

Fr. George Darling, Pastor

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am Wednesday: 10:30am **Weekend Mass:** Saturday: 4:30pm Sunday: 9am & 11am



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is required.

Preparation session required. Contact the parish office for details.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months prior to the preferred wedding date. Marriage preparation sessions are required.

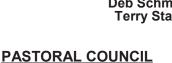
#### **PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP**

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.





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#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**VIGIL: PALM SUNDAY** Sat. Apr 1 4:30 pm Leo Boruta Sun, Apr 2 **PALM SUNDAY** 9:00 am Parish Family 11:00 am Paul & Monica Manser Mon, Apr 3 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK \*\*No Mass\*\* **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK** Tues, Apr 4 8:30 am Tony Hehl Wed, Apr 5 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 8:30 am Fr. John Wisneski Thurs, Apr 6 **HOLY THURSDAY** 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Fri, Apr 7 **GOOD FRIDAY** 1:30 pm Passion of the Lord **VIGIL: EASTER SUNDAY** Sat, Apr 8 8:30 pm Parish Family **EASTER SUNDAY** Sun, Apr 9 <u>9:00 am</u> Parish Family 11:00 am Parish Family

#### **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

Readings for the Week of April 2, 2023

Sunday Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-

11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

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

**Tuesday** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6b, 15,17; Jn 13:21-33,

36-38

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

Thursday Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

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

Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb

4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1—2:2 or 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 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; 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; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col

3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

#### PASTORAL TEAM

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#### By George....

During Lent we practice our three disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We practice them for six weeks so that practice will make them perfect. The third of these disciplines on which we reflect is almsgiving.

We remember that the great commandment is that we love our God above all of our things and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Prayer reminds us to love God more than our things, and fasting reminds us to love ourselves and not do harm to ourselves with things. Almsgiving reminds us to love our neighbors **as** we love ourselves.

I cannot tell you how many times over the years the question has been put to me as to why someone should give their hard earned money to "those people" instead of spending it on themselves. Trying to be like Jesus I often answer their question with the question of why they change diapers for their children or grandchildren. Obviously the answer to my question is that the baby is incapable of changing their diaper for themselves. So too there may be some people who through problems they have created in their own lives or who through no fault of their own are incapable of being able to successfully provide for themselves. If the shoe was on the other foot and we were the ones lacking the skills or opportunity to provide for ourselves what would we want our neighbors to do for us? So we try to love our neighbors as we love ourselves - caring for them as we care for ourselves. How is it that we who have life's opportunities just happened to be here instead of in a third world country where we don't have clean water, indoor toilets, adequate housing, health care, or the opportunities to have a job to provide for ourselves? So during Lent we practice giving alms - a portion of what we have because we are trying to get perfect the great commandment of loving our God above all of our things and of loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

#### STEWARDSHIP - WEEK OF MARCH 25 & 26

Week 39/52	
Adult Envelopes (87 used)	\$7,740.00
Automatic Envelopes (58 used)	4,085.00
Youth	49.00
Loose Stewardship	388.52
Total Stewardship this week	\$12,262. <u>52</u>
YTD	\$495,897.29
Budget YTD	\$517,500.00
Last YTD	\$525,302.36
5% Tithe this week	\$613.13
YTD Tithe	\$24,794.86

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tues Apr 4: 5:30-6pm Children's Choir rehearsal, MPR

6:00pm Pickleball/Walk the Halls, Family Center

6-6:30pm Honor Choir rehearsal, MPR 6:45pm Adult Choir rehearsal, MPR



#### **Lent in Religious Education**

This week we had our Family Lent Night. Each family received Easter Story Eggs: An egg carton with plastic eggs, each filled with a symbol of something connected with the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Our students created a crucifix out of clothes pins.

**W**e made sack suppers for Kids Food Basket and colored pictures on paper bags for them. We also wrote a letter or drew a picture to send to the homebound of our parish.

**W**e completed our tree with the last service leaves and prayer flowers. Come see it in the narthex during Holy Week and Easter!



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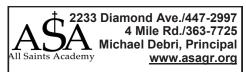
You can make your CSA donation by credit card online by visiting our parish website. On the main page there is a link to the Diocese of Grand Rapids website, grdiocese.org. That link will tell you how to make your donation. Don't forget to reference Blessed Sacrament when filling out the form. As part of the Eucharistic Revival, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are expected to be trained in updated diocesan norms for ministry. The nearest training sessions are listed below. All EMHCs, whether they serve during Mass or minister to the sick, are asked to register for the session they plan to attend. Please visit our website - bsacrament.net - for a link to register.

Thursday, April 20, 7-8:30pm - Immaculate Heart of Mary

Thursday, May 4, 7-8:30pm - St. John Vianney

Saturday, May 13, 10-11:30am -Our Lady of Consolation





# 5TH GRADE FARM DAYS - NEW WALKING WITH THE SAINTS VIDEO

Each year our fifth graders get to spend a total of nine days on the farm at Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell. This month's Walking with the Saints Video highlights this memorable experience. You can view the video at asagr.org/saintvideos or on our Facebook page.

#### EAT PRAY RUN

This year's Eat Pray Run is a community celebration with Mass, running, and lunch and we want you to join! EPR 2023 will take place on April 30th at the Lower Campus after 10:30am Mass at St. Jude. More information and registration can be found at asagr.org/epr.

#### In Our Thoughts & Prayers Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts & prayers our parishioner Virginia Schmich. Cards may be sent to St. Ann's Home, 2161 Leonard NW, 49504. Let Virginia know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

### EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

#### **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6th**

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm Adoration following Mass until 10:00pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7th

Good Friday Liturgy - 1:30pm (Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion)

#### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8th**

Blessing of the Food Baskets at noon in the Church Easter Vigil Mass - 8:30pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9th

Masses at 9:00 and 11:00am

\*\*Please note that there will be no Mass Saturday,
April 8th at 4:30pm.\*\*

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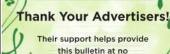
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placed at all cemeteries except for Resurrection Cemetery.

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