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**After** Pius XII's reform of Holy Week in 1955, and the following reforms of Vatican II, Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday has acquired once again its liturgical character, without losing those well-known elements with which the faithful had become so familiar for many years. In the liturgy this Sunday, the word of God illumines the gestures and symbols that accompany the first day of this glorious week. The blessing of palms during the Introductory Rite, may be accompanied with a procession that resembles the glorious entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This ritual, along with the antiphons that are sung and the readings that follow, point directly to the Gospel of Saint Matthew, that proclaims the Passion. The palm branches represent all faithful disciples willing to walk with Jesus toward Calvary, in hope that we will participate in his glorious resurrection. All the symbols and gestures of this Holy Week help us to commemorate the Paschal Mystery of Christ, but they are not to become dramatic representations of events, as in a play or a movie, for these run the danger of remaining at an external and superficial level. All ministers who labor with the word, are called to interpret these symbols in liturgical ministry, assisting the assembly to better understand these celebrations without distorting the texts or gestures.



**Después** de la reforma de la Semana Santa de Pío XII en 1955, y las siguientes reformas del Vaticano II, el Domingo de Pasión o Domingo de Ramos ha vuelto a adquirir su carácter litúrgico, sin perder aquellos elementos bien conocidos con los que los fieles se habían familiarizado durante muchos años. En la liturgia de este domingo, la Palabra de Dios ilumina los gestos y símbolos que acompañan el primer día de esta semana gloriosa. La bendición de las palmas durante el Rito Introductorio, puede ir acompañada de una procesión que se asemeja a la gloriosa entrada de Jesús en Jerusalén. Este ritual, junto con las antífonas que se cantan y las lecturas que siguen, apuntan directamente al Evangelio de San Mateo, que proclama la Pasión. Las ramas de palma representan a todos los discípulos fieles dispuestos a caminar con Jesús hacia el Calvario, con la esperanza de que participemos en su gloriosa resurrección. Todos los ministros que trabajan con la palabra, están llamados a interpretar estos símbolos en el ministerio litúrgico, ayudando a la asamblea a comprender mejor estas celebraciones sin distorsionar los textos o gestos.

## MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 5:15 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)  
11:00 am (Español)

## Nursing Home Masses - 2:00 pm

1st Thursday - All St. Johns Locations  
2nd Thursday - Good Samaritan  
3rd Thursday - Thorne Crest

## RECONCILIATION

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm ♦ **Sunday:** 1/2 hour before Mass

## PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHAPEL

Open all hours

## Parish Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday**  
8:00 am-4:00 pm

**Closed Friday**

**Offices Close Daily**

- 9:00-9:45 am for Mass (except Monday)
- 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

The Catholic Shoppe ♦ Parish Office

- 1:00-4:00 pm
- Monday-Thursday

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. KURT



This weekend is Palm Sunday, otherwise known as "Passion Sunday" and is the only liturgy of the year where we hear two different Gospel stories, stories that relay two completely different reactions to the coming of Jesus into Jerusalem.

The first Gospel has Jesus greeted as a hero, honored with palm branches as if he were a King. The second has Jesus greeted as a criminal, with hatred and people despising Him, calling for His death. These two completely different reactions to the presence of Jesus came from the same group of people. When the people believed that Jesus was powerful and thus would receive something from Him, they sang His praises, but after He was arrested and shown to be weak, they turned on Him and called for His death. Is it possible that at times we also treat Jesus in very much the same way? When things are going our way we are the first to praise God, but when life hands us disappointments, we blame God and dismiss His presence in our life. We are called to be like His mother Mary in the Gospel, who never blamed God for the suffering of her son but suffered with Him, with the hope that God would come to His aid.

We are never alone in our suffering; Jesus walks with us in the challenges and disappointments of life. When Palm Sunday is over we begin Holy Week in which we journey to Calvary along with Christ and await His resurrection at Easter time.

The Christian Initiation Experience for our candidates and Catechumen are just about complete. Their journey will conclude with the celebration of the Tridium, which consists in the three liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Hopefully we have all journeyed along with them and have fallen in love with Christ as they have fallen in love with Him. Let us all who are able, celebrate the Tridium with our candidates and catechumens, ready and willing to fall more deeply in love with Christ our Savior.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

## 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (3/24/23)	\$16,860.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

March 13 – 19, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$6,811.00	\$1,197.00	\$5.00	\$0.00

## Albert Lea Cantori 50th Anniversary Concert

Directed by Eileen Nelson Ness

Sunday, April 23 ♦ 3:00 PM ♦ United Methodist Church, Albert Lea

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The Concert is free and open to the public.

Please join us in celebrating 50 years of singing in Albert Lea!



**Easter Flowers:** All donated flowers can be taken home after the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Masses. We want as many flowers to remain for our First Communion Masses the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your donations.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues April 4	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † James Herplink by Betty	Church Church
Wed April 5	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Alfonso Hernandez & Jose Lopez by Maria Lopez & Family	Church Church
Thurs April 6	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Rosary <b>Holy Thursday Mass</b> † Elaine & Sophia	Church Church
Fri April 7	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Good Friday Service</b> † Mrs. Ray Luna (Lucy) by Mary Larson & Trista Thufson <b>Hispanic Good Friday Service</b>	Church Church
Sat April 8	8:00 pm	<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> Memorial Mass Association	Church
Sun April 9	7:30 am 9:00 am  11:00am	<b>Easter Sunday Sunrise Mass</b> <b>Easter Sunday Mass</b> † Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary Bloomquist † Ruth Spear by Family & Friends † Mrs. Ray Luna (Lucy), Phil Luna, Rayln Craupman by Mary Larson & Trista Tufman † Ruben Anderson by Judy Popp– Anderson † Marlene Tautges by Larry Tautges <b>Easter Sunday Spanish Mass</b> For those listed in the book of intentions & for all parishioner	Church Church  Church

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 4/3	Is 42:1-7	Jn 12:1-11
Tues: 4/4	Is 49:1-6	Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: 4/5	Is 50:4-9a	Mt 26:14-25
Thu: 4/6	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26	Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 Jn 13:1-15
Fri: 4/7	Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat: 4/8	Gn 1:1-2:2 Gn 22:1-18 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	Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Mt 28:1-10
Sun: 4/9	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4	Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Jn 20:1-9

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
April 16	† Charles Kermes by Family † Clifford Kwapick by Marylou & Kimberly & Tammy Kwapick <b>Additional Sponsor's Needed</b>
April 23	<b>Sponsor's Needed</b>
May 14	In recognition of all Mother's living & deceased by KC Auxiliary

Parish office is closed on Easter Monday, April 10

**Chrism Mass:** April 3, 4 pm, St. Augustine, Austin, MN

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon April 3	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-8:30pm <b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Life in the Spirit Group</b> 6:00-7:00pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6:00-8:00pm	Chapel Marian Hall Church Church Basement
Tues April 4	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-8:30pm	Chapel
Wed April 5	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6:00-7:00am <b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Shadow Drama</b> 7:00-8:00pm	Parish Meeting Room Chapel Church
Thurs April 6	<b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>Quilting Group ♦ Church Basement</b> 1:00-4:00pm	
Fri April 7	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Divine Mercy Novena</b> 12:00-1:00 pm ♦ Church	
Sat April 8	<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>Church Decorating</b> 8:15-10am ♦ Church <b>RCIA Practice</b> 10:00-11:00am ♦ Church <b>Divine Mercy Novena</b> 12:00-1:00pm ♦ Church	
Sun April 9	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>Divine Mercy Novena</b> 12:00-1:00pm ♦ Church	

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>April 6 ♦ 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>April 7 ♦ 3:00 pm</b>		<b>Good Friday</b> <b>April 7</b> <b>Hispanic</b> <b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch		
<b>Cantor</b>	Ada Theusch	Betsy Schutlz		
<b>Lectors</b>	Lois Ahern	Nick Schiltz Judy Popp-Anderson		
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Emilie & Sophia Troster & Mathew Rende	Ethan Chrissinger, Mathew Rende & Sawyer Holt		
	<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>April 8</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>April 9</b>		
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	<b>Hispanic</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Jody Blong	<b>Needed</b>	Alex Amundson	
<b>Lectors</b>	Axtman's Ramone	Nick Schiltz	Kathleen Bleckeberg	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kyle & Matthew Ramirez, Keagan Winslow & Blake Winslow	<b>Needed</b>	Mathew Rende, Parker Lund & Evyana Bartelt	

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Dress Rehearsal**  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-6pm at the Church  
Those interested in helping with this beautiful tradition, contact Irene.

**TOTUS TUUS** at St. Theo's, July 9-14, 2023. Register by May 1st.

**Camp Summit:** at Eagle Bluff, Lanesboro, MN. July 24-27  
Register by April 1<sup>st</sup> Hurry, space is limited!


**Steubenville Conference:** July 14-16, 2023. Cost: \$415 before May 6 or \$445 after May 11. Cost includes hotel, meals at conference, t-shirt & transportation. Contact Irene for more information or registration materials.

**Monetary assistance is needed** to help lighten the financial cost for an individual's fee to attend camp. Your donation can help a student that would love to attend but is financially limited. Envelopes are located at the back entrance of the church for your donation. Various donation amounts are indicated on each envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

**Irene Nelson**, Faith Formation Director - [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org)

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone that came to St. Theodore School's Auction Gala this weekend. A special thank you to all that donated items for our Auction this year. This helps us cut costs, so we can invest more money into our school and students. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help with our Feed – A – Need. Have a blessed weekend!  
St. Theodore Catholic School

 This summer Clark Street will be under construction and resurfacing. As a result, St. Theodore is being assessed an additional \$15,000 for 2023. This is an unexpected expense that was not planned for in our annual budget. Parish council has asked parishioners to prayerfully consider donating directly to this project. If you are able to contribute to this parish need, please send your tax deductible donation in a separate envelope marked 'road assessment' or drop in the collection plate. Thanks in advance for your consideration!

**Come Celebrate**  
**The Feast of Divine Mercy!**  
Calling all Catholics to come celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 16, 2023.  
Adoration & Confessions 2-3:00 pm  
Chaplet 3:00 pm



## Shadow Drama of the Stations of the Cross

Presented by the Confirmation Students

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:00 pm



St. Theodore Church



**First Communion**  
**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 Mass**  
**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 Mass**

Due to the large numbers of families attending the 5:15 pm Mass for First Communion, there will be a limited amount of pew space available for the general parishioners. Please consider attending our Sunday morning Mass at 9 AM. Thank you!

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