

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**MARCH 28, 2020 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

## LAY MINISTERS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

MASSES	Holy Thursday April 1, 7:00 pm	Good Friday April 2, 1:30 pm	Easter Sunday April 4, 7:30 am	Easter Sunday April 4, 9:00 am
Servers				JT Schaez AJ Justinger
Lector	Julia Rodemeier	Susan Vavra Cecelia Zielke	Rita Nettesheim	Steve O'Neil
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion	Rich Tauferner	Gretchen Free	Connie Katchkey	Mel Free
Ushers	Steve O'Neil Tom Reilly	Peter Guske Tom Reilly	Peter Guske	John Debrauske Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin



The canopy doors will be unlocked from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm for private prayer or to pick up palms on Monday, March 29 through Thursday, April 1. Please use this extra time to prepare for the upcoming Holy Triduum. Also, on Good Friday, the canopy doors will be unlocked beginning at 9:00 am until the conclusion of the Good Friday service.

**DAILY MASS UPDATE:** Due to Holy Week, there will be no 9:00 am Mass at Blessed Trinity on Thursday, April 1 and no 7:00 am Mass on Friday, April 2 at St. John's. There will also be no daily Masses the week of April 3 - 9. Regular daily Mass schedule will resume the following week.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 27	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann, †Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad
Palm Sunday	March 28	St. John's	<b>8:30 am</b>	Mass for Parishioners
Palm Sunday	March 28	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Tony Daharsh by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Nancy Perronne by Marv & Joan Schueffner
Wednesday	March 31	St. John's	7:00 am	†Sharon Pyne by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Holy Thursday	April 1	St. John's	7:00 pm	†Doris Herbst by K & S Schmeling
Good Friday	April 2	St. John's	1:30 pm	<i>The Lord's Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion</i>
Good Friday	April 2	Blessed Trinity	1:30 pm	<i>The Lord's Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion</i>
Holy Saturday	April 3	Blessed Trinity	7:30 pm	†Jerzy & Nora Salata by Family
Easter	April 4	St. John's	7:30 am	†Juergen Pietzner by Francoise Pietzner
Easter	April 4	Blessed Trinity	7:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Easter	April 4	St. John's	9:00 am	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy & Family
Easter	April 4	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Kitty Lynne Klich by Jim Klich, †Don & Nancy Perronne by Dick Goebel

**APRIL WINE & HOSTS:** In Memory of Jerome Fuhrmann by Dian Fuhrmann

**FINANCIAL: MARCH 20/21:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,313.00.

**RECONCILIATION:** There is no Reconciliation offered on Holy Saturday, April 3. Reconciliation will be at Blessed Trinity on Saturday, April 10 at 3:00 pm.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Please bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room by **Sunday, April 11**. It will be taken to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on **Monday, April 12 at 9:30 am by Matt & Jennifer Walton**. Right now, they are in special need of paper products including bathroom tissue, paper towels, and napkins. Thank you to everyone who has donated.



**HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILWAUKEE:** The **Good Friday** service is scheduled to be televised at 1:30 pm and **Easter Sunday** Mass is scheduled to be televised at 11:00 am on FOX (channel 6). \*please note this is subject to change

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH:** Please Welcome:

- Collin & Taylor McCarthy and their son Lochlan
- Zachary & Angela Geiger and their daughter Paisley



to the St. John Evangelist Parish family. If you see them in church, please take a moment to welcome them.



**MISSION SOCIETY:** Please join us for quilt making on Tuesdays at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome!

## Preparing for Holy Week

Since the early days of Christianity, Holy Week, that begins week with Palm Sunday, has been a sacred time. The Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday) marks the end of the Lenten Season and commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here are some faith-filled ideas to plan for and to do during the final days of the upcoming Holy Week:



### Holy Thursday

- ✝ This day recalls the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. It reminds us that we are called to serve one another. Here are some ideas for celebrating the day
- ✝ Come to 7:00 PM Mass: The Holy Thursday liturgy marks the beginning of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.
- ✝ Help someone: Do something special for someone in need.
- ✝ Be sure to read one of the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper .
- ✝ The Eucharist is the central sacrament in our Catholic faith. Think or talk about our Catholic belief that we receive the real presence of the risen Jesus in Holy Communion. How does/might this encounter with Jesus change us?

### Good Friday

- ✝ This day commemorates the crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus. It is the most solemn and sorrowful day of the Church calendar.
- ✝ Attend the Good Friday liturgy at 1:30 PM. It includes the reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, special prayers and Holy Communion.
- ✝ Set aside some prayerful time between 12 noon and 3 p.m.
- ✝ Forgive someone who has hurt you
- ✝ Jesus' death on the cross is a sacrifice like no other; he died to teach us about everlasting life. It is because of Jesus, we hope to rise to new life.

### Holy Saturday

- ✝ This day commemorates the time of darkness and waiting when Jesus was in the tomb. It is also a day for final preparations before Easter.
- ✝ Come to the Easter Vigil Celebration at Blessed Trinity.
- ✝ Gather around a fire in the backyard or around the fireplace as a way of "keeping vigil" before Jesus rises. The Easter Vigil begins with the symbol of fire. Talk or think about how fire represents Jesus who is the light of the world. He brings light to the darkness and new life to a sleeping world.

### Easter Sunday

- ✝ Celebrate the risen Lord at Mass, that include the renewal of baptismal vows, a sprinkling with Easter water and receiving the Eucharist.
- ✝ Spend the day doing something you enjoy!

The time you spend on your Holy Week preparations will make Easter Sunday more meaningful and more joyful! May you and your loved ones experience the peace and the joy of the Risen Christ throughout this Easter Season and beyond.

Adapted from: Duquin, Lorena Hanley. "Holy Week: Ideas for Families." Teaching catholic kids.com. March 15, 2021

-Jeanne Bitkers, Coordinator of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6



During the last class-time in March, First Grade Catechist, Tricia Mikolyzk helped her students know more about Jesus, His Life on Earth and His Crucifixion while they worked to make replicas of the Road to Calvary with paper plates and construction paper. When the class was over, students took their art-work home to share with their families



# PUZZLE

## Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him.  
Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

**Directions:** In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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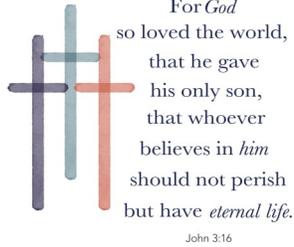


  
**Confirmation  
Preparation**

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** Our 11th grade Confirmation students participated in a retreat on Saturday March 20. What a blessing to gather for Mass, small groups, prayer and reflection. St. John's and the North & South side Confirmation students also donated socks to The Warming House, which is part of our Human Concerns Lenten initiative. ~Jen Vallo, Coordinator of Religious Education Grades 7 - 11

**Hello Everyone,**

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Rom 1:7b



The Universal Church is getting ready to follow Jesus Christ in his supremely eminent act of Redemption. The days following Palm Sunday (the Holy Week) are the most sacred time in the Christian calendar. On Holy Thursday, we are invited to pause and value the supreme Presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament. On the same evening, Jesus proved his role as supreme High Priest by offering his Body and Blood to his disciples as spiritual food in their pilgrimage on the earth. He further taught his disciples the meaning of being the Lord and Master by stooping down to wash their feet. He asked them to follow his worthy example.

On Good Friday, the Lord taught us the true meaning and value of love. He wanted to engrave in our hearts that “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,” (John 3:16a). Good Friday further tells us that true love is sacrificial and life-giving.

On Holy Saturday, the Church further reflects on the true cost of salvation and learns from the Mother of Jesus Christ what is meant to be fulfilling the will of God.

On Easter Vigil, the Church is so excited to burst out to share the Easter message of JOY and HOPE. On Easter Sunday, we are called to sing Alleluia and proclaim that death is defeated forever and the Risen Lord is in our midst to be with us in our life's pilgrimage.

Prayerful Holy Week,  
*Fr. Joe.*

# Dear Padre

March 28, 2021

***I recently converted to Catholicism. Can you tell me more about the significance of the palm branches on Palm Sunday?***

Welcome to our faith! And we are delighted to answer your questions. We can consider the meaning of the palm branches on two levels. On the first level, we commemorate a historical event—Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

In biblical times, people saw the palm as a kingly tree because of its height and majestic appearance. During festivals, the Jews carried palm branches in processions. Roman soldiers carried palm branches in their victory parades. In public games, the winners of contests and sports received palm branches as signs of victory. Thus, when people greeted Jesus with palm branches, they were greeting him in the spirit of joy and triumph usually reserved for victorious kings, armies, and athletes. It was the biblical equivalent of a ticker-tape parade!

That brings us to the second meaning for the palm branches. They do signify a joyful victory, but not in the worldly and military sense of the word. It is a victory that we can understand and celebrate only in the light of the other events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The ultimate victory of Jesus was his Easter triumph over death and sin. But it was a victory won through suffering and dying. This is the victory we recall on Palm Sunday. Even though we must relive the sad events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we know the triumphant outcome of the story. Knowing that outcome enables us to make Palm Sunday the beginning of our victory celebration.

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**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** Rita Nettesheim, St. John's sacristan, is retiring after Easter weekend. A sacristan sets up for the Holy Mass. The tasks are simple and easy to learn, and training will be provided. The hours range from about 5 to 10 hours a week depending on the liturgical season and include weekday and weekend Masses. If we could find a group of people to help, it will limit the amount of time required. Qualifications include a basic knowledge of the Catholic faith and a love for your parish. If you are interested, please contact Gretchen at the parish office (920- 452-9623). If you wish to learn more about the position, please contact Rita (920-207-9510). If you know someone who might be interested in this position, please pass this information onto them.



## HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE 2021 LENTEN OUTREACH PROGRAM:

*"I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME, THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK; I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU RECEIVED ME IN YOUR HOMES, NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME; I WAS SICK AND YOU TOOK ME IN, IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME."* (MATTHEW 25:35-36)

Sheboygan County Warming Center, a 501 (3) non-profit organization, provides temporary, overnight, safe shelter for adult individuals who may be homeless for any number of reasons, including emergencies of any kind, as well as transients.

The Warming Center also provides a hot evening meal, a continental style breakfast, & a bag lunch for their guests.

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, is the ushering in of Holy Week – the most sacred week of the Church Year. Prior to the celebration of the Eucharist, we gather in a place distinct from the Church, so we can attempt to reenact the humbling scene: our King seated on a donkey – riding into Jerusalem. Bystanders threw off their cloaks of unbelief and spread them on the road that became the path toward JERUSALEM – a date with profound suffering and death. We all know the story: Jesus died so we could live. In some twisted way, we should be reminded of what Jesus did. He reached out to touch those who were homeless, naked, hungry, had no place to sleep. He gave his life so we might live. As we continue to reach out and support the Sheboygan County Warming Center, let us be reminded that the ones we are helping are the ones Jesus reached out to touch on his death journey towards Jerusalem ... the humblest of all – riding a donkey. Sincere thanks for your generous contributions to date.

### **WARMING CENTER 2022**

**Volunteers will be needed for the 2021-22 winter season to assist at the Warming Center. If you would be interested in helping out, please let Sandy Jordan at Blessed Trinity Parish Office or Gretchen Free at St John Evangelist Parish Office know.**

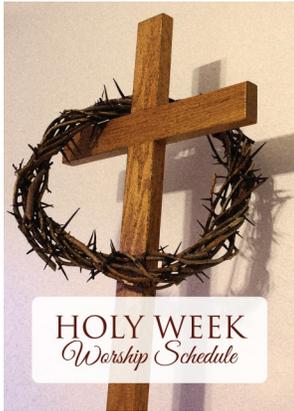
## **AMOUNT RECEIVED TO DATE: \$10,153**

Please make checks payable to St. John Evangelist Parish or Blessed Trinity Parish.

**SPREAD THE WORD:** *Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name...every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth...and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:6-11)*

<b>Monday</b> MARCH 29 <i>Monday of Holy Week</i> Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b> MARCH 30 <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>Wednesday</b> MARCH 31 <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i> Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25
<b>Thursday</b> APRIL 1 <i>Holy Thursday</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
<b>Friday</b> APRIL 2 <i>Good Friday</i> Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
<b>Saturday</b> APRIL 3 <i>Holy Saturday</i> Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Mk 16:1-7
<b>Sunday</b> APRIL 4 <i>Easter</i> Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

## HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES



<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>Thursday, April 1</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>St. John's</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Friday, April 2</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>St. John's</b>
		<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday, April 3</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday, April 4</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>St. John's</b>
		<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>St. John's</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>

**Easter Triduum :** The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. (from usccb.com)

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Institution of the Holy Eucharist & Holy Orders. This solemn Mass is celebrated at St. John Evangelist at 7:00 pm. At the conclusion, the altar is stripped. The church will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour after Mass.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Recalls the suffering and death of Our Lord on the Cross. There will be a 1:30 pm liturgical service held at both St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity. This liturgical service will include the reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. The collection which will be taken is for the Shrines in the Holy Land.

**HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL):** The night watch of the Lord's Resurrection is at 7:30 pm at Blessed Trinity. This beautiful and inspiring Mass includes the Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Blessing of Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises. ***Holy Saturday Mass fulfills the Easter Sunday obligation.***

**EASTER SUNDAY:** The Resurrection of the Lord. Mass is being held at St. John Evangelist at 7:30 and 9:00 am and at Blessed Trinity at 7:30 and 10:30 am. Due to the anticipated crowds, please follow instructions from the ushers. Every effort will be made to fit in as many people as possible with safety and social distancing protocols followed. For the 9:00 am Mass, please do not arrive earlier than 20 minutes prior and if you do arrive early, please wait in the parking lot until all the parishioners from the 7:30 am Mass have left. We will need to sanitize the church immediately following the 7:30 am Mass. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

***A HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER TO ALL ST. JOHN'S PARISHIONERS FROM FR. JOE AND THE STAFF.***



**HOLY WATER BOTTLES:** Bottles of Holy Water, which were blessed at the Easter Vigil, will be available in the gathering space beginning Easter Sunday. You are invited to take one of these bottles home with you. Holy water is a sacramental which reminds us of our relationship with God and enables us to act in accordance with God's will. Please take only one bottle per family.



## EASTER 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Early on Easter morning, three women go to the tomb of Jesus to anoint His body, per Jewish custom. Approaching the tomb, they discuss the dilemma of rolling back the large stone that covers the entrance, for it is too heavy for them to move. It is at this moment that they realize the stone has been rolled away and, upon entering the tomb, Jesus' body is nowhere to be found. Rather, an angel greets them with the instruction, "Do not be amazed!" Jesus had risen just as He had foretold. (Mark 16:1-7)

How often during this past year have we discussed with one another our human frailty amid the heavy burdens that confront us? Like the three women, we continue with our daily responsibilities amid uncertainty, doubt, and confusion. If this past year has taught us anything, a lesson may be that we have less control over our lives and the successes we seek than we once thought. Rather than depress or frustrate us, this realization should be a consolation to all those who celebrate the Resurrection.

It was precisely in this moment of the recognition of weakness that the glory of God was made manifest. While the women entered the empty tomb in sheer amazement, the heavenly being reminded them, "Do not be amazed!" What is burdensome, overwhelming, destructive, and even deadly for humans, is conquered by Christ. God has promised to save us, and Christ has surely risen from the dead. Do not be amazed!

What the angel is instructing the women – and all of us now – is to believe that God is faithful. Every worry of the human heart comes from a lack of trust in God's faithfulness. During Lent, we may have profoundly experienced these worries as we tried to let go of the behaviors or treasures we cling to for security and comfort. At Easter, we rejoice in the event of God's faithfulness that destroys the fears, even the ultimate fear of death, forever. Rather than be amazed, or in disbelief of the saving power of God, we are called to rejoice in His faithfulness and love for us.

I invite you to ponder the reading from Isaiah 54 that was read at the Easter Vigil. We hear the Lord say:

*Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken, my love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the LORD, who has mercy on you...*

*All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. In justice shall you be established, far from the fear of oppression, where destruction cannot come near you. (Is 54:10-14)*

In the many ways we have all been challenged, confounded, or wounded this past year, I ask you to bring these burdens to the empty tomb. Together with the women, encounter the glory of God's faithfulness and let your heart rejoice in His mercy and love for you. His love will never leave you. Let us all bring the joy of the Resurrection, which we celebrate at every Mass, to our families and communities.

With a heart full of gratitude for your faithfulness, I am,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Jerome E. Listecki

Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki