

A Holy Week — Semana Santa

It is a great joy to see all of you gathered here walking together as we enter the last leg of our Lenten Journey. It has been challenging. However, He has given us the example and we just follow. We will walk the next days in a particular way celebrating a mystery of love and life, a mystery of Salvation.

What makes Holy Week holy? Jesus, and He alone, is what makes this week holy. However, we all are called to make it holier, living its message in our lives, not only by recalling or reenacting what happened long ago but by responding to what Jesus offers us now as a consequence of what he did then. We celebrate it with an active, devout, prayerful participation in the church's liturgy. The mind and the heart must be engaged. This requires a generous sacrifice of time and effort.

On this Palm Sunday, we can see what moves Jesus to enter the holy city of Jerusalem... Mercy. It was mercy that impelled him to take up the cross and accept suffering and death, all out of love for us. Mercy is a gratuitous gift that opens our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. This is what this Holy Week unfolds in front of us. Mercy, life in abundance. And salvation would be ours.

May you have a Holy Week, in anticipation of a Blessed Easter!

Fr. Fabio

Holy Week Schedule

April 6 Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

April 7 Good Friday, The Passion of the Lord 3:00 p.m.

Viernes Santo de la Pasión del Señor 7:00 p.m.

April 8 Blessing of Easter baskets 1:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.

April 9 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. (en Español)

We are called....

We look forward to your participation in the celebrations of Holy Week. Please join us on Holy Thursday for Mass at 7:00 p.m. and take part in the foot washing ritual. And bring a bell to that Mass!

Divine Mercy

We will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday in our parish on April 16 at 2:00 p.m. with Adoration and Reconciliation, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.

Quinceañera Retreat

Saturday, April 22 10:00-2:00 St. Peter Parish, Douglas 269-897-7951 cecigarcia@stpeter-douglas.org



Ser salvados, salvando a otros. Creo que ese es el lema que nos va a guiar al entrar a esta Semana Santa. Y me alegra mucho verlos a todos, reunidos para celebrar la abundancia de la misericordia de Dios.

Pero ¿qué es lo que hace santa, una Semana Santa?

Jesús es quien hace santa esta semana. Y al acompañarlo en estos días, no solamente recordamos lo que ocurrió hace muchos años, sino que respondiendo a lo que Jesús nos ofrece hoy, podemos llevar a otros la salvación que El nos ofrece.

Es por eso por lo que, participaremos en las ceremonias litúrgicas en la Iglesia, de modo activo, con gran devoción, en espíritu de oracion, con el corazón y mente puesto en lo que celebramos. ¡Dios lo merece, nosotros lo necesitamos!

Hoy en el Domingo de Ramos, reconocemos que es la Misericordia, la que mueve a Jesús a entrar en Jerusalén para vivir su pasión; es misericordia lo que lo lleva a aceptar la cruz y morir en ella. Todo por amor. Esto es lo que hoy se abre delante de nosotros en esta semana santa. Misericordia, vida abundante. Hagamos de estos días una verdadera experiencia de santidad.

Que tengan una muy feliz y bendecida semana santa.

P. Fabio

100 Years Celebration

Mark your calendars for our parish's centennial celebration on June 11, beginning with the 11:00 Mass followed by a picnic on the bluff. We will also be celebrating the 80th anniversary of the installation of our grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes. Plans are in the works for making this a very special day. If you'd like to help out, please contact the parish office and leave your name and phone number.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Father Fabio on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this October 15-24. Price includes round trip airfare, two meals daily, a professional Catholic tour guide, and accommodation at 5-star hotels. Cost is \$3,650. More information may be found



on St. Peter's website, https://www.stpeter-douglas.org/

Personal Care/Baby Care Pantry

Personal care items needed include bathroom items, paper products, soaps and shampoo, lotion, etc. For baby care: disposable diapers and wipes, bibs and washcloths, powder and diaper rash cream. You may place your items in the grocery cart in the Connector, and they will be delivered to the We Care I.N.C. Personal Care Pantry.



Scripture Readings For the Week of April 2, 2023

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Procession: Mt 21:1-11

At Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18;

Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;

In FF:1 11: In 12:2 2 4 F C:

Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,

5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;

Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Mt 28:1-10

CRS Rice Bowl

MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children, and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world?

Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Religious Education

Sunday, April 2 Family of Faith Formation

12:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 9 No classes Easter Sunday

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1

5:00 p.m. † Kay Mielke

7:00 p.m. People of the parish (en Español)

Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m. † Margo and Gerry Sherman

11:00 a.m. † Ann Clayton

Monday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Intention of Fr. Richard

Tuesday. April 4

9:00 a.m. † Frank Zelasko

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 a.m. † Joan Overton, 1st anniversary

Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7

3:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord 7:00 p.m. La Pasión del Señor

Saturday, April 8

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9

8:00 a.m. People of the parish9:30 a.m. People of the parish11:00 a.m. People of the parish

5:00 p.m. People of the parish (en Español

Please Pray For

Tony Brush
Tommy & Andrea
Connors Family
Dennis Dascenzo
Laurie Davidson
Jeff Edwards
Avery Ellis
Louise Llorens Ford

Louise Llorens Fo John Gazi Roy Hale Lyle Harrison Joey Hartmann Laura Hentchel Ellie Hoban Bob Hughes Shirley Jillson Jim Kummeth

Jim Kummeth Doe Leonard Tim Lewis

Dorothy Lockwood Bill Mabry Paul Macyauski Joe Malbouef **Tony Marr Richard Morales** Barbara Munn Kim Needham Benjamin Nicoloff Dee Pavich Dawn Romagna Julian Soroka Joscelyn Spear Suella VanDyke Carol Vissett Darrin Wabanimkee

Patt Welder Mark Williams

Fabian Wabanimkee, Jr.

St. Basil Catholic School

Ribs 'n Raffle Saturday, May 20

Mark your calendars for a fun and exciting evening of auctions and raffles, food and drink, all with the goal of raising funds for our parish school. Last year we raised \$140,000, with the money going towards building renovations, professional development for our teachers, robotics, security upgrades, athletics, and more!

Our goal this year is \$150,000 so we can continue the building improvements, keep our teachers learning new and innovative techniques, install new carpeting in the classrooms, and fulfill a few other needs.

The theme of this year's event is Iconic TV Shows, ("where everybody knows your name") so if you've ever wanted to dress up like Lucille Ball, one of the Golden Girls, Doogie Howser, or Magnum P.I., this is your opportunity!

Tickets will be available online at 2023RNR.givesmart.com School families and parishioners are invited to donate items for our themed "baskets" for the silent auction. Watch the bulletin for a list coming soon, with a drop-off deadline of May 8 in the school office.





Reading Buddies continues to be a successful program!

St. Basil Soccer Schedule

Some of our St. Basil students are playing soccer, so if you'd like to come cheer them on, here are the upcoming dates and locations: Tuesday, April 11 4:15 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake, St. Joseph Tuesday, April 18 4:15 p.m. Baseline Middle School, South Haven

Women's Service Guild Meet 'n Greet

Thursday, April 27 12:00 noon At Senior Services of Van Buren County

Please sign in and pay for your meal then wait in the lobby so we can be seated together. We hope you'll join us!

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9 1:00-3:00 p.m. Hosted by our St. Basil Youth Group Games, face painting, tamale sale, and fun for everyone!

Can You Help?

Food Pantry Drop-off

Please take non-perishable food items to First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Personal Care Pantry

First Assembly of God, 06500 Blue Star Hwy., Wednesdays 10:00 –1:00

Blessings in a Backpack

The Women's Service Guild is asking for volunteers to help pack bags of food to go home with local students for weekend meals. If you are available to help, our next packing date is April 27 at 10:30 at North Shore Elementary School. Please arrive no earlier than 10:20. We usually finish packing and restocking in about an hour.

Women's Bible Study Walking With Purpose

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. In the Upper Level

Refuel and refresh, making connections with other women as you learn more about God. Questions? Contact Bobbie Otto at 269-313-1761 or rotto281015@gmail.com

St. Basil Book Group

Thursdays beginning March 30 1:00 p.m. Upper Level

The group will continue reading "Learning to Pray" by Father James Martin. For March 30 we will review what we've read so far, and then begin Chapter 13 on Lectio Divina. Everyone is welcome. Contact Deacon John Lohrstorfer for more information: ilohrstorfer@yahoo.com.

St. Basil Church Replica

These beautiful 6" color wooden replicas of our church celebrating our 2023 centennial are available for purchase, \$25. Come see us during our business hours and pick up this one-of-a-kind remembrance.





Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. Upper Level

All men of the parish are welcome. Please join us! Contact

Deacon John, jlohrstorfer@yahoo.com.



Our Stewardship March 26

Envelope Offering (68) \$ 5,261.00
Electronic Contributions \$ 1,530.00
Loose Offering \$ 1,084.71
Total Collection \$ 7,875.81

Weekly Budget Amount \$ 10,096.00
Over/Under (\$ 2,220.19)

Mission Statement

Called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to live the Good News of Christ through Worship, Evangelization, Service, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship.

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Ministry......Sister Maria Eugenia Gomez

Mass Schedule

Confessions

Saturday3:30—4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday after morning Mass, with Benediction at 2:30

Mass In Our Collaborative

St. Peter, Douglas, MI

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8:30 a.m.

San Felipe, Fennville, MI

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 12:30 p.m.

- ➤ So that we all may be fully present at Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- ► We ask that you be considerate of others if you are coughing or sick. Please refrain from the handshake of peace. This is thoughtful consideration for the rest of the parish community.