



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday is usually known for its palm branches, so visibly apparent at church this weekend. However, the other name for it is Passion Sunday because the reading of the Passion of Christ takes center stage in the liturgy.

The rubrics state that the homily should be "brief" so that the prayerful attentive listening to the Gospel is highlighted. It is this reading which prepares us for Easter. This year we will hear the Passion of Christ from the Gospel of Mark. Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four Gospels, and it emphasizes the abandonment of Christ. Notice in the reading when you listen to it how Jesus is utterly abandoned by everyone. The other Gospels record other details, but Mark passes over many of these in silence because he wants to underline the complete and utter humiliation of Jesus. The Roman soldier by the cross says in a very mocking and cynical comment, "Surely this man was the Son of God." If we put it in today's language: "Yeah, right, this man was the Son of God." On the cross, Jesus says, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" That scream from the cross sums up Jesus' sense of abandonment by all. Where were the crowds that loved him just a week before? Where was the blind man he cured? Where were the 5,000 people he fed? Where was the cripple who regained his walk? Where were his disciples? Where was Peter? It sounds so depressing. To the world, Jesus' mission was a complete failure. To the Temple authorities, he was a condemned heretic. His ministry was in ruins. His disciples had quit. His followers moved on. His reputation was gone. He had nothing to show for three years of work. Yet he put his failure into his Father's hands. And on Easter Sunday, his Father showed the world what real success is. Everything was new, death was vanquished and sin was forgiven. It is a new day. It is the day of the Resurrection. And that day, my friends, is today and every day, world without end. Amen.

-Fr. Larry

REMAINING CONFESSION TIMES BEFORE EASTER:

Tuesday, March 31st - 1 to 2 PM, 3 to 4 PM & 7 PM until done

Wednesday, April 1st - 1 to 2 PM, 3 to 4 PM & 7 PM until done

There are NO Confessions scheduled for the Triduum.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES:

Holy Thursday, April 2nd - 7:00 PM Mass (Adoration to follow 'til 9 PM)

Good Friday, April 3rd - 12:00 PM Liturgy Service

Living Stations - 5:30 PM (No Stations at noon)

Holy Saturday - April 4th - 7:30 PM Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday - April 5th - 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM Masses

REMINDERS:

NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY OF HOLY WEEK.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM



Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Hauser who went home to the Lord and Linda McLeod and family on the death of her mother Maxine Younie of Mitchell. May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time.

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$10,299.00 (325 parishioners)

Loose: \$ 1,095.97

Children: \$ 145.89

Total collected last week: \$11,540.86 Thank You!

An average of \$12,500 in weekly contributions is needed to offset the cost of living increase for parish expenses, etc. Thank you!

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

Our Goal: \$1,300,000

Collected thus far: \$1,038,539 (79%)

Parishioner response: 268 (26%)

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CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2015 Goal: \$ 106,500

Pledged thus far: \$ 61,869 (58%)

Collected thus far: \$ 52,919 (49%)

Parishioner response: 366 (34%)

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Loan balance owed to Diocese: \$ 27,247.85

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AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: If you would like to have your church contributions automatically deducted from your bank account each month, please call the Parish Office at 996-3639.

CFSA 2015 – Thank you to those who have already responded to this year's Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. We still need to hear from many of you, so please fill out your pledge card and return it as soon as possible. If you have misplaced yours, please let the parish office staff know at 996-3639. Thank you.

NEW TO THE AREA? MOVING? Please contact the parish office at 996-3639.



School News from John Paul II

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Welcome to April! The school year is just flying by. With the month of April hopefully comes warmer weather.... and the wearing of shorts or capris. Please be advised that students will need to remember that they will be going out for recesses so will need to dress appropriately. The temperatures may change quickly so students need to be prepared for all weather conditions.

We thank the DWU Nursing students for coming to our school to teach our third and fourth grade classes. What an awesome connection for DWU and JP II students.

The Fifth and Sixth grade students will give their 3-5 minute Modern Woodmen Speeches on Wednesday, April 1. The speech topic this year is "An Interesting Landmark". The students have worked very hard on their writing and public speaking skills to present these speeches. The top three students will advance to the City Contest which will be held at JP II School on Tuesday, April 14.

The John Paul II School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) awards an annual one- time \$500 scholarship to an alumni of John Paul II School. Applications can be found on the John Paul II School website at www.johnpaul2.org and are due by April 15.

There will be an early dismissal on Holy Thursday, April 2 at 12:30 for the Easter Holiday. There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6. Enjoy the long weekend. Have a Blessed and Happy Easter with your family!

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EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR

If you wish to make a donation toward the Easter lilies in memory or in honor of your loved one(s), please submit them to the parish office by noon this Monday, March 30th. Thank you!





Faith Formation News

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Adult Lenten Bible Study: Week #6 of the Lenten Bible study is this Tues., March 31st in Holy Spirit Church Parish Hall from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Gr. K-12 Faith Formation: Classes as usual this Wednesday, April 1st.

Prayer Request: Please keep in your prayers the second graders preparing for their First Holy Communion at the weekend Masses on April 12th at both Holy Family and Holy Spirit Parishes.

RCIA: NO Class this week. Please keep in your prayers the men and women preparing to join the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Living Stations: The youth in Gr. 7-12 will portray the last moments in Christ's life in the Living Stations of the Cross this Good Friday, April 3rd...In Holy Family Church at 5:30 pm and in Holy Spirit Church at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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The Marilyn Peschong Memorial Scholarship and John Paul II PTO Scholarship applications deadlines are quickly approaching! Applications must be in the JP II School, MFCE office or postmarked April 15th. To be eligible a student must have attended John Paul II School for a minimum of three years, and have graduated from sixth grade at JP II as well. They are each a one-time \$500.00 scholarship. If you know of someone who may be eligible please encourage them to apply. If you are eligible and did not receive an application in the mail, please contact me by phone or email. Thank you! Both scholarships are managed by the Mitchell Foundation for Catholic Education and applications are available online at www.mitchellfce.com.



LIVING STATIONS SIGN UP

The Middle/High School Students of Holy Family/Holy Spirit will be performing a portrayal of the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. To participate, contact Steve Morgan, 995-0325, or Nicole Fuhrer, 999-5026; or show up at the first practice to be assigned a part.

Practice times are as follows:

- Sunday, March 29th, 6:30pm @ Holy Spirit Church
Monday, March 30th, 8:00pm @ Holy Family Church
Wednesday April 1st, 8:00pm @ Holy Spirit Church
Good Friday April 3rd, 3:00pm @ Holy Family Church

Performance Times are as follows:

- Holy Family- Good Friday, April 3rd @ 5:30pm
Holy Spirit- Good Friday April 3rd @ 7:00pm

Thanks to those who have volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels thus far. I am still in need of 7 drivers for the following routes; Rt 1 - April 27 to May 1 and May 4 to 8, Rt 2 - April 13 to 17, Rt 3 April 13 to 17 and Rt 5 - April 13 to 17, April 27 to May 1 and May 4 to 8. If you can help please call Kathy at 996-7977 or 630-0448.

DO YOU BELIEVE? This movie will prune your soul into asking you the question that many have avoided all our lives. It will lead you to a crossroad that you have to be truly honest with God and yourself. What road will you choose? Do You Believe has a well-known cast including Cybill Shepard, Lee Majors, Ted McGinley, Mira Sorvino, and Sean Astin. McGinley plays a pastor who is challenged in his faith by a street preacher. The story follows the challenges and interactions between an EMT, an atheist doctor, a lawyer and several other people faced with trying times in their lives. Showing will begin on Friday, April 3 and play for one week over the Easter weekend through Thursday, April 9 at the Logan Theater in Mitchell. (PG-13 Rating)

Mass Intentions

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Intention. Includes entries for 03/31, 04/01, 04/02, 04/03, 04/04, 04/05 with various times and intentions like 'd. Patricia Rands' and 'For Holy Family Parish'.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Lector/Minister. Includes entries for Holy Thursday (04/02), Good Friday (04/03), and Holy Saturday - Easter Sunday (04/04, 04/05) with names like 'L-T Kriese' and 'L-Deacon Graves'.

Mass Servers

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Server. Includes entries for Holy Thursday (04/02), Good Friday (04/03), and Holy Saturday - Easter Sunday (04/04, 04/05) with names like 'C&J Mentele' and 'A,J&E Vermeulen'.

Ministers of Hospitality

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Minister. Includes entries for Holy Thursday (04/02), Good Friday (04/03), and Holy Saturday - Easter Sunday (04/04, 04/05) with 'Volunteers' listed.

BULLETIN BOARD

3/28-3/29 SCRIP sold after all Masses this weekend
03/29 Palm Sunday
03/31 Eucharistic Adoration - 8:30am to 8:00pm
04/01 Faith Formation Classes - ES 5:30pm/ LS 6:45pm - JP II School
04/02 Holy Thursday - 7pm Mass (No Morning Mass)
04/03 Good Friday - 12 noon Liturgy - (No Morning Mass)
Parish Office Closed / No JP II School or School Mass
Living Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm (HF) 7pm (HS)
04/04 Holy Saturday - 7:30pm Vigil Mass (No 5pm Mass)
04/05 Easter Sunday - Masses Times: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am
(SEE THIS WEEK'S LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES UNDER FR. LARRY'S COLUMN)



McGovern CROP Walk - April 15 - 4:00 PM
Dakota Wesleyan University - Sherman Center
Join the Walk! Students and Mitchell residents will gather to walk for Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org). Fight Hunger globally and in our community. 25% of funds raised will go to the Mitchell Area Food Pantry. For more information call 996-7721.