

Holy Week 2020

This Holy Week is like no other Holy Week in our lives. Rather than coming together in our church to celebrate these holy days, we unite with one another in mind and heart as we ponder and live this Holy Week in our homes. We REMEMBER and PRAY as individuals and as community. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY...is the Lord our God!



PALM SUNDAY

**Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!
Lord God, give us the grace today
to walk the passion slowly and reverently.
Give us the courage to hear your passion
as though for the first time.**

**Rejoice, all who are *thirsting, longing,
searching, hoping, waiting, and calling,
for the Lord is close at hand!***



GOOD FRIDAY

**In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
In tangled thorns he emptied himself,
pouring out grace on all of us.**

**Christ, led to slaughter,
bearing our torment, wearing our guilt,
and crushed for our sins.
Behold the love of God.**



HOLY THURSDAY

"I Have Given You an Example to Follow."

A little girl by the name of Colleen read an essay about an unusual event to the class. She began, "Daddy fell into the well last week..." The teacher interrupted her with, "Oh my goodness! Is he all right?" Colleen replied, "He must be. He stopped yelling for help yesterday."

Lord, you have commanded us to care for one another in their daily needs. Grant us the strength to wash the feet of our brothers and sisters, and the humility to let our feet be washed in return.

"Comfort, give comfort to my people," says our Lord.



EASTER SUNDAY

**Love of Jesus, fill us.
Joy of Jesus, surprise us.
Peace of Jesus, flood us.
Light of Jesus, transform us.
Touch of Jesus, warm us.
Strength of Jesus, encourage us.
In your Risen Life, take us with you,
for the love of you and of your world.
Amen.**

***The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity,
alleluia, alleluia.***

MASS INTENTIONS

I have asked Fr. John and Fr. Bill to celebrate two Masses on the weekend so that we continue to pay them. These are the intentions that were scheduled and that I have given them:

March 21/22 - Richard Wagner / John & Mary Schutte Family

March 28/29 - Jim & Geneva Tunny / Wanda Barnes

April 4/5 - James Schuler / Lubella Mann

April 11/12 - Lucille Simon / St. Maurice Parishioners

April 18/19 - Nancy Schmalenberg / Harold Huff

April 25/26 - Allie Walke / Phil Wittich

FOOD GIVEAWAY – Big Food Giveaway of the Ripley County Food Pantry at the Osgood Fairground, April 7th, 4:00 to 6:00 PM. This will be a drive-through ONLY! You are not permitted to get out of the vehicle. There will be enough to supply 600 families. County officials will be there to help direct traffic. This is made possible by Gleaners Food. Please be willing to follow the rules and be patient.



Jesus gives us life

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)	
Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)	
Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)	
This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)	
Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)	
Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)	
Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)	
While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)	
This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)	
These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)	
These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)	
Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)	



(The following appeared on Facebook. It is reprinted for those who do not use Facebook.)

"Thanksgiving Should Be the Constant Refrain of our Hearts." (Sr. Melanie Svoboda)

Dear Parishioners,

I pray you and all your loved ones are doing well in these difficult times. I came across this quote last week causing me to ponder how important the gift of gratitude is in our lives. I once read a Guideposts story about a woman who would thank God each night for three gifts she was grateful for that day. Even while grieving the death of her husband, coping with the murder of her daughter-in-law and grandchildren, and finding out it was her only son who committed this tragedy, she never went to sleep without first speaking her words of gratitude to God.

May we together as brothers and sisters in Christ speak words of gratitude before falling asleep each night. Some nights I thank God for the texts, phone calls, cards, and offers to run errands that have come from my "flock."

I am likewise grateful for the collection envelopes that continue to come in the mail. They are needed, so if you are able, continue to mail them to our address.

Peace and All Good,
Sister Shirley



Litany of Healing

Lord, have mercy...*Christ, have mercy.*
Lord, have mercy...*Christ, hear us.*
Lord, have mercy...*Christ, graciously hear us.*
God, our Father in heaven...*Have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world...*Have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Spirit...*Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God...*Have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Divine Physician...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, Healer of the Sick...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, Prince of Peace...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, Good Shepherd...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, Son of the Living God...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, Light of the World...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, Resurrection and Life...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, full of loving kindness...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, compassionate and forgiving...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, worthy of all trust...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, you who said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you"... *Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, you who said, "All that you ask in my name, the Father will grant you"...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Jesus, you who said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you"...*Heal and strengthen us.*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world...*Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world...*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world...*Grant us peace and healing, O Lord.*

AMEN.

Litany for Those Who Work with the Sick

For all doctors and dentists...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*
For nurses and nurses' aides...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*
For pharmacists and those who administer medicine...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*
For researchers and all who work to eliminate or control disease...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*
For all caregivers who work in hospitals and nursing homes...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*
For those involved in the hospice movement and all who comfort the terminally ill...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*
For psychologists, psychotherapists, and counselors who minister to the human mind...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*
For chaplains and those who bring spiritual solace to the sick and their families...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*
For those who help people with visual and hearing impairments...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*
For those who teach, instruct, and direct the persons who work with the sick...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*
For all who are privileged to carry out the work of the kingdom of God by ministering in any way to the sick, suffering, and dying...*God, grant wisdom and compassion.*
For all who minister in any way to those whose lives have been touched by the coronavirus...*God, grant them wisdom and compassion.*

AMEN.