke

April 4: Debra Daugherty, Linda Englert, Jennifer Fehrenbacher, Ashley Gaiser, Susan Helmer, Jena Lutz, Joe Lutz

April 5: Henry Fehrenbacher, Jim Happe, Clarence Keller, James Raben, Luke Willis

April 6: Andy Jarboe, Kay Moutoux, Theresa Roberts, Darlene Straub

April 7: Mike Evans, Isabella Lagunzad, Julie Lagunzad

April 8: Carol Ashmore, Connie Harpenau, Charlene Schapker,

April 4: Fred & Judy Gries

April 6: Eric & Lisa Douglas, Dustin & Nicole Paul



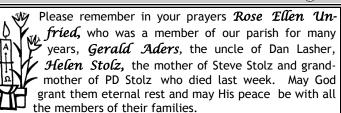
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COME PRAY WITH US DURING THIS HOLY WEEK

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



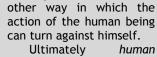
In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si-Caring for Our Common Home and seeing the real presence of God in all things.

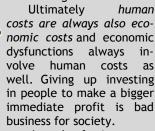


Work should be the context of this multifaceted personal development, where many dimensions of life are brought into play: creativity, projection into the future, the development of skills, the exercise of values, communication with others, an attitude of adoration. Therefore, the social reality of today's world, beyond the limited interests of businesses and a questionable economic rationality, requires that we continue to pursue as a priority the objective of access to work for all.

We have been called to work since our creation. We must not try to replace human work more and more with technological progress: in doing so, humanity would harm itself. Work is a necessity, it is part of the meaning of life on this earth, a way of maturation, human development and personal fulfillment.

In this sense, helping the poor with money must always be a temporary remedy for dealing with emergencies. The real goal should always be to allow them a dignified life through work. However, the orientation of the economy has favored a type of technological progress aimed at reducing production costs due to the decrease in jobs, which are replaced by machines. It is an-





In order for it to continue to be possible to offer employment, it is essential to promote an economy that favors productive diversification and entrepreneurial creativ-

ity. For example, there is a large variety of agricultural and smallscale food systems that continue to feed the majority of the world's population, using a smaller portion of land and water and producing less waste, both in small agricultural plots and vegetable gardens. both in hunting and gathering forest products, and in artisanal fishing.

Economies of scale, especially in the agricultural sector, end up forcing small farmers to sell their land or abandon their traditional crops. The attempts of some of them to develop other forms of production, more diversified, they are useless because of the difficulty of accessing regional and global markets or because the sales and transport infrastructure is at the service of large compa-

The authorities have the right and the responsibility to adopt measures of clear and firm support for small producers and for the diversification of production. For there to be an economic freedom that everyone actually benefits from, it may sometimes be necessary to place limits on those with the greatest resources and financial power. The simple proclamation of economic freedom, however, when real conditions prevent many from actually accessing it, and when access to work is reduced, becomes a contradictory TO BE CONTINUED discourse that dishonors politics.



#### HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6

Commitment to Service.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION 9 AM HOLY THRUSDAY MASS 7 PM



#### GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7

Proclamation of the Passion from the Gospel of John, Adoration of the Cross Holy Communion

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION 8. 9 AND 10 AM

PARISH GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

EASTER CELEBRATION AT NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 7 PM

Easter Proclamation, Readings, Baptism, Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY

8 & 10:30 AM SUNDAY, APRIL 9



CHURCH ROOF UPDATE We're still in the "gathering information" stage so there is not a whole lot to report. Tom Blythe and Bob Gibson have been putting together some specifications for the roof repair. We'll use this work to guide the contractors in doing the roof repair. Dennis Niemeier, Mike Loehrlein, Bob Fehrenbacher, Tom Blythe and Janice Herr are serving on the committee to oversee this whole project.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SEARCH Amy Back, Ryan Kassenbrock, Mike Raben, Chip Altstadt and Michelle Reffett have agreed to serve on this search committee. They will be meeting to review and interview potential applicants for the position of school principal. They will begin their work this week and our hope is that they will be able to find a new principal before the end of the school year.

### ROGATION DAYS

One of the ancient traditions in our church, especially in rural areas, was to pray for a good harvest. When our parish was much more of a farming community than it is today, the yearly cycles of planting and harvest-! ing the crops were something that people were much more aware of. Now, most of us are disconnected from these yearly cycles.



Rogation Day Celebrations are a good time not only to remember the farmers in our community but even more to remember the farmers who grow and harvest the foods we eat each day. So many of the people who are doing the actual work of planting and harvest foods are migrants from other countries. Many of them are here legally and many of them are undocumented people. Without their work, we would soon notice many changes in the foods we eat each day. So, the next time we have a salad at a restaurant or buy some fruit to take home and eat, it we would do well to give thanks for the people who make it possible for us to have something to eat.

Holy Rosary Men's Club Rib Smoke—Pre-Orders Only, \$25 per slab, call/text Warren at 812-455-9557, pick up Sunday, April 15 from 9-11 am. APRIL 30: St. James Fried Chicken Dinner, carry out only, 10:30 am until supplies run out, \$13 per person.

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