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**PALM
SUNDAY**

**OF THE
PASSION
OF THE LORD**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Holy Week, the most sacred time in the church year, begins today with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The enthusiastic throng of people gathered in the city for the religious Festival of Tabernacles, were in a joyous mood as they spread their cloaks on the road, waved palm branches in the air and openly proclaimed Him as their earthly king. The powerful feeling of those moments resounded in the exuberant chants: 'Hosanna to the Son of David.' Christ has no illusions about this fickle crowd because as the week unfolds, the palm branches will shape themselves into a cross and the hosannas will become the jeers of a treacherous mob calling for his death. 'Let him be crucified, his blood be upon us and upon our children.' The passion presents the ultimate humbling of Jesus involving far more than the physical cruelty of the crucifixion. There was terror and agony of mind to be en-

dured and this pain was so intense that his sweat became like drops of blood long before the nails were driven into his body on the cross. The loneliness and isolation he felt when friends deserted the hill of Calvary was nothing compared to the experience of being abandoned by the Father: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

It would be a mistake to comfort ourselves with the thought that it was a group of Jews who killed Christ. The people involved in Christ's death are just like us. The rejection and the crucifixion continue daily. We must never forget that each of us has a hand in Jesus' death when we hurt others through gossip and slander and ride rough-shod over them for our own purpose. Jesus is crucified every time a human being is degraded, treated unjustly and deprived of freedom. This final week of Lent is a great opportunity to observe the death and resurrection of the Lord in a way that will

change our lives. The simple truth of the Christian experience is that sin has marred our lives, and has made a mess of our world by leading us to conduct our affairs with hearts hardened against God. The cross is lifted up as a sign of Christ taking the sins of humanity upon himself in order to soften our hearts, by revealing the depth of His perfect love. The fact that God thought we were worth all that pain and suffering should reduce us to silence. We must never forget that Jesus died on the cross so that we might have new life. We should try in our own simple way to imitate him.



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

St. James Church

Sat.	April 1	7:30 pm	+ Tammy and Hap Johnston
Sun.	April 2	8:00 am	+ Mike and Sally Bradley
Tue.	April 4	8:00 am	+ Robert and Lucy Yanda
Thu.	April 6	7:30 pm	Parishioners of St. James
Fri.	April 7	6:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat.	April 8	8:00 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Sun.	April 9	8:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners

St. Joseph Church

Sat.	April 1	4:00 pm	+ Evie Steeber
Sun.	April 2	10:00am	+ Floyd, Geraldine, Dan and David Thelen
Wed.	April 5	8:15 am	+ Jack Ebert and all Ebert Deceased
Thu.	April 6	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Joseph's
Fri.	April 7	3:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat.	April 8	8:00 pm	+ Parishioners of St. Joseph's
Sun.	April 9	10:00am	+ Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph's

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

When you donate to the Good Friday collection, you help to ensure that Christianity will remain in the Holy Land for years to come. Last year's collection provided support to 29 parishes and 4 homes for orphans. They helped keep 16 schools open for over 10,000 students. Your donations are needed again this year...thank you!



READINGS FOR APRIL 9

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

RETURN RICE BOWLS

Thank you to everyone who participated in this Lenten campaign directed by Catholic Relief Services. In doing so, you changed lives in third world countries through your prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. Don't forget to turn in your offerings by placing them in a clearly marked envelope in the collection basket.

LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS

April ~ June
Available now at church entrances
Donations Appreciated

Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 6
5:00pm St. Joseph || 7:30pm St. James

GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 7
3:00pm St. Joseph || 6:00pm St. James

HOLY SATURDAY ~ APRIL 8
8:00pm St. Joseph || 8:00pm St. James

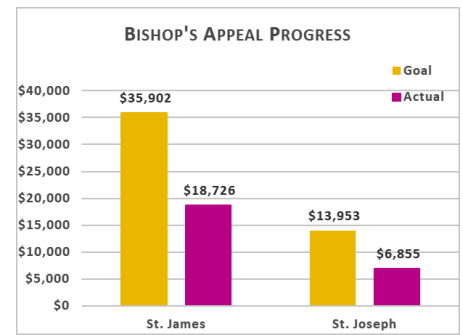
EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 9
8:00am St. James || 10:00am St. Joseph

A TEMPTING THOUGHT

It can be tempting to think that being a good Catholic means just supporting our own parish community. But that would be like lighting the inside of a bushel basket. The gift of faith we have as Catholics is not for us alone. We have been given this gift in order to share it with others beyond the boundaries of our parishes. We strongly encourage everyone to support the Bishop's Appeal in our diocese of Green Bay. If you have not yet made a gift, it is really simple. Keep in mind that a pledge can be helpful in lessening the

budgetary impact. Here are ways you can donate:

- 1) Scan the QR code below, or give online at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.
- 2) Mail back your pledge in the blue envelope that you received at home with Bishop Ricken's letter.
- 3) Simply drop your check in the collection basket made out to the Catholic Foundation with "Bishop's Appeal" in the memo line and it will be forwarded to the diocese.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

No financial information was available at bulletin deadline.

ST. JAMES PARISH

FAITH FORMATION REMINDERS

Sun. April 16 First Communion Mass at 1:00pm

Sun. April 16 Mass for Confirmation students and parents at 4:00pm, immediately followed by Agape Meal.

KEEP US UPDATED!

Please help us stay in touch with you! Let us know if you have moved, changed your phone number or your email address. Please call the office or send an email to Jessica@stjamescooperstown.org. Thank you for your help in keeping us connected.

CHURCHTIME

8:00am Mass: April 2, 16
(No Churchtime on Easter: April 9)

PRAYER SHAWLS

All skill levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome to join the prayer shawl group on Mon., April 6 at 1:00pm in the parish hall. This group makes blankets of various sizes for those who are seriously ill or have lost a loved one. Yarn and patterns are provided, and you can take your project home to continue working on it.

THANK YOU CLEANERS

Last Saturday a small group of volunteers spent the morning at St. James doing some spring cleaning in preparation for Easter. Despite the unfavorable weather, they were able to wipe down the pews and other surfaces, vacuum all the nooks and crannies in church, scrub down the entrance steps and take care of minor repairs. God bless all those who helped us in this annual effort!



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Children are invited to join us this Sunday for the Palm Sunday Procession. Parents are welcome to accompany their children. Please meet in the back of church before Mass begins to receive your palm and be part of the opening procession as we walk around church and sing Hosanna to the King of David.

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter flowers can be placed in the collection basket, the envelope box in back of church or mailed to the Parish Office. Please indicate on the envelope if you would like your donation to be an Easter Flower memorial and the person or family's name. Donations can be turned in until Thursday, April 6.



CLEANING TEAMS

April 8 Team Schrubbe
April 15 Team Langer



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Fish Fry last Friday.
A total of 347 plates were sold.

CHURCH TIME
April 2 and 16

WEEK OF APRIL 2

Sanctuary Light and Hosts & Wine
In Memory of Floyd, Geraldine,
Dan and David Thelen

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING
Monday April 3 — 6:00pm

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lenten collection for Painting Pathways Clubhouse. For more information about what they do, visit their website: <https://paintingpathways.org>.