

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**April 5, 2020**

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**WITH THE SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE, THE INTENTIONS THAT ARE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN ARE HERE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE INTENTIONS THAT YOU REQUESTED ARE BEIBG PRAYED FOR AT THE PRIVATE MASSES OFFERED**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> – APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. MARY'S**

Saturday	+ Gene & Rose Marie Gasser and Jeannie McInnis
Sunday	+ Robert & Rose Ann Knott
Monday	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	+Joe Rosewicz Anniversary
Good Friday	
Holy Saturday	St. Mary's Parish Family
Easter Sunday	St. Mary's Parish Family

**ST. AGNES**

Tuesday  
Holy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Easter Sunday

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**YOUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK:** Collection Counters in April: Tim & Patty Osterloh  
Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00                      Last Week's Collection: \$ 5688.00

**The Mirror:** We have received the bill for The Mirror subscriptions from the diocese and it is for 200 subscriptions at \$14 each. Our bill is \$ 2800.00. At this time 76 Families have paid for their subscription to The Mirror. Thank you. If you have not paid yet there is still time. **The Diocese strongly recommends that every family receive The Mirror. We ask that everyone pay for their subscription so that the church does not have to pick up that expense. We are still short \$1724.00 Thank You.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE:** Concerning the directives from the diocese on the COVID-19 Virus you may visit their webpage at [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org) or visit their Facebook page Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

**PICNIC PLANNING FOR JUNE 2020 ---33<sup>RD</sup> YEAR ---ARE UNDERWAY!!!**Plans have begun for our 2020 Old Fashioned Church Picnic which will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2020. **Picnic plans for June 2020 are still being made!** We are asking for donations towards raffle prizes by April 1<sup>st</sup> to have raffle tickets printed in time for presale. Cash or items are welcome! Make monetary donations with a check payable to St. Mary's. If you would like to donate, please call the rectory at 417-476-2827, Mellanie Carder at 417-737-2812, or Frances Boman at 417-693-0174 and we can arrange to pick up. Donations can also be mailed or taken to the parish rectory. We are always looking for ideas and ways to add to the picnic so, if you have any –please share! We want the day to be full of fun, family activities so parishioners can enjoy the day visiting with family and friends from our parish family and surrounding communities. Thank you for the hard work and dedication in years past and we're looking forward to having another great picnic this year!!! **Updates will be posted on the church web page.** Thoughts and prayers to everyone. I pray that all our parish families are staying safe and healthy!

**PCCW NEWS:** If you have not paid your PCCW dues of \$5.00 please do so as soon as possible. Thank you. The PCCW has served three funeral dinners recently. Circles 4, 5, and 6 have served these dinners. If you are on one of these circles please submit your donation as soon as possible. The families we serve are always so appreciative of the dinners. Thank you.

## Passion (Palm) Sunday

Procession: Matt 21:1-11  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14--27:66

### Monday April 6

Isaiah 42:1-7  
Ps 27:1-3,13-14  
John 12:1-11

### Tuesday April 7

Isaiah 49:1-6  
Ps 71:1-6,15,17  
John 13:21-33,36-38

### Wednesday April 8

Isaiah 50:4-9  
Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34  
Matthew 26:14-25

### Holy Thursday April 9

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
Ps 116:12-13,15-18  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-15

### Good Friday April 10

Isaiah 52:13--53:12  
Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1--19:42

The word "passion" has powerful implications. Theologically, we use it to describe the suffering love that Jesus endured for each of us when he was beaten, mocked and crucified as he willingly took onto himself the punishment and destructive forces of our sins.

The world counterfeits the word "passion" by applying it to strong feelings of romantic, even lustful, attraction.

We also use this word to refer to a strong motivation to do something that we enjoy or care about, and thus we can say that Jesus cared "passionately" about us while enduring The Passion.

The strong love that Jesus exhibited in his ministry and on Good Friday is a lesson on what it means to have "compassion" for others. We walk with them in their sufferings; we "suffer with" them. This is passionate love in its holiest

form.

Read the scriptures for Passion Sunday with an eye on how they reveal Jesus' passionate love for you.

See yourself in the passion of the people who enthusiastically welcomed Jesus as well as in those who rejected and denied him.

Consider how much compassion Jesus must have felt for you when he subjected himself to the excruciating pains of his final hours. He did this for you despite how much you've hurt him through any lack of compassion for others. Rejoice in his passionate love for you! This



will empower you to repent and grow stronger in holy love for others.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Looking at the reading from Isaiah, what are some of the ways that good Christians sometimes beat on Jesus, pluck his beard, and spit on him?
2. How does your answer to #1 explain why Jesus emptied himself for you, as the reading from Philippians describes?
3. In what ways does the Passion of Jesus minister to us in our sufferings today?

### Lenten Activity:

Bring to mind the most painful way you are suffering compassionately with or for someone else. Connect this to what Jesus did. How does this help you feel more intimately involved with God's salvation plan? How does it make your life a modern Gospel?

PALM SUNDAY, THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK IS UPON US. WE WILL NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AND HOLY WEEK ARE COMING UP QUICKLY. WITH NO PUBLIC MASSES, THERE WILL NOT BE PROCESSION WITH PALMS. I WILL BLESS THEM THOUGH. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BISHOP, THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER THE CRISIS IS OVER. I WILL TRY TO FIND A WAY TO KEEP THEM FROM DRYING OUT OR MOLDING. ALTHOUGH WE CAN'T BE TOGETHER PHYSICALLY AT MASS, I DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS OUT ON THE STUPID JOKE THAT I WAS GOING TO START THE SERMON WITH THIS YEAR. YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT LAST YEAR, IT WAS, 'I HAVE PAINTED SOME OF THE PALMS THE COLOR OF BLOOD, SO THAT I COULD ASK, DO YOU WANT YOUR PALM RED?' THIS ONE IS GOING TO BE WORSE.

IF I MAKE A PILE OF THESE STRANDS, BIND THEM TOGETHER AND PUT THEM BETWEEN THE FRAME AND THE AXLE OF A TRUCK BED, WHERE WOULD WE BE? ANSWER: PALM SPRINGS! (AND THIS IS WHY YOU PAY A MONTHLY FEE FOR INTERNET SERVICE?). WE ARE NOT CALLED TO BE IN PALMS SPRINGS. RATHER, WE ARE CALLED TO BE SPIRITUALLY PRESENT WITH CHRIST IN JERUSALEM DURING THIS WEEK. OF COURSE THIS IS USUALLY DONE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF MASSES, THE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AND THE EASTER VIGIL. THIS YEAR, IT MUST BE DONE BY MOST FOLKS AT HOME. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, SPIRITUALLY, THAT IT BE DONE. POPE JOHN PAUL II REMINDED US THAT THE HOME IS "DOMESTIC CHURCH." READING THE SCRIPTURES FOR THE MASSES AND SERVICES TOGETHER AS FAMILY, PRAYING TOGETHER, BRINGS THE GIFT AND REALITY OF OUR SALVATION HOME. THIS IS WHY, AT THE END OF THIS, I WILL LIST THE READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY THURSDAY, AND GOOD FRIDAY. HOLY WEEK UNPACKS THE MYSTERY OF OUR SALVATION THAT IS PRESENT TO US, AND WE TO IT, IN EVERY OFFERING OF HOLY MASS, IN THE MIDST OF MASS, EXCEPT FOR GOOD FRIDAY, THE ONE DAY OF THE YEAR THERE IS NO MASS.

ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL REALITIES THAT IS AMPLIFIED IS IN THE "LACK" OF MASS ON GOOD FRIDAY IS; THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST IS MASS, MASS IS THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST. PERHAPS WE ALL HAVE COME TO A GREATER RECOGNITION OF THIS SALVIFIC TRUTH THROUGH THE LOSS OF PUBLIC MASSES. THERE HAVE BEEN, SPIRITUALLY, NUMEROUS GOOD FRIDAYS FOR ALL OF US. THAT MAY BE ONE OF THE REDEMPTIVE BLESSINGS WE WILL RECOGNIZE DOWN THE LINE.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

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Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14 - 27:66.

HOLY THURSDAY Exodus 12:1-8,, 11-14. Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18.  
I Corinthians 11:23-26. John 13:1-5

GOOD FRIDAY Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12. Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25,  
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9. John 18:1 - 19:42.

WINDING IT UP FOR THE TIME BEING.

-I AM ABOUT 80% FINISHED SAYING 1 - OUR FATHER, 1 - HAIL MARY, 1-, GLORY  
BE TO THE FATHER.... FOR EACH OF YOU, AND I AM NOWHERE NEAR PRAYED  
OUT!

-REMEMBER: ACT OF CONTRITION FOLLOWED BY SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

-ROSARY FOR THE INTENTION OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE VIRUS AND/OR  
THOSE WORKING TO OVERCOME IT, CARRIES A PLENARY INDULGENCE. CAN BE  
RECEIVED ONCE A DAY.

THE BRANCHES BLESSED AND USED ON PASSION SUNDAY WILL BE HERE FOR  
YOU AFTER THINGS GET BACK TO NORMAL. I WOULD NOT THINK OF TRYING TO  
PALM THEM OFF ON ANYONE ELSE! GOD BLESS - FR. MATT

## ST MARY'S – ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY GUIDELINES

April 1, 2020

The following guidelines are in effect as of the date above and must be observed.

1. When an occasion arises that "***burial privileges***" must be used, the Pastor is to be notified. In the event that the Pastor cannot be reached Richard Cochran should be contacted directly. In the event that Richard Cochran cannot be reached then Jim Larkin should be contacted.
2. All grave spaces in the new section of the cemetery are to be sold in rotation. (A grave space size is 4' x 10')
3. Effective April 1, 2020 the cost of a grave space in the cemeteries shall be as follows:

Parishioners – \$400.00 per grave space

Non-parishioners – \$600.00 per grave space

**The sale of a grave space to another person or persons is strictly prohibited.**

There is a ***one-time*** fee of \$300.00, per individual, for on-going maintenance of the cemetery at the time of a grave opening, ***whether it is cremated remains or a traditional burial. Cremated remains must be buried. The scattering of cremated remains on a grave or in the cemetery is strictly prohibited.***

**Prices are subject to change without notice.**

4. ALL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS of grave spaces by the erection of monuments, other than ordinary stones and military markers, must be submitted to the proper authority (the Cemetery Board) before being carried into effect.
5. NO planting of any kind is allowed in the cemeteries. For example: planting trees, flowers, shrubs, as well as embedding flowerpots, containers, statues, etc., "on" graves are prohibited.
6. **There are to be no flowers etc. on the ground during mowing season, (April through September) except for Memorial Day. All flowers, natural or artificial, must be removed two weeks after Memorial Day if they are on the ground and NOT in permanent vases that are attached to the base of the headstone. If left on the ground in the way of mowers and weed eaters they will be removed. This includes all figurines, flowers and any decorative items such as shepherd hooks, solar lights etc..**

**All items such as glass jars and vases are prohibited due to the fact that if they are broken they could possibly cause injury.**

**Veteran and Knights of Columbus flag holders are allowed and can remain.**

7. **Every new grave should be marked with a permanent headstone if at all possible.** All stones must be in line, and must meet the Cemetery Board's specifications. Headstone footings must be 16 to 18 inches deep and the same size as the base of the headstone or concrete pad (apron). Footings for Military or V.A. and infant marker footings can be a little less. **The width of the monument or stone must not exceed the grave space size.** If you are unsure about the grave space size, please contact the Cemetery Board. **Monuments or markers must not exceed a maximum height of 42". (The base of the stone is included in the 42".)**

- A. All V.A. markers shall be flush with the ground and located at the foot of the grave, so that mowers will pass over the marker without damaging it. This does not pertain to V.A. markers that are attached to an upright marker or used as the main headstone.
- B. Infant markers should be at least 13 inches wide by 6 inches deep minimum.
- C. Prior to setting any stone or monument Richard Cochran must be notified. In the event that Richard cannot be reached then Jim Larkin should be contacted. One or the other or a member of the Cemetery Board must be present at the time the stone or monument is set in place.
- D. **Benches in the cemetery are prohibited.**  
**Long ledgers that cover the entire length of the grave are also prohibited.**
- E. All monuments and markers are to be maintained by the family.

8. ***The Cemetery Board reserves the right to make any additional changes as required or as needed.***