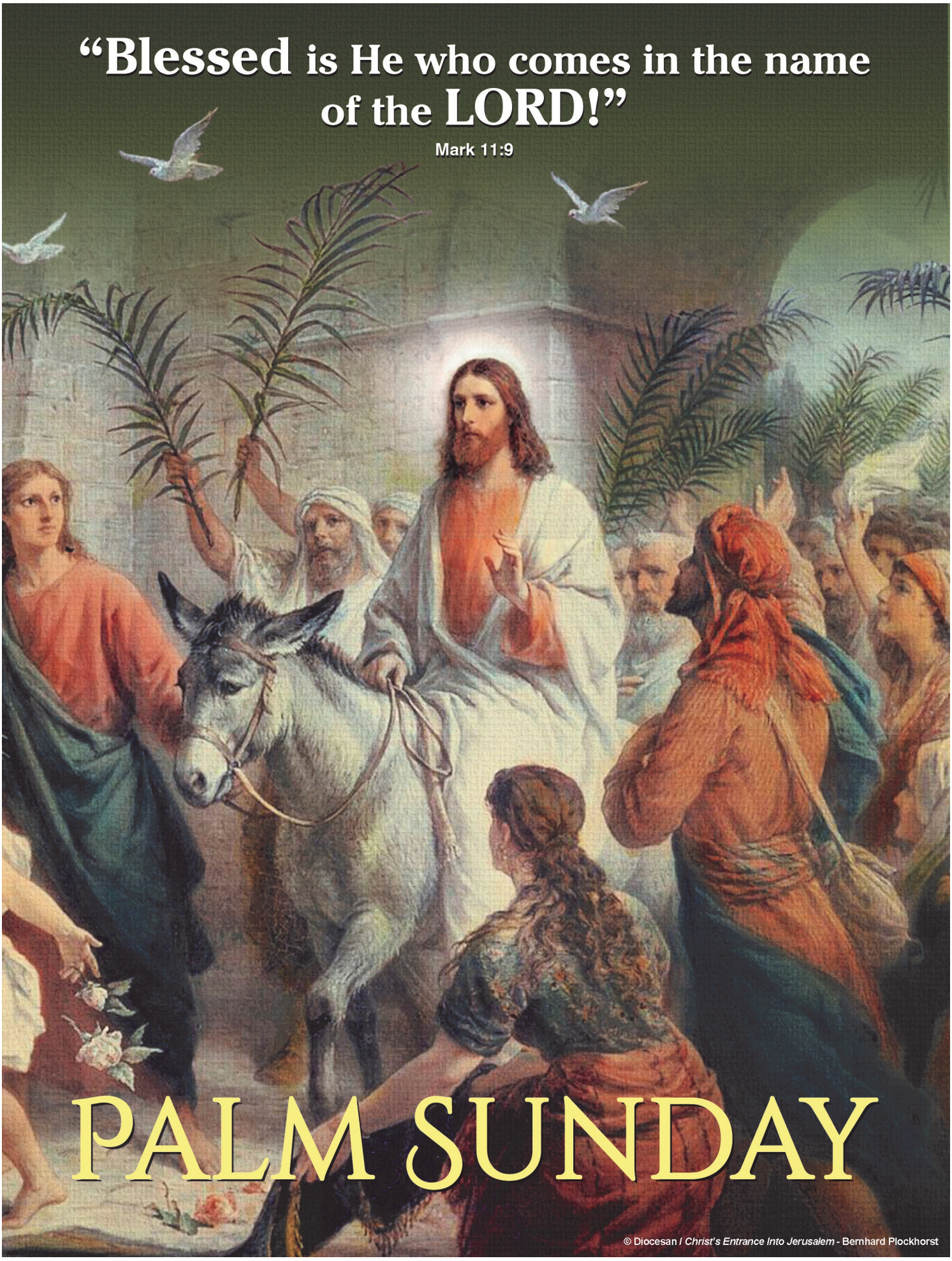
"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"
Mark 11:9
PALM SUNDAY
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APRIL 5, 2020 - PALM SUNDAY

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." (Matthew 27:32)

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

We pray for the day when we will be able to resume weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Martin of Tours.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

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Saturday 5:30p Sunday 8:00a & 11:00a Wed. & Fri. 9:00a
Reconciliation on Saturdays 10:00-11:00a
Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00a-4:00p

PARISH & MASS SCHEDULE

April 05 **Sunday**
This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Tom Kelley by Vicki Kelley
8:00 a.m. Mass †Larry Houghtaling by Jackie Houghtaling
No Religious Ed classes
11:00 a.m. Mass For the people of St. Martin
No Youth Group
April 06 **Monday**
No Bible Study with Msgr. Martin
April 07 **Tuesday**

April 08 **Wednesday**
9:00a.m. Mass †Timmy Kissinger by Bette & Gordon M.
April 09 **Thursday**
6:00p.m. †Evan Shick by Margot
April 10 **Friday**

April 11 **Saturday**
No Mens group
Vigil Mass For the people of St. Martin
April 12 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. Mass †Edna Jaworski by Lenny Jaworski
No Religious Ed classes
11:00 a.m. Mass †Evelyn Mehers by Judy Hatfield
No Youth Group

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WORD OF LIFE
APRIL 5TH

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (Spe salvi 31)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - APRIL

APRIL 1, 2020

Freedom from Addiction We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Jody Cunningham, Fr. Frances Faracl, Judy Hansford, Gina Hygema, Vicki Pearl, Monica Pelto, Leo Swiat

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INSIDE OUR PARISH

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR MARTIN

By direction of Bishop Bradley and due to the continuing pandemic, we are not able to welcome the faithful to our private masses. Masses will continue to be celebrated and prayers for the protection needs and intentions of the people of St. Martin of Tours parish will be offered at each Mass. Please continue to participate in Mass through television Masses and live streaming Masses. The Diocesan website has a list of Masses that are available via live stream and instructions on how to make a spiritual communion while viewing these Masses.

I am looking into how to live stream our Sunday 8 am Mass at St. Martin of Tours.

This is perhaps the most difficult Paschal season any of us have ever knows. Let us keep each other in prayer and remember that we are in the hands of our Savior Jesus Christ and together we walk through this time with him.

Msgr. Thomas Martin

MASS INTENTIONS Please know that Msgr. Martin is offering the Mass intentions located on page 3 of this bulletin at his private Masses.

ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA, PATRON SAINT OF PLAGUES

"God did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all; with him, he has given us all things." (Romans 8: 32 - Communion Antiphon). Francis attracted followers and they formed a community of Hermits with the Rules of the St Francis of Assisi to guide them. Gifted in diplomacy, the hermit Francis was used by the Church for sensitive diplomatic missions. St Francis of Paola is patron saint of the following:

- Plague
- Sterility
- Sailors, boatmen, mariners
- Travellers
- Naval officers

Our key Scripture is from the Communion Antiphon. If Abba Father could sacrifice Jesus on the Cross because of His love for us, It is ridiculous to think that He could deny us anything good for us. Imagine what God did for our Saint of today. For his holiness and obedience, God made him patron saint of issues affecting Christians. We believe in the Communion of the Saints. Christ Jesus our Lord is glorified when we honor His saints. Although all the saints are enjoying heavenly bliss, they are still engaged in the affairs of the Church militant on earth. They experienced our struggles and know our needs. Ask for the aide of the saints with Obedience of Faith and Obedience of humility thus: JESUS I TRUST IN YOU COMPLETELY. THROUGH THE Intercession OF ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA, I SURRENDER MYSELF TO YOU COMPLETELY. TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING YOUR WAY. AMEN.

Join us during Lent to pray for an end to abortion! Beginning 2/26-4/5 Mon-Sat from 8a-8p. Call Joe for details @ 989.992.6085 or visit 40daysforlife.com/kalamazoo

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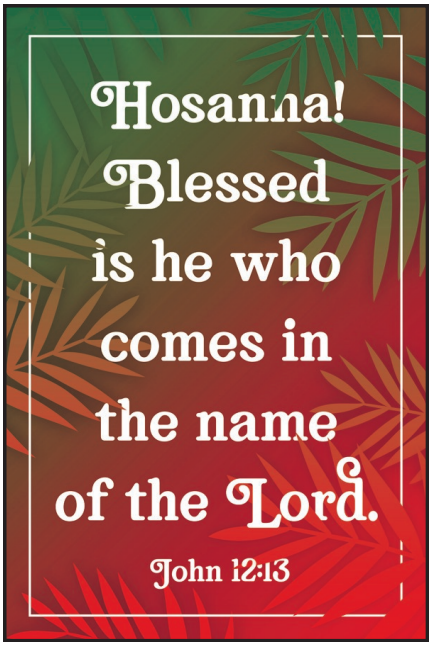
AROUND THE DIOCESE

All non-essential Diocesan programming is being cancelled or postponed until Easter. As these events are rescheduled we will post the schedule on the Diocesan website, diokzoo.org.



DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Per the direction of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, parish Religious Education has been suspended through Easter Sunday April 12. We will continue to monitor this situation in the coming days and weeks.

Prayers for our First Communion & Confirmation Students: As our First Communion (April 26) & Confirmation (June 14) students continue preparations for their respective sacraments, I want to encourage us all to hold up in prayer these precious souls & their families, that they may be disciples of Jesus Christ & witness to the love of God that He desires all of us to share in. I encourage us all as a parish family to offer little sacrifices to this end for these members of the faithful who are walking this journey of faith. Please consider attending Mass on these days (both at 11 am) to show your support and solidarity! Thank you each and God bless!

YOUTH MINISTER:
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All youth group activities, including the Easter Egg Hunt, have been suspended through Easter per the Diocese of Kalamazoo. We look forward to returning to a regular schedule as soon as everyone is healthy!