

We have arrived at Holy Week! "He Sent Two of His Disciples," from the first Gospel (Gospel of Matthew) of this Weekend reminds us of what this weekend and week is all about: The Father sending his Son to save us by his Life, Death, and Resurrection. The best way to encounter the Lord this week is to remember that we are never alone. He is sending us to Calvary and the Tomb to know the depth of his love. Take time this week to be "sent" by the Lord by being intentional in prayer and openness to what he is reminding and asking you.

A fantastic way to be intentional is to take part in as much of this week together as a community as possible. On the back of this is a reminder many of the important events for this week. Thank you as well to our Faith Formation for Breakfast this weekend for a great cause! For a complete Schedule, please see the rest of the bulletin, information emailed home to you, our website, and myparishapp.

CSA Update: Thank you for helping us thus far If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please consider helping us as all monies raised above and beyond stay in our parish and thank you again for helping us update and evangelize!

April events coming up:

+138 Women's Conference: Please plan on joining me in person (or via livestream) for this wonderful event on Saturday, April 18 from 8:30a-1p at St. Jude the Apostle Church in Erie. I am honored to be working with Fr. Larry Richards as the conference spiritual director. There are two phenomenal speakers that are joining us. Ladies, please invite your neighbor, daughter, mother, sister, friend, etc., to join you. The cost is \$25 but financial assistance is available. Further, if you are a high school or college student you are FREE. Please see the bulletin or contact me for more information.... hope to see you there!

+Keep the Lenten practices going by spending some time in prayer in the Easter Season as well. There will continue to be additional Mass, Adoration, Confession, celebrating a Sacrament, and Small Group opportunities coming up as well as a reminder as I mentioned a few weeks back that the **Church is open every weekday for personal prayer from 6:30am-7pm**(and *most* Saturday's from 9am-7pm and most Sunday's from 7am-7pm). You are most welcome to come at any time throughout the day! Also, a reminder that we also livestream Daily Mass (except on School Mass days) on our YouTube/Facebook pages!

+Get involved/invite another: This time of year, is a great opportunity of offer a hand, pray about a ministry that you feel you may be called to. Please pray about how you may want to get involved in your parish to help spread the Gospel Message. Likewise consider offering an invitation to someone to worship with you. There is always strength in numbers!

Three reminders:

1. Please continue to contact the office if you have a loved one in the hospital or nursing home as I will always do my best to stop by for a visit; or include them on our Communion Visitors list. The same goes for Anointing of the Sick. Please don't hesitate to call.
2. We still have openings in the Sanctuary Lamp and Mass Intention calendar for this year. If you are looking for a great way to honor someone who is living or their memory if they have departed this gift of prayer is a great opportunity to do so. The Sanctuary Lamp is lit weekly in memory/honor of someone, and all Masses have an intention for someone. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer one or both of these as they also make a great Easter gift to your loved one!
3. Thinking about becoming Catholic/Receiving the rest of your Sacraments? If you have not had the opportunity to receive all of your sacraments or to be formally received into the Church either through Reception or Baptism, please let us know! There is always time to help you and to receive the greatest gifts of the Sacraments. Please do not hesitate to ask for help or more information. We will have more info on how to do this, but you are always welcome to contact Linda Summerville to start the process or myself!

This weekend (March 31) brings the conclusion to the Called by Name Campaign. There is still time to offer a name of a young man who you may think has the quality/qualities of becoming a priest! You can fill out the form in the Gathering Space Lobby, Scan the QR code in the bulletin/on our website to do so. Again, no commitment/signing any one up for something against their will. God may be using you to help them discover something about themselves. Thank you again for helping with this!

Again, he is sending us into this week, not to reenact, but to re-member he is part of who we are and gives purpose to our lives. If you have not had the opportunity to take time to experience any of these days, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please do, as I look forward to praying with you and journeying to the Cross, Tomb, and Easter Season together. Finally, I also encourage you to "send" someone to the Lord, by **inviting** them to journey with you this week and Easter. Enjoy this week, be assured of my prayers, and I am looking forward to spending the Triduum with you in this week that truly does change the world! *(over for more info on Holy Week)*

Know of my Love and Prayers this week and always, Fr. Jason

Monday, March 30: 1pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (open to the public for in person/livestream worship on our Website/Facebook Pages). This Mass is celebrated by the Bishop with the Priests of the Diocese present as he blesses and consecrates the oils that will be used in the following year for the Sacraments and Anointing of the Sick. At this Mass, the Priests also renew their priestly promises.

Wednesday, April 1: 6pm **Stations of the Cross** with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. After Benediction is an additional opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** until all are heard.

Thursday, April 2: Holy Thursday begins with **Morning Prayer** of the Church (Liturgy of the Hours) at 830am. The Easter Triduum formally begins with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** reminds us that he has come to be our "Bread of Life" as we remember through the gift of his Body that we have his Presence with us. (The Triduum is a 3-day long Mass, concluding with the Easter Vigil that begins the Easter Season) This day concludes with the Opportunity for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at our Altar of Repose** set up in the School until Midnight. (We have the Altar of Repose to remind us to spend time watching with the Lord in the Garden).*

Friday, April 3: Good Friday begins with Morning prayer of the Church (Liturgy of the Hours) at 730am. The **Celebration of the Passion** takes place at 3pm with the Reading of the Passion according to John (we hear from John every Good Friday); the Solemn Intercessions that remind us that the Cross of Christ conquers everything in the World; Veneration of the Cross; and Holy Communion. Mass is not celebrated today out of respect of the Passion and that is also why the Sanctuary is bare. Again, a fantastic way to encounter his life is through the Mercy he gives us in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** which will be offered at the conclusion of this service. (Remember, today is a day of Fasting and Abstinence).*

Saturday, April 4: Holy Saturday marks a day of quiet waiting as you walk into the Church and see that the Sanctuary may be adorned with flowers, but the Presence of the Lord is absent from the Tabernacle, no Candles are lit, and Statues remain covered. As we waited in the Garden on Thursday, we wait in the Garden of the Tomb for the Resurrection. We encounter Holy Saturday with **Morning Prayer and the Blessing of Easter Food** at 11am. Again, we have one last opportunity to encounter his Mercy before Easter in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** from 3-340pm. The day ends with the **Great Vigil of Easter** beginning at 8:30pm with the Blessing of Fire that lights the Easter Candle, the Liturgy of the Word where we hear all of Salvation History leading us to the Gospel of the Resurrection, Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.*

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday is marked with Resurrection Joy as we renew our Baptismal Promises and share once again in the renewed Joy that is necessary of this day for it is Resurrection Joy that conquers the Sadness of this world! **Remember, Mass is at 8:30am and Noon today!***

**If you cannot join us at the times above, please know you are welcome on Holy Thursday at 5pm at St Eusebius; Good Friday at 7pm at St. Charles. Also, you are welcome on Easter Sunday at 6:30am at St. Charles or 10:15am at St. Eusebius.*