The Entrance into Jerusalem
Palm Sunday

Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Misplaced Expectations

A young boy returned from his first major league baseball game very disappointed. Even though his favorite team won the game, the young boy said to his grandfather, "I'll never go to another game again!" "Why not," his grandfather asked, "your team won the game –why are you disappointed?" The boy answered, "I wanted my favorite player to hit a home run to where I was sitting and I wanted to catch the ball and I wanted to get it autographed after the game!" "I've been hoping for that all my life, too," said his grandfather with a smile.

Quite often, the disappointment that we feel towards a person or about a situation or circumstance is due to the fact that our expectations of that person or about that situation are misplaced, misguided, or misunderstood. We see an example of this in today's Gospel reading about our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem.

Many of the same people who enthusiastically greeted Jesus when He entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday would just as passionately demand His crucifixion only a few days later. Why? It is because their expectations of Him were misplaced. That is, many people presumed that the long-awaited Messiah would be a great military leader or a political revolutionary who would lead them out of Roman subjugation and into independence. They did not consider the possibility of a Messiah who would conquer not armies, but death itself.

What do we expect from God? Like the little boy at the baseball game, are we disappointed when we don't get what we want? Let us recall that the Lord knows what we need even before we ask or are aware of it!

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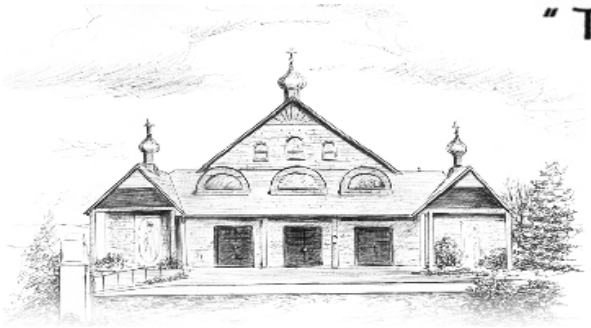

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Many have referred to it as our "Holiest Week." It's during this stretch of days upcoming that we commemorate and remember the most important events in the life of Christ on earth. He did this for us. We can show our respect for this love by immersing ourselves in the liturgical tributes. Here's what we are offering for you to take part in.

Holy Wednesday

The usual Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be celebrated.

Holy Thursday

The betrayal of Judas and the Institution of the Eucharist are highlighted in the Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil.

Good Friday

The day starts out with the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels. The story leading up to the Crucifixion is told from the vantage point of the four Evangelists. At night we pray vespers, ending with the dramatic procession of the shroud of Christ to the grave. (The all-night vigil begins after this service.)

Holy Saturday

The march toward Resurrection continues with the vesper Liturgy of St. Basil recognizing Christ's Descent into Hades. As the sun sets we will gather for the joyful Resurrection Matins. We will physically depart from church and return to find it ablaze with light and glory! (Following the kissing of the cross, icon and Gospel Book, participants will journey downstairs for the blessing of the Easter foods.)

Easter Sunday

We proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection in light and with song! The Gospel will be chanted in Slavonic, Latin and English symbolizing the apostles mandate to spread word of the Risen Lord to all nations.

(Times for the above listed services are listed on the next page.)

April 10, 2022
Holy Week

Liturgy Schedule

Holy Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (**†Irene Trompak** by Eric/Linda Primuth)
Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers (**†Jeanette Klukan** by Nick/Agnes Ihnat) *—Commemorating the Institution of the Holy Eucharist—*
Good Friday	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels Vespers with Burial Procession *(Tomb Vigil begins after Services)*
Holy Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers (**†Ann Stefanchik** by Deacon Bill/Nancy Fredrick) *—Commemorating the Descent into Hades—*
	8:00 p.m.	Resurrection Matins with Outdoor Procession *(Easter foods blessed after Services)*
Easter Sunday	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Intention of the Parishioners (**†Helen Sasala** by Nick/Mary Lizanich)

The Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion, compassion into prayer and prayer into love.
Holy Spirit, let the grace of Holy Week change our hearts.

Holy Week & Easter

Altar Servers/Lectors/Greeters

		Altar Servers	Lectors
Holy Wednesday Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	**7:00 p.m.**	(2) Volunteers	J. Huntz & S. Jaroscak
Holy Thursday Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers	**7:00 p.m.**	D. Tytko, J. Lesnick, D. & A. Kupar, J. Mosgo, D. Kattler	N. Fredrick & B. Fortlage
Good Friday			
Twelve Gospels	**9:00 a.m.**	Volunteers	
Vespers	**7:00 p.m.**	J. Bremner, D. Tytko, M. Hritz, J. & W. Hallis, A. & R. Percic, J. Cohn, D. & A. Kupar, J. Mosgo, D. Kattler, L. Tinter, G. Dudick, J. Loya	T. Chuparkoff, S. Jaroscak, and C. Csornok
Holy Saturday			
	4:00 p.m.	M. & T. Ebert, J. Loya & Volunteers	T. Chuparkoff, R. Evans, B. Fortlage
Resurrection Matins	**8:00 p.m.**	D. Tytko, D. & A. Kupar, J. Bremner, D. Kattler, L. Tinter, J. Loya & Volunteers	
Easter Sunday	**8:30 a.m.**	Volunteers	J. Pinchot
	10:30 a.m.	D. Tytko, L. Tinter, D. & A. Kupar, J. Cohn, J. Mosgo	T. Chuparkoff
Bright Monday	**7:00 p.m.**	Volunteers	N. Sabo
Bright Tuesday	**7:00 p.m.**	Volunteers	A. Pinchak

(All altar servers present at any liturgical service are invited and encouraged to serve, including "graduate" servers. Please report to the Sacristy 30 minutes prior to start of services.)

Greeters: **Easter 8:30 a.m.** J. Pinchot & L. Greb
Easter 10:30 a.m. J. Weitzel & K. Strobel

For your convenience, there will be two liturgies on **Easter Sunday (8:30 & 10:30).**

On Easter Break

- **ECF** classes are in recess next Sunday. Sessions resume on **April 24.**
- There will not be a gathering of the **ByzanTEENS** on Easter.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Baskets will be blessed following the Resurrection Matins Service on **Holy Saturday.** Please drop yours off in the hall prior to entering church.

Enjoying Blessed Foods

At the conclusion of the Resurrection Matins Service on **Holy Saturday,** many people "sample" the foods from their baskets. Feel most welcome to remain afterwards—even if you didn't bring a basket!

Good Friday "All Night Vigil"

The "All Night Grave Vigil" will begin right after vespers on Good Friday. Even if you haven't signed up for a time slot, feel free to stop by at any hour. Reading materials can be borrowed from the library in the choir loft.

Confession Opportunities

Additional opportunities are available for confession this year.

Good Friday—12-3, 5-6:30 and following Vespers till all are heard.

Also, you can make use of this sacrament on **Holy Saturday** from **2:00-3:30.**

Good Friday Procession

Any child who would like to take part in the procession on Good Friday is asked to be in the vestibule at least 15 minutes prior to the start of services.

Candle Holders for Good Friday

The following twelve people are scheduled to hold candles for the reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels on Good Friday: **Bob Hotaling, Douglas Tytko, Mike Andrako, Steve Tytko, Jack Pinchot, David Petruno, Carrie Hotaling, Lauren Kattler, Janelle Durkot, Nancy Fredrick, Janice Sobodosh, and Lisa Greb.**

Your Weekly Offering

April 3, 2022

Sunday:	$3,654.00
e-giving:	1,871.00
Student Envelopes:	12.25
Cash:	27.00
Candles:	137.00
Holy Days:	260.00
Horizons:	20.00
Initial Envelope Offering:	13.00
Flowers:	200.00
Fuel:	40.00
Building Fund:	126.00
Easter:	560.00
Total:	**$6,920.25**

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The envelope from your box marked "Good Friday" will be used for the Holy Land collection. We'll send a lump sum to the Chancery.

Lenten Alms

Lenten almsgiving containers can be left at the tomb.

S.O.M.E. Friday

S.O.M.E. Friday Thanks to everyone who participated in S.O.M.E. (SoOthersMayEat) Friday. Your sacrificial offering of $506.00 will be passed on to the **St. Joseph Outreach.**

Thank You!

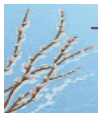
Parish "thanks" to the volunteers who worked hard cleaning the church to making it "shine" for Easter! Thanks also to everyone who week in and week out contribute time and talent to various tasks and ministries. May God Bless your efforts!

Thanks!

Parish thanks for the donation of the tetrapod wreath in memory of **Ron Tirpak.**

Fast/Abstinence Days

A check with the liturgical wall calendar will indicate that **simple fasting** is called for on **Wednesday and Holy Saturday** (abstinence from meat). **Good Friday** is a **strict fast** day (abstinence from meat, eggs, dairy products).



Thank You!

Parish "thanks" to all the pussy willow providers!

The next **Forever Young Club** (55 and over) gathering is **Wednesday, April 20** at **noon. Denise Doroney** will speak on skin care for men and women (products will be available.) The sign-up sheet can be found on the vestibule bulletin board. The cost for lunch is $10. Contact **Joan Rozum** at **440-845-5468** for more info.

St. Thomas Potluck

Our annual **Thomas Sunday Potluck** is scheduled for **April 24** right after liturgy. Please sign the sheet posted on the vestibule bulletin board by April 18 and indicate what you will be bringing (dessert, salad, side or vegetable.) The **Men's Club** will provide the main dish. This year we are honoring volunteers **Nick and Marie Ihnat.**

Divine Mercy Sunday

On the **Sunday after Easter** we will join with Catholic Churches around the globe in celebrating **"Divine Mercy."** The service (not a liturgy) will begin at **3:00.** You are encouraged to attend! Those interested in praying the nine-day Novena should begin on Good Friday. Details can be found by going to www.thedivinemercy.org/shrine. Any questions please call **Judy Churavy** at **440-838-5744.**

Pre Cana Weekend

The Marriage and Family ministry in cooperation with the Tabor Life Institute, is holding a **Pre-Cana Weekend**, **Saturday/Sunday, April 30/May 1 from 12-6.** This preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite will take place at St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church in Solon. The cost is $150 per couple, and includes a special art and wine event lead by artist and iconographer, **Fr. Thomas J. Loya.**

Please Pray

Please pray for our sick/suffering especially **Joe Popik** (ProMedica; **Florence Orris** (Regina Health Care); **Ron Kwiatkowski** (home); **Diane Balasz** (home); **Mary Jo Keshock** (home) and **Carol Vasil** (home).

Thank you to the many volunteers who staffed our Lenten Fish Frys. Also to those who made time to patronize a lunch or dinner. Next week's Byzz Line will contain all the "numbers."

We welcome **John Foreman** as our new Facilities Maintenance Manager. We look forward to John applying his expertise and experience as he keeps our church looking clean and beautiful.

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MEN'S CLUB: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
A-OK CLUB: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
FOREVER YOUNG CLUB: 3rd Wednesday of the month (12-2)
COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy
EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES: Sundays 9:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m.
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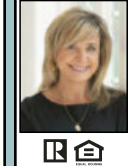
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