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MANY PEOPLE
SPREAD THEIR
CLOAKS ON THE
ROAD, AND OTHERS
SPREAD LEAFY
BRANCHES THAT
THEY HAD CUT FROM
THE FIELDS. - MK 11:8

PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

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March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday
The Passion of Our Lord

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

In person 4:15 pm Saturday

Streamed 10:15 am Sunday

Reconciliation

**2nd and 4th Saturday of the month
following 4:15 pm Mass**

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick
Please call the parish office for each

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion. Even though He didn't deserve such tortures, He humbly submitted to them. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives.

Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service — two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors.

As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

— *Stewardship Reflections & Cover Art by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”
Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND: Do you have family, neighbors or friends who are unable to attend Mass? If you would like to take communion to them in their homes, call the Parish Center or see a Sacristan before Mass. If you do not have a pyx one will be provided.

I invite anyone who could help with this volunteer opportunity to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

PREPARING THE SLIDE DECK for Mass Each Mass has a set of slides that are used so that those who are watch Mass can pray and sing along. The preparation of the slide deck is done in concert with the music director and the celebrant. Training will be provide.

PROJECT THE SLIDE DECK from a personal computer After the slide deck is prepared, a volunteer will operate a laptop so songs and prayers will appear on the screen at the appropriate times.

If you are interested in, or if you have questions, about these ministries contact the Parish Center during office hours [or leave a message after regular hours]. Training will be provided. If you know of someone who enjoys working with computers, please share this opportunity with them. It is preferable that more than one person would take part in each of these ministries!

THANK YOU to the **109 parishioners** who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. To **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gave us strength and hope. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To our pianist **Jill** & cantor **Linda**, lectors **Becky & Miles**, Eucharistic ministers **Janelle & Maggie**, ushers **Tim & Greg**, server **Paul** & sacristans **Mary & Ginny**. Thank you to **Alan**, who through his talent films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners to take part on-line!

THANK YOU to those who came on Sunday, March 14 to film the Mass that streamed March 21. **Fr. Adrian, John, Jill, Ginny & Mary.**

WE THANK those who brought the Eucharist from Mass to parishioners or to their family & friends. **Tim, Kathy, Ginny, Ann, Dave, Paul, Sue and Jane.**

THANK YOU to all who attended our **5th Lenten Fish Fry** for 2021! **389** meals were purchased through Drive-Up! Thank you to **Members of the Men's Club, Rosary Society and other parishioners** who volunteered to help with set-up and clean-up! A huge Thank You to **Dennis** and the **Scouts**. They took orders, delivered orders to kitchen, and brought meals back to cars waiting in church parking lot and on Hall Ave. All done with extraordinarily little Wait Time! If you did not have a chance to enjoy a great meal, as well as financially help our parish, you have **1 more Friday** to enjoy the experience!!

News and Events

Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

Even though many members of our parish may have received both vaccination shots, Covid-19 is still here!!

We still need to take precautions. It's common sense and it's the state law. Please consider the following things before coming to Mass, for your sake and the sake of your fellow parishioners too. Thank you.

Saint Matthew welcomes all to our parish. At the same time, we pledge to keep a safe environment for everyone. Before attending Mass, please consider the following questions and if you answer "yes", please do not attend Mass in person, but rather follow us on our website.

1. In the past 14 days have you been exposed to Covid-19 or been in contact with someone who has been exposed?
2. Are you or any one you know experiencing any of the following symptoms you cannot attribute to another condition; fever, chills, new cough, new sore throat, new headache, new loss of smell or taste, new muscle aches or new shortness of breath?
3. **For everyone's safety and health, masks are required; distance is requested; and signing in for contact tracing is necessary.**

4. There will be no singing, except for the cantor!
CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

1. The long-handled collection baskets will be used for the regular and any special collections. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Please follow these guidelines for communion reception.
 - A. Use personal sanitizer [that you brought]
 - B. Come forward with your mask in place.
 - C. Keep distance as you come forward.
 - D. Keep your left hand as flat as possible.
 - E. Accept the host from the person distributing; take 2 or 3 steps to the side; move your mask up or down; communicate yourself; replace your mask and return to your place. Thank you.

TO REPEAT: Refrain from singing; keep your mask in place for the entire time; keep distance from those in other households!!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS March 21, 2021

Volunteer Service Hours in prayer 38 Hours in service 42

Parish	School
Envelopes/Cash \$ 6,497	Global Solidarity \$ 65
Electronic Giving \$ 1,773	
Faith Formation \$ 200	Total \$ 122
PayPal \$ 236	Thank You!
Masses/Memorials \$ 102	PayPal QR Code
Fuel \$ 100	simply scan with your
Rent \$ 1,090	phone to make an electronic
Holy Day \$ 30	stewardship offering
Flowers \$ 20	
Funerals \$ 450	
Bells/ Lamp \$ 24	
Misc. \$ 90	
Vigil Lights \$ 26	

Total \$ 10,638

Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
 The sanctuary lamp will be lit March 27 - April 3
 memory of **Grandpa Frank & Grandma Florence.**

Contact Linda Rivera at lriviera@st-matts.org or 651.224.9793 by 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

View anytime on Facebook or YouTube

Reconciliation

After 4:15 pm Masses - March 27
 Tuesday, March 30 – 7:00 p.m. &
 Wednesday March 31 – 5:30 p.m.

Communal Penance Service - March 28 - 2:00 p.m.
 In person

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday, March 28 - 4:15 p.m.
 Sunday, March 29 - 10:15 a.m. Streamed online
 Drive up Palms – 11:30 a.m.

Easter Triduum Celebration

Holy Thursday, April 1

Mass -7:00 p.m. – In person and streamed online

Good Friday, April 2

Stations of the Cross - 12:00 p.m. – In person
 Good Friday Liturgy - 3:00 p.m.
 Collection for the Holy Land
 In person and streamed online

Holy Saturday, April 3

Easter Vigil -7:00 p.m. – In person only

Easter Sunday, April 4

Mass of the Resurrection -10:15 a.m.
 In person and streamed online



Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian
John DeVecchio, Parish Trustee
jdelvecchio
Scott Hertzog, Janitor
Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster
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Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed on Friday

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 27

4:15 pm Our Parish
Daniel Briester†
Arthur Geis†
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members†

Sunday, March 28

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Monday, March 29

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, March 30

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm Our Parish
The Children of the World

Saturday, April 3

7:00 pm Our Parish
John Leibl†
Dorinda Martineau†

Sunday, April 4

10:15. am Mass
Our Parish
Ann, Matt & Michael Adrian

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 27

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
10:00 am GTCYS - School Building
4:15 pm Mass (in person) **Palm Sunday Celebrated**
Reconciliation After Mass

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday

10:15 am Mass Streamed Drive By Palm Pick up 11:30 am
2:00 pm Communal Penance Service

Monday, March 29 - Thursday, April

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes
Meals Are Being served As Take-Out Only At This Time

Monday, March 29

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open

Tuesday, March 30

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, March 31

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
Faith Formation No Classes

Thursday, April 1

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center
7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper - In Person

Friday, April 2 Good Friday

Parish Office closed
12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross - In Person
3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy - In Person
With Holy Land Collection
4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry - Drive-up

Saturday, April 3

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
10:00 am GTCYS - School Building
7:00 pm Mass (in person) **Holy Saturday**

Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord

10:15 am Mass In Person & Streamed

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