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March 24, 2024

# HOSANNA!

MARK 11:9

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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## MASS TIMES

**Saturday - 4:00 pm**

**Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm**

*Weekend Mass may be viewed online: [www.saintjosephparish.org](http://www.saintjosephparish.org)*

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:05 pm**

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

**Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

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## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

**Marriage:** Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.

**Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Office anytime.

## REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

### **Br. Ray's Reflections**

Here we are on Palm Sunday and we begin the procession through the holiest weeks in our Church year. Today we shout, "Hosanna in the highest" as we process with our palm branches but in the same Mass we will hear the Passion and witness the jeers of the crowd as they cry out: "Crucify him, Crucify him!" It's a jarring week filled with suffering, betrayal, denials and the broken heart of a mother. It might be a good meditation to see where we are in the stories this week. Are we like Peter paralyzed by fear and unable to stand up for what is right? Are we like the other disciples who run away from the uncomfortable or dangerous situations in our life? Are we like Mary who stands faithfully with her son through all his suffering even though it breaks her heart? Are we like John, the Beloved disciple, who refuses to run away from his friend in the hardest days of his life? Are we like Simon who helps Christ to carry the cross as we help those whose crosses are too heavy for one person to bear? Are we like Christ who falls three times on his way to Calvary but refuses to give up and continues despite the pain? Are we like Veronica who wipes the face of Jesus and shows a tender compassion to her suffering friend?

The story of the Passion shows the best in us and the worst in us. It reminds us that we've been most or all the characters in this story at some point in our life. The good news is that in the end we are all the "good thief," crying out to Christ, "Remember me, when you come into your Kingdom!" And we, like the good thief hear those reassuring words, "This day you will be with me in Paradise!" This week we will hear the story of our salvation and we can rejoice because we have been saved by Christ who has laid down his life for us out of the most wondrous love.

"What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul..."

### **Easter Church Decorators Needed**



We will be decorating the church for Easter weekend on Good Friday after the 1:00 pm service. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office: 920-734-7195. Thank you for your help!

### **Holy Land Collection**

There will be a collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday, March 29th. Envelopes will be in the back of church.

### **No Confessions Next Saturday**

There will not be confessions next Saturday, March 30th.

### **Easter Office Hour Changes**

The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, March 29th at noon & Monday, April 1st.**

### **Holy Week Schedule**



March 28—Holy Thursday (6:30 PM)  
March 29—Good Friday (1:00 PM)  
March 30—Easter Vigil (8:00 PM)  
March 31—Easter Sunday (8 & 10 AM)  
**(NO 6:30 PM Mass)**

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Join us for a "hopping" good time this Sunday, March 24, from 11 am – noon in Holly Hall! Fun activities will include an Easter egg hunt for kids ages 0-12, a carrot toss, face painting, and a family photo booth for parishioners of all ages! We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Reflection Books for Easter**

Each year we provide the "little white books" with a daily reflection during the Easter season. These books are on the radiators in back of church. Thanks to a generous parishioner for picking up the cost of these books.

### **Prayer Shawl - Thank you!**

Thank you for taking part in our Prayer Shawl Giveaway on March 9th and 10th. We gave away 62 Shawls. Our cupboards are now empty.

### **Bishop's Annual Appeal**



We're into week eight of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. A target is assessed to each parish based on its annual contributions. Our target for this year is **\$88,667**. So far, 276 parishioners have contributed **\$56,737.40**, which is 64% of our target. Thank you to all who contributed so far!

### **Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners**

March 10—Joan Rohrer—\$25  
March 11—Sue Humphrey—\$25  
March 12—Linda Baumruk—\$25  
March 13—Alycia Langlois—\$25  
March 14—Olivia LaBorde—\$25  
March 15—Mary Veitenhans—\$25  
March 16—Gordon Nelson—\$25

### **Please Pray For...**

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:

#### **Dave Hendricks**

Remember also our nursing home residents and shut-ins, and pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of parishioners who have died.



## The Journey of Grief: Life After the Death of a Loved One

This six-week series is open to anyone who is experiencing the loss of a loved one. One session builds upon the other. Participants are asked to attend all of the sessions.

**Dates:** Thursday Evenings - April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9

**Time:** 6:00 to 7:30 pm

**Location:** St. Joseph Parish, 404 W Lawrence Street, Appleton - Room 209

There is no cost for this program but registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Parish Office at: 920-734-7195.

Our facilitator will be Chaplain Jordan Kuczvara, MDiv, BCC. Jordan specialized in hospice/bereavement ministry for over 30 years after completing a residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Jordan is board certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains and the Association of Professional Chaplains.

### Grant Distribution - Time is Running Out to Apply

For the past nine years, St. Joe's has offered grants from our savings to qualifying non-profit organizations which advance the mission of our Parish. Applications must be submitted by March 30. The Committee will be looking for requests that meet the requirements defined in the grant guidelines. Information can be found on our website: [www.saintjosephparish.org](http://www.saintjosephparish.org).

### Financial News

(3/9/24 - 3/10/24)

Tithing Needed .....	\$16,777.00
Last Week's Tithing .....	\$9,883.00
Auto Withdrawal .....	\$25,634.00
Children's Collection .....	\$14.00
IRA's/Donations .....	\$1,400.00

**Thank you for your financial support!**

### Readings for the Week of March 24

**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

Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6

Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a

Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34

Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's**

**Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

(see 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: Easter 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)

Rom 6:3-11

Mk 16:1-7

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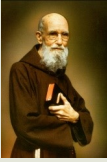
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### SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



**Blessed Solanus Casey**  
**Pray for Us**

#### Tuesday, March 26

12:05 pm Dec. Judy DeGroot  
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

#### Wednesday, March 27

12:05 pm Dec. Ed Coffin

#### Thursday, March 28—Holy Thursday

6:30 pm Dec. Jerry Jochman

#### Friday, March 29—Good Friday

1:00 pm Prayer Service

#### Saturday, March 30—Easter Vigil

8:00 pm Dec. Joe & Evelyn Barczynski

#### Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

8:00 am Dec. John G. Schreiber  
10:00 am Dec. John Schmidt

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

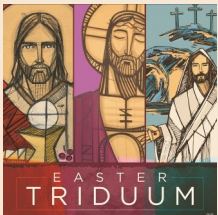
#### Tuesday, March 26

1:00 pm Faith Sharing, Room 209

#### Wednesday, March 27

**No Faith Formation Classes**

### ANNOUNCEMENT



*Please join us for the Easter Triduum Liturgies this week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass. We pray that your Lent has been blessed.*

### Book Club

The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place at 6 pm, on Tuesday, April 9, in Room L4 at St. Mary. The book selected for discussion is ***Infinite Country*** by Patricia Engel. Engel's book is an urgent and lyrical novel about a Colombian family fractured by deportation, offering an intimate perspective on an experience that so many have endured—and are enduring right now.

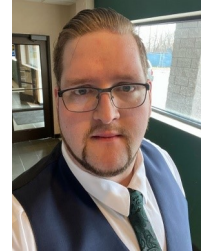
For May 14 our book selection is ***Hidden Genius*** by Marie Benedict. Looking further ahead, the book selected for June 11 is ***The One in a Million Boy*** by Monica Wood.

For more information, please contact Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474. New members are welcome to attend anytime.

## ST JOSEPH PARISH

### St. Joseph Parish OCIA Candidates

Please pray for our Catechumen, Emiliano, and Candidate, Matthew, who will be receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. We are blessed to have them join us at St. Joe's.



### Habitat for Humanity - Lenten Almsgiving

Thanks to those who have already offered a financial gift on behalf of our Habitat homes. The banner in church reflects the generosity of those who have contributed.

As of March 13, we have received \$8,937.50. If you can help with this, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Habitat" and put it in the box in the back of church marked Donations for Habitat or drop off in the Parish Office. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

### Non-Construction Habitat Volunteer Opportunity

Habitat for Humanity has four homes in the 2300 block of Russet Court (Near Pick N Save) in Grand Chute. These homes back up to a retention area, and they need to plant 500 plants per home. THAT'S 2,000 PLANTS!! Van Zeeland's will be providing the plants and plans for the layout, but they need volunteers to help plant all these plants. If you are interested, they are hoping to start planting in early May. Days would be Tues/Wed/Thurs, or if you want to stop out on your own time, they can make sure the tools and plants are available for you.

Contact Angie Demers at Habitat to sign-up: AngieD@foxcitieshabitat.org or 920-967-8904.

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