



PALM SUNDAY

JESUS

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." —Mt 21:10-11

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil6:30 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon
 Weekdays..... 7:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday
 School Mass9:00 a.m. on Fridays

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE: See Mass Intention Times Inside

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m.

Anytime by calling the parish office for an appointment.

BAPTISMS: Presenting a child for Baptism is a serious obligation and requires a faith commitment on the part of the parents and godparents. This commitment is exemplified by being a practicing, active Catholic. Parents are obligated to attend a preparation session before a child's baptism if they have not attended one in the past five years. Sessions are held at 1:15 p.m. on second Sundays of January, March, May, July, September and November, in the Parish Activity Center. Baptisms are at 1:15 p.m. on the third Sunday of January, February, March, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December and on the fourth Sunday of April.

WEDDINGS: Please phone the parish office to set-up an appointment with a priest, in order to begin the sacramental preparation. Only after this initial meeting and assessment can a date be set for the wedding. The process requires at least 6 months.

COUNSELING SERVICES: Offered by Bob Skipper at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein 1-937-299-9005.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME

Please come to the parish office to register. If you have a change of address, phone number or email, please inform the parish office.

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Kenneth Schnipke, C.P.P.S., Pastor
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, APRIL 9, 2017

Today, Palm Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred time of our liturgical year. It is a time that calls us to immerse ourselves ever more deeply in the life, death and resurrection of Christ and to experience again the life-saving power of Christ that brings Easter joy! The services of holy Week are unparalleled in the Church year – rich in symbols, ritual and drama. We pray that all of you will take the opportunity to experience the richness of this time that leads to shouts of Easter joy!

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday – celebrates Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem.

Chrism Mass – On Tuesday of Holy Week, the priests of the Archdiocese gather together with Archbishop Schnurr for the Chrism Mass. Here the sacred Chrism Oil, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. It is also a time for priests to recommit themselves as servants of the Church.

The Easter Triduum – begins with **Holy Thursday – April 13**. Here we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and our call to service and ministry in the Church. The washing of feet is a reminder of our call to service. The Holy Oils blessed at the Chrism Mass are presented to the parish.

On **Good Friday – April 14**, we celebrate the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. A barren church with a wooden cross becomes our focus. The path to Easter joy must go through Good Friday.

The **Easter Vigil** on **Holy Saturday – April 15** begins in darkness. The old lights have been put out and a new fire has been ignited. The Easter candle, a symbol of Christ, is blessed in water that will be used to baptize the newest members of our Parish family. Sojourners in the rite of Christian Initiation, will join us through the waters of Baptism and as fully initiated members in our Catholic faith. Truly the joy of Easter will resound as Alleluias ring out.

On **Easter Sunday – April 16**, we continue to celebrate that Christ the Lord has risen and that one day we shall join in the glory and majesty of His Resurrection.

May the richness of Holy Week and the joy of Easter fill your hearts.

Fr. Ken & Fr. Alt

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday 7:30 PM followed by adoration until 10 PM
Good Friday 12 noon Stations of the Cross; 1 PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12 noon

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is pleased to report that \$1,138.62 was collected on the weekend of April 1 and 2. We thank everyone for their donations that go to help the people in need in our area.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 10

7:30 a.m. Walt & Flo Fleck

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Liv. & Dec. Dorothy J. Krupp Family

Tuesday, April 11

7:30 a.m. Paul J. Jones

1:30 p.m. Mass at Miller Place

Wednesday, April 12

7:30 a.m. Cora Lynn Palequin

Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. All Souls

Friday, April 14, Good Friday

12:00: Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. Passion of Christ

Saturday, April 15, Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, April 16, Easter

7:30 a.m. Lucy Link

9:00 a.m. Othmar Schnipke

12:00 noon Stella Siefing

Rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers those who have died, especially Freda Lay.

The Endowment Fund received \$158.00 in memory of Walt Fleck, \$25.00 in memory of Dominic Reinhard and \$20.00 in memory of Phyllis Humbert.

Election Results

During the Pastoral Council elections last weekend Mike Braun and Deb Vogel were elected as parish representatives. Congratulations to Deb & Mike. Thanks also to the other candidates who ran for office. A big thank you is due to outgoing representative Mike Robinson.

✠ Vocation Cross ✠

April 16-22 -- Joe Langenkamp

April 23-29 -- Gary Locke

Readings for the Week of April 9, 2017

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: 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/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

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Quarter Auction

Immaculate Conception PTO is sponsoring a Quarter Auction on Thursday, April 20. Doors open at 5:30 and the auctions begins at 6:30. Please join us for an evening of fun! Proceeds benefit the I.C. School!

Purchase Gift Cards for Easter!

Dreaming of new clothes for Easter? We have gift cards available for Amazon, American Eagle, Dunham's, GAP, JC Penney, Kohl's, Macy's, Marshalls, Target, and Walmart in stock for your new outfit, or we can order cards from any major clothing retailer. If you're thinking of making Easter candy baskets or cooking Easter dinner, purchase grocery cards for Chief, Friendly, or Wal-Mart. How about taking your family out to eat? We inventory cards for most of the local restaurants, or can order cards from just about any national chain for you.

If you have questions about how to purchase these gift cards, we have representatives in the vestibule of the Church after all weekend Masses, and they would be happy to help you. Also, you can stop by I.C. School anytime during school hours to purchase cards, order cards, or ask questions. Thanks for supporting I.C. School!

No Scrip Sales on Easter Weekend!

There will be no Scrip sales at Church on Easter Weekend. Since there is no school on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Monday, gift cards will be sold at the Parish Office on those days, but only from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Good Friday. Sales will resume at school on Easter Tuesday. Make sure you buy your cards early, and have a Blessed Easter!

Help Needed!

The 9th grade CCD class at I.C. will be decorating and filling "Surprise Boxes" to brighten the lives of local children ages 6 to 10 as a service project. O.U.R. Home will be distributing these gift boxes locally. Small gift items can be brought to the Parish Office, School Office, Religious Ed Office, or with one of our CCD students by April 19. Some ideas are small toys, school supplies, personal care items, hard or gummy candy, t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, and flashlights (with extra batteries).

PLEASE do not include used or damaged items; toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or any soft candy; out-of-date candy; food; liquids; lotions; medications; or vitamins.

PLEASE put the item(s) in a box or bag with a note indicating that the package should go to the 9th grade class. If you have any questions please call the Religious Education Office at 419-586-2370.

Parish Coffee

There will be a Parish coffee on Sunday, April 23 in the PAC after the 9:00 Mass. Join us for coffee, juice donuts and fellowship with other parishioners. Hope to see you there.

Eyes to See and Ears to Hear

On Tuesday, April 11 in the PAC, Room 104 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a video explanation of the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. This powerful Feast on April 23, requested by Jesus for us through St. Faustina in the 20th Century, is an extraordinary gift to us from our Merciful God. You are welcome to bring a Catholic friend/s from another Parish, your bottle of water, and padded seat cushion, if you like! For any questions, please call Janet Ramsey at 419-586-3881.

Easter Flowers

If you wish to have loved ones remembered with flowers during the Easter Season, please submit your donation by April 12. Donations in thanksgiving are also welcome. The names of those remembered will be placed in frames and set among the Easter flowers. Envelopes are in your April packet.

Pies Needed

The Altar Rosary Society will be selling pies at the K of C Fish Fry on April 14. Parish ladies are asked to provide pies. Pies can be dropped off at the K of C Hall before 4:00 p.m. Thank you for your support!

Used Item Auction Chairperson!

Joe and Connie Voss would like to invite anyone interested in learning about chairing the USED ITEM AUCTION to contact Connie at 419-586-3216; this is your invitation to get involved! After 25 years we feel it's time for others to infuse their excitement as chairperson(s). Ideal arrangement for two or more people; we have dependable helpers. Shadowing the auction this year would be a great start! (Work is finished on Friday so you are free to enjoy the rest of the festival weekend!)

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Celina K of C Council 1800 is offering scholarship aid to the son or daughter of a member of the Celina council. Applicants must be graduating seniors planning to attend an accredited two- or four-year college. Applications are available by contacting Charlie Mescher at 419-586-5618 or e-mail at meschercj@bright.net. Application deadline is April 23, 2017.

Are you spring cleaning? Could you use a hand?

There is a group of parishioners available to help you with those projects on Saturday, April 29. Servant Saturday is about helping others in our parish and community. We can clean-out gutters, landscape, paint, clean windows, haul away junk... whatever we can do to help. If you could use a hand or know someone who might need a hand call the Parish Office or Tom at 419-305-0651 or Joe at 419-678-3289.



Calendar of Events for the Week

Saturday, April 15, 8:00 p.m.

Servers: Bree Knapke, Alicia Knapke, Kevin Weitzel,
Volunteer

Commentator: Charlie Mescher

Lector A: Bev Korte

Lector B: Trish Baucher

Gifts: RCIA

E. M.: X Ann Hull, Katey Wibbenmeyer, Joe Pecharich,
Pat Hull, 8 volunteers needed

Ushers: Team D, Stephen Seibel, Captain

Sunday, April 16, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: Volunteer, Volunteer

Commentator: Judie Braun

Lector: Janet Hoyng

Gifts: Volunteer

E. M.: Diane Hunt, Mike Braun, Larry Braun,
Denny Marbaugh, Volunteer

Ushers: Team E, Richard Carlin, Captain

Sunday, April 16, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Emma Homan & RJ Muhlenkamp

Commentator: Lynn Locke

Lector: Nicole Schumm

Gifts: Tim Heckler

E. M.: Tara Homan, Becky Lipp, Jane Homan,
Anita Muhlenkamp, Tom Muhlenkamp

Ushers: Team F, Steve Alig, Captain

Sunday, April 16, 12:00 Noon

Servers: Logan Binkley & Taylor Binkley

Commentator: Volunteer

Lector: Cindy Shaffer

Gifts: Volunteer

E. M.: Mike Shaffer, 4 volunteers needed

Ushers: Team G, Dave Cron, Captain

Nursery Closed on Easter

Sunday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC

7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Video in the PAC, Room 104

7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Friday, April 14

5:00-7:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, April 15

No Reconciliation

Sunday, April 16

No Bingo at the K of C Hall

Bingo

Chairperson April 18: Joe Bruns

Crew Captain April 18: Nick Fleck

Workers April 18: Pam May, Carol Wenning,
Ken & Carolyn Gaerke, Jeremy Homan, Beth Vorhees,
Tom & Anita Muhlenkamp

Let's Get Registered

Registration forms for the 2017-2018 school year have been sent home with the students who will be attending grades 1-10 in our Religious Education Program on Wednesday nights next year and also our Sunday School Program. Forms will also be available in the Religious Education Office, Parish Office, and at the doors of church. Next year's fee is \$45.00 per child if turned in by May 10. **After May 10** the fee will be **\$50.00** per child. Sunday School fee is \$30.00. Register early to save a little money and help us plan for next year!

Job Opportunity

St. John the Baptist Parish, Maria Stein is in need of a Coordinator of Religious Education for grades 1 thru 12. CCD classes are held every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and would require you be at school from approximately 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This would be approximately 15 hours per week. This is a paid position. For further information, please contact the parish office at 419-925-4775.

Prayer Service

St. Peregrine Cancer Prayer Service on Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. Service includes: music, scripture, witness and prayer with the Relic of St. Peregrine. For those with cancer, survivors of cancer, caregivers, family and friends. Refreshments and socializing follow the service.

Stewardship Offering April 2

Envelopes/online (238)	\$ 14,102.00
Loose	<u>1,069.75</u>
Total Received	\$ 15,171.75
Weekly Offering:	\$ 15,171.75
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	\$ 867.75
YTD Total Collection:	\$551,690.24
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>557,856.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 6,165.76)

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