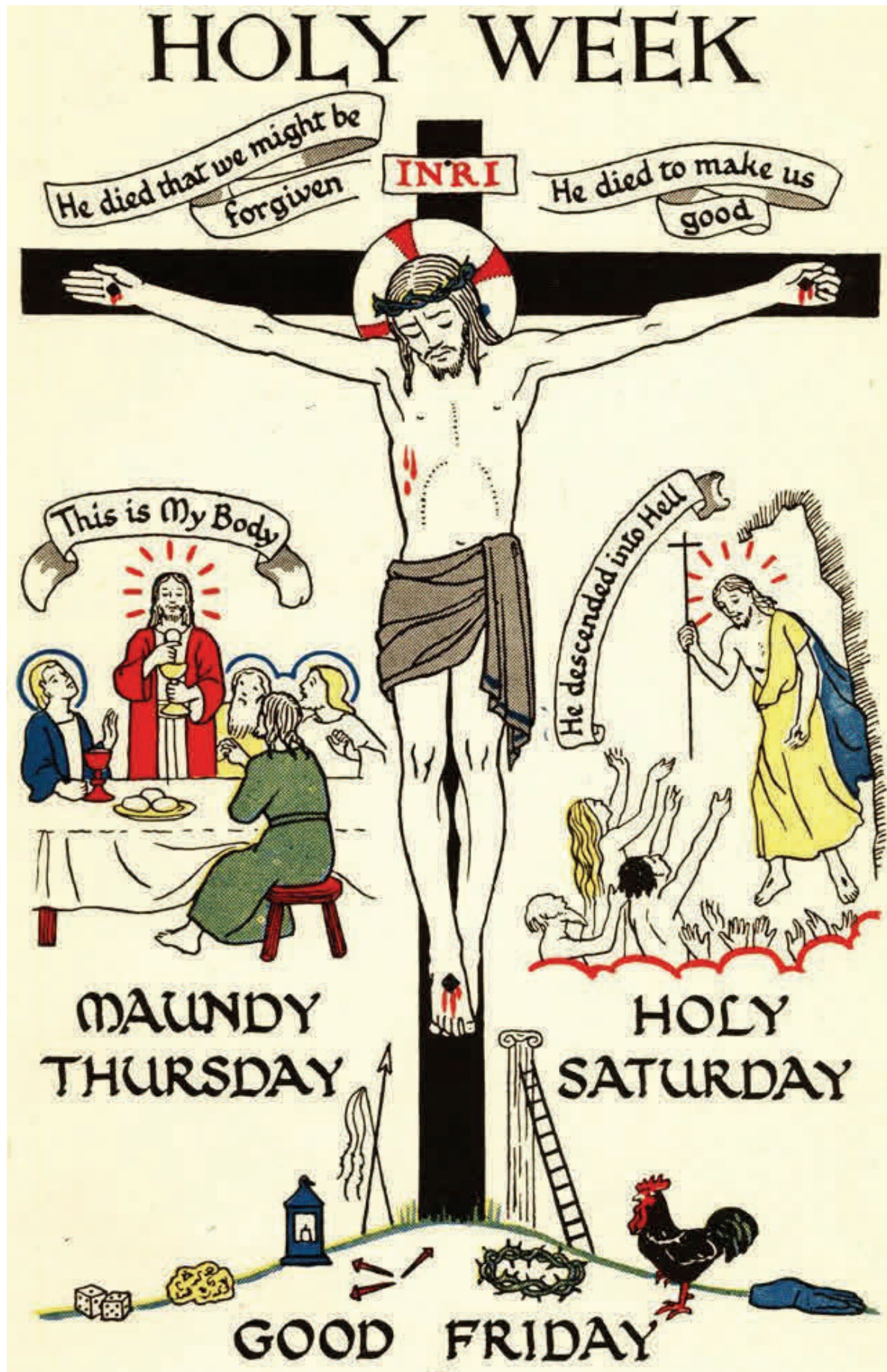
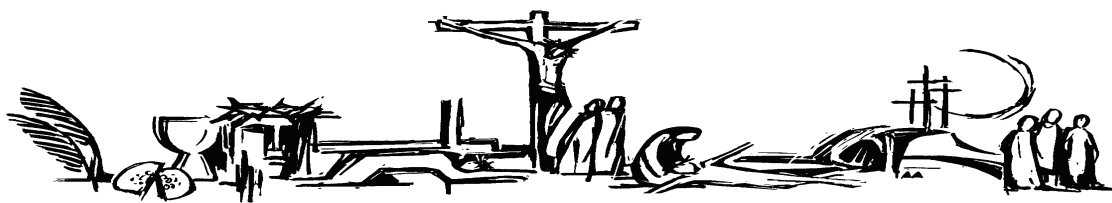


St. Joseph Catholic Community





MASS INTENTIONS/ HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Saturday, March 24

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
 8:30 a.m. Rosary
 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 4:35 p.m. Rosary
 5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, March 25

- Palm Sunday -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
 7:30 a.m. Valeria Talerico + by Dan & Linda Felger
 9:40 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. James & Peggy Yonker by Jim & Dee Yonker Family

Monday, March 26

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Diane Humphrey Family by Diane Humphrey

Tuesday, March 27

7:00 a.m. Adoration
 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Trent Patterson + by Bill Haecker Family
 8:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:30 a.m. Confession

7:30 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, Ft. Wayne

Wednesday, March 28

10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates—Norma Bauman + by Robert & Bonnie Beam
 6:25 p.m. Rosary
 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
 7:00 p.m. Charles Ault + by Tom & Barb Ault

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 29

7:45 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayer
 7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Smith & Redwanski Families by Doral & Helen Smith
 Adoration after Mass until Midnight

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

March 30

7:45 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayer
 Service— 1:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 Confessions— 7:45 - 8:15 p.m.

Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil

March 31

7:45 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayer
 8:20 a.m. Pre-Baptismal Ceremonies
 Vigil Mass— 8:30 p.m. Addison Crum & Family by Friends

Easter Sunday

April 1

7:10 a.m. Rosary
 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
 9:40 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Tom & Ann Reifsteck Family

HOLY WEEK, PALM SUNDAY MARCH 25TH 2018 YR. B

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you.

Today we begin the Holy Week. From tomorrow Monday to Thursday inclusive, have precedence over all other celebrations. The Holy Week reminds us of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the huge price He paid for our salvation. It leads us to know that the suffering, the death and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ are together, they form one episode. They were and should be seen, as the execution of God's saving plan. It is victory over sin and death. Let us accompany the Lord Jesus to Jerusalem and to his eventually journey to Calvary to save mankind from eternal damnation and then rise with Him into glory.

Today we celebrate the triumphant entry of the Lord Jesus into his own city Jerusalem as the King, to complete his work as our Messiah and Redeemer. He entered Jerusalem to suffer, die and rise from death into glory. His suffering and death are not a defeat, but victory over sin and death. He humbled himself because of his love for us. For us he did not shield his face from buffets and spitting - saliva and offered his life on the cross. What of your own life? How do you see and deal with suffering in your life? What do you think when you see your fellow human being die in suffering and distress? Do you see the face of Christ in those suffering people? Do you see God's hand in those situations you find yourself? Yes, we need to see God's hands in everything that happens to us.

Our consolation is in God for those who believe and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Redeemer. Listen to the **First Reading from Prophet Isaiah, (Is 50:4-7)**, He said, "The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary ... I gave my back to those who beat me ... my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord God is my help; therefore, I am not disgraced; ... knowing that I shall not be put to shame." Yes, for, "If we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep." (1 Thes. 4:14). So, the Lord Jesus is our consolation, if only we believe in him. The Lord triumphantly and in humility rode on a colt, not in car, or jeep, or SUV, or in an air bus.

Thus, in the 2nd Reading, (Phil 2:6-11), The Lord Jesus though He is God did not cling to His Divinity, but humbled Himself and became a slave, to save us. He became poor to make us rich. Praise to Him

Then in the Gospel Passion narrative: (Mk 14:1-15:47), Mark said it all: He was rejected, spat upon, bitten, scourged, molested, and crucified because of us. What shall we do for him? Let us, each one of us repay him, the way each of us feels fit, and especially through our neighbors. Let us treat our neighbor the way we should treat Jesus himself. Happy Holy Week.

God bless you

Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

Announcement:

Remember to attend all the Ceremonies in our Parish this Holy Week, especially the TRIDUM, (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday), and Easter Sunday. See the Bulletin for details.

Remember also to attend the Chrism Mass on Tuesday 3/27/2018 at the Cathedral Church, Fort Wayne by 7:30 p.m. Bishop K.C. Rhoades invites everybody. Be there and enjoy the Beauty and Solemnity of our Catholic Liturgy.

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".



Please remember in your prayers... Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, and Carol Lochtefeld.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 26 - Holy Week - Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11
Tues., Mar. 27 - Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed., Mar. 28 - Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25
Thurs., Mar. 29 - Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper - Ex 12:1-8,11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
Fri., Mar. 30 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat., Mar. 31 - Holy Saturday - 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/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mk 16:1-7
Sun., Apr. 1 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Acts 10:34a,37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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Cathedral Books & Gifts is starting a new Chapter! They are seeking suggestions in changing their name and they want you to help them! Please write your name suggestion and place it in the box in the narthex or you may submit your idea online at diocesefwsb.org/Cathedral-Books-and-Gifts.

Deadline is April 1st.

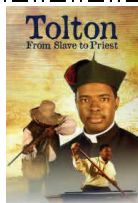
PLEASE NOTE!

Mass at River Terrace Estates & Visitation of the Sick and Homebound is being moved from March 29 (Holy Thursday) to Wednesday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. Thank you!



REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BELLS!

Holy Thursday, March 29th at the 7:00 p.m. Mass and Holy Saturday, March 31, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m., bring your bells from home and ring them during the *Gloria*!



TOLTON: From Slave to Priest

The powerful live production performed by actor Jim Coleman and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Bishop Luers High School on Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. See the poster in the narthex for further details!

DIOCESAN HERITAGE PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invites all Catholics within the diocese to join him Friday, July 20, through Sunday, July 22, on a bus trip to explore the roots of this diocese in the region. The route of the Diocesan Heritage Pilgrimage will help travelers consider and come to understand the beginnings of the Catholic Church in the entire Midwest. Visit the website at www.diocesefwsb.org/heritagepilgrimage, also see the poster in the narthex for further details!



PARISH CALENDAR FOR MARCH/APRIL 1, 2018

- Sun., Mar. 25— Palm Sunday/ Holy Week Begins
- Tues., Mar. 27— Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 29— Holy Thursday Mass— 7:00 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight
- Fri., Mar. 30— Good Friday— The Passion of the Lord— Service at 1:00 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 31— Holy Saturday Vigil Mass— 8:30 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 1— Easter Sunday Masses— 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER 2018

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, March 29— 7:00 p.m.

Cantor: Larry Leitz (Choir Mass)

Lector: Michelle Paxton

Eucharist Ministers: Diana Cole, Dave Huss, Margie Huss, Jill Morrissey, Monica Harris, **1 volunteer**

Families to Carry in the Holy Oils: (Needed)

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Servers: Catherine Crawfis, Quinn Dreiband, Dan Geimer-Thurifer

Candles: Alex Mechling, Abby Wagner, Phillip Mayer, Jacqueline

Mayer, **2 volunteers**

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, March 30— Service 1:00 p.m.

Cantor: Jay Crisp (Choir)

Lectors: Ginny Fenstermaker/Michelle Paxton

Eucharistic Ministers: Larisa Sudhoff, Kathy Marshall, **1 volunteer**

Ministers of Hospitality: 2 volunteers

Servers: Catherine Crawfis, **2 volunteers**

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, March 31— 8:30 p.m.

Cantor: Choir Members (Choir Mass)

Lectors: George Witwer/Stacey Coulardot

Eucharistic Ministers: 6 volunteers

Ministers of Hospitality: Nathan/Missy Huss, 2 volunteers

Servers: Corey/Brooklyn Huss, Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Dan Geimer, Thurifer

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 1— Masses 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

Cantor: Donna Geisel

Lector: Barb Ault

Eucharistic Ministers: 3 volunteers

Ministers of Hospitality: Al/Mary Porrata

Servers: Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Mark Geisel

10:00 a.m.

Lector: Michelle Paxton

Cantor: Nichole Decker

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Marshall, Ann Reifsteck, Diana Cole, Kevin Seago, Steve Higgins

Servers: Wyatt Girod, Quinn Dreiband, **1 volunteer**

Please sign up on the sheet if you are able to help fill these spots!

Collection for Weekend of March 17/18, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$4,545.00

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Flowers- \$395.00

Candles- \$40.00

Total- \$5,851.75

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The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40

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i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?