

April 2 - Palm Sunday

"HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!"

*A very large crowd before and behind
cried out with "Hosanna to the Son of David,"
as they spread their cloaks
and strewed leaves from the palm trees,
preparing the way for the king
to enter Jerusalem.*

*The city's people were dazed, and they cried out.
Who can this be, this great one?*

*Now we cry out too! Who can this be?
We wave palms in welcome, but we ask,
Jesus of Nazareth, who are you to us?
Our God who walks alongside us?
A king, crowned with thorns?
A light that shows our way to the truth?*

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Who is this Man?

He is a convicted criminal. He is a threat to the sovereignty of Rome, because he might be a rival king; a challenge to Jewish religious tradition, for he interprets the law by his own authority. Still, he is just a common carpenter, a sometimes preacher and healer like many others. He's a man whose friends and followers have deserted him and are in hiding. This is how some might describe Jesus. But we know better.

He fits well the Isaian image—a man with "a well-trained tongue" who knows "how to answer the weary" (Isaiah 50:4). He also resembles the Psalm 22 sketch of one to scoff at and mock, one whose hands and feet are pierced, an image also found in the Gospel account of his suffering and death. This is a man rejected, beaten, and nailed to wood like a piece of flimsy material. Who is this man and why was he so hated?

The hymn in Philippians 2 probably offers the best likeness of him. He was in the form of God, but out of love for others he took on the form of a slave so that he might serve them. What about this was so objectionable? Does he represent an idea of God that is too different from the one with which we have grown comfortable? As a man for others, does he put our own selfishness to shame? Does his desire to serve challenge our propensity to control? Is this why he has been rejected? (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

April 2 – Lawrence and Lillian Lustig
April 9 – Timothy Walke
April 16 – Leonard and Lorene Brancamp

MASS INTENTIONS

April 1 – Charles Simon
April 2 – Lynn Herbert
April 8 – Delmar and Evelyn Fry
April 9 – Cletus Wagner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Holy Thursday – April 6 at 6:00 PM

Lector: Terry Harmeyer, Arlene Gehl
Gifts: Susan Schutte, Judy Steuri
EM: Rita Kress, Scott Simon

Good Friday – April 7 at 4:00 PM

Lectors: Ron Bauerle, Julie Stephens
Narrator: Susan Schutte, *Speaker:* Amanda Schutte

Holy Saturday – April 8 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Ella Wagner
Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff, Judy Steuri
Gifts: Joe and Janet Wagner
EM: Roseann Wirth (*Hall*), Beth Simon, Janet Wagner

Easter Sunday – April 9 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Donna Harlemert, Arlene Gehl
Gifts: Mike and Katie Spreckelson
EM: Cindy Weisenbach (*Hall*), Susan Schutte, Kevin Tunny

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2735.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 47.31
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 370.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3348.60
Capital Improvement	\$350.00
Catholic Relief	\$115.00

THANK YOU! MAY YOU ENJOY THE NEW LIFE OF THIS EASTER SEASON!

*"Brothers and sisters, in the course of this week, let us
cling to the certainty that God can forgive every
sin...The certainty that with Jesus there is always a
place for everyone. That with Christ things are never
over. That with him, it is never too late. With God, we
can always come back to life." ~ Pope Francis*

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked following the Masses this weekend.

EASTER PRACTICE – The children singing on Easter morning will have practice after Mass this morning, 11:00-11:30.

PASSION PLAY – Students in Grades 5 through 8 will present the Passion Play on Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 PM, in our hall. Everyone is invited to attend.


EASTER EGG HUNT – Our Faith Formation Team and Youth Ministry will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, 10:00 AM, for children 8 years of age and younger. Bring your Easter basket and meet in the parish hall!

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet on Wednesday, April 5, 6:45 PM, for class. The Passion Play will be presented at 7:00 PM.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – No classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, April 9. Classes resume April 16.

175 YEARS – **Early Years:** In the eight years following the death of Fr. Antoni, St. Maurice Church was attended or visited by eight different pastors. During these various interruptions and irregular attendance, the congregation became somewhat scattered, and it was difficult to tell the actual membership. Then in 1878, Bishop Chatard sent Fr. Kemper to be the resident pastor, and he remained two years. He introduced good order again, put the school in flourishing condition, and added a new carved altar. Since this house of worship had not been formally dedicated, the ceremony was performed on September 22, 1879, by Bishop Chatard, who also used this occasion to confirm a large number of children and adult members of the parish.

From 1880 until 1896, Fr. Adam Feigen was pastor. By his efforts, a new pipe organ was acquired, a new pulpit, baptismal font, and a large crucifix. He also purchased and collected money for the third bell and new side altars and had the interior of the church decorated with fresco-paintings and other suitable designs.



HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. **Celebration of Mass: 6:00 PM.**

GOOD FRIDAY – We gather in silence to read Scripture and offer prayers for the whole world. The Veneration of the Cross takes place to acknowledge that through the cross of Jesus we are led to glory. **Good Friday Service: 4:00 PM.**

HOLY SATURDAY – This night commemorates our share in the dying and rising of Jesus. **Easter Vigil Service: 4:00 PM.**

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

April 8 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner
April 15 – Eric Busch, Steve Gilland
April 22 – Ken Harmeyer, Gary Wagner
April 29 – Paul Simon, Ken Hellmich

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

April 9 – George and Mary Bultman
April 16 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
April 23 – Kevin Tunny, Steve Wagner
April 30 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

HOLY THURSDAY GREETERS







April 6 – George and Mary Bultman

SPRING SMORGASBORD – Sign-up sheets are out this weekend for our smorgasbord, serving 4:00 to 6:00 PM. We need workers for serving and cleanup. Flyers are out for you to pick up and help advertise. Please do your part to make this a success!

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – In church during the Sunday morning sermon, the pastor, with arms extended toward heaven, exclaimed, "Dear Lord, without you, we are but dust..."

The pastor's sermon was interrupted by the shrill voice of a 4-year-old girl who asked her mother: "Mommy, what is butt dust?" (via George Goldtrap, The Joyful Noiseletter)

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						PALM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS 4:00 PM Pick Pockets Blood Pressure Checks
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
RE Classes - 8:30 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Pick Pockets BP Checks NO Donuts & Coffee Practice for Passion Play - 11:00 AM			RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM  Passion Play 7:00 PM in Hall	 HOLY THURSDAY Mass at 6:00 PM	 GOOD FRIDAY Service at 4:00 PM	 Holy Saturday Mass at 4:00 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 <i>Happy Easter</i> <i>The Lord is Risen!</i> Mass - 10:00 AM NO Donuts & Coffee			RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Smorgasbord 4:00 - 6:00 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Mass - 10:00 AM Donuts & Coffee		Hall Rented: Napoleon State Bank	RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM Pennies Party	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass - 10:00 AM Donuts & Coffee		Feast of St. Mark	RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM (Fr. Dan Bedel - Celebrant)
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass - 10:00 AM (Fr. Dan Bedel - Celebrant)				THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH  For a culture of peace and non-violence: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.		