

TRI-PARISH BULLETIN



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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
Sun. 8:30 am St Joseph/St John
10:15 am IC
Mon. No Mass
Tue. 5:30 pm IC
Wed 9:00 am IC
Thu. 9:00 am IC
Fri. 9:00 am IC
Sat. 4:30 pm IC

ADORATION WITH CONFESSION
First Friday 5:30-6:00 pm at St Jos
First Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm at IC
CONFESSION
Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm at IC
Sunday 8:00-8:30 am at SSJJ
ROSARY
Before every Mass
CCD Class
Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm at IC

PALM SUNDAY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter. On this day, Christians everywhere remember the glorious entry into Jerusalem of Jesus riding on a donkey, while a great multitude of people welcomed Him and waved Him on. All four Gospels tell us that the people took branches from the palm trees that lined the road and waved them in the air shouting Hosanna, and threw their clothes and palms on the path in front of Him with great jubilation. It was common practice in the ancient world to welcome home a king or war hero by laying out a path of palm branches for him to ride on or walk on – similar to rolling out the red carpet today. Palm branches have been recognized as a symbol of peace, victory, and eternal life.

In Assyria the palm was one of the trees identified as a sacred tree connecting heaven and earth. In Egypt, the palm represented immortality, and was carried in funeral processions to represent eternal life. In Judaism the palm is part of the Feast of Tabernacles, hearkening back to the temporary dwellings in which farmers lived during harvesting, and to the fragile dwellings built of palms that the Israelites lived in during their 40 years in the desert. In their religious festivals the Israelites used palm branches for rejoicing. In ancient Greece a palm branch was awarded to victorious athletes, and in ancient Rome the Latin word 'palma' was a substitute word for victory – a victory of any kind. A lawyer who won his case in the Roman Forum would decorate his front door with palm leaves. In Christianity, the palm represented the victory of martyrs - the victory of the spirit over the flesh. In the 4th Century AD, coins issued under the Emperor Constantine continued to display the palm leaves of victory. In 1688 the Church decided that when they found the palm image carved on tombs discovered in the Roman catacombs, it was to be understood that a martyr had been buried there.

Today we use palm leaves on Palm Sunday to commemorate Christ's sacrifice: we remember His death on the cross and continually praise Him for our salvation. And, we anticipate His Resurrection a week later at Easter: His victory over death holds out to us the hope of eternal life.

The palm is blessed on Palm Sunday, and thereby becomes a sacramental. It can be taken home and kept for the year. Sacramentals must be treated with respect and should never be put in the trash. Blessed palms should be returned to the Church before Ash Wednesday and they will be made into Ashes which will be used for Ash Wednesday of the following year.

The historical significance and symbolism of this special branch will perpetuate a tradition that goes back thousands of years! Are you excited to get the palm and keep it in your house as Sacramental?

With love and prayers,
-Rev. Fr. Arockia A. Stanislaus

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE—PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE

Sun. Mar. 25, 10:15 am, IC

R: JoAnn Kujak, Matt Dale
S: Dylan Anderson, volunteer
U: Bill Leis, Larry Boehnen, Mike Schroeder, Cal Casper
E: John Esser, Kathy Esser, JoAnn Kujak
G: Cal & Maria Casper
MC: Marilou Peterson, Mike Esser, Joan Esser

Sun. Mar. 25, 8:00 am, St. Joseph

R: Rozanne Traczek, Bonnie Firkus
S: Luke Kutchera, Sierra Mayer
U: Bill Connelly, Peter Emer
E: Dawn Kaufman, R Traczek, Louise Bourke
G: Bob & Louise Bourke
MC: Bonnie, Louise, Rozanne

Sun. Apr 1, 10:15 am, IC

R: Kathy Esser
S: Justin Rowekamp, Jaden Rowekamp
U: J Rowekamp, D Domenosky, M Dale, G Esser
E: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, Pat Gower
G: Dan & Lori Domenosky
MC: John Esser, Peg Hayden, John Hayden

Sun. Apr 1, 8:30 am, St. Joseph

R: Jan Elfering
S: Elise Theiler, Rick Dimmitt
U: John Kutchera, Nick Kutchera
E: Bonnie Firkus, Joan Scheffer, Peg Connelly
G: Greg & Cna Eisberner
MC: Bonnie, Jan, Peg

Sun. Apr 8, 10:15 am, IC

R: Matt Dale
S: Dylan Anderson
U: L Anibas, Matt Esser, C Cray, J Hayden
E: John Esser, Kathy Esser, JoAnn Kujak
G: Matt & Stephanie Esser
MC: Lawrence Anibas, Holly Dale

Sun. Apr 8, 8:30 am, St. Joseph

R: Cna Eisberner
S: Luke Kutchera, Sierra Mayer
U: Dan Kaufman, Tim Mayer
E: D Kaufman, C Eisberner, G Eisberner
G: Rick & Pam Dimmitt
MC: C Eisberner, P Dimmitt, T Mayer

Calendar of Events

Mar 24, Sat		4:30 PM Mass, Hispanic For All Members of Our 3 Parishes	
Mar 25, Sun	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	10:15 AM †Living & Dec. Members of the Jim & Ethel Forsting Family	8:00 AM Mass St Joseph †Aurelia & Leopold Traczek
Mar 26, Mon		No Mass	
Mar 27, Tue		5:30 PM Mass, Hispanic †Roger Lobe	
Mar 28, Wed		9:00 AM Mass †Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Mar 29, Thu	Holy Thursday		7:00 PM Mass †Norman & Lydia Tischer
Mar 30, Fri	Good Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet Begins		1:00 PM Services After services Divine Mercy Chaplet begins
Mar 31, Sat	Holy Saturday		7:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:00 PM Services For All Members of Our 3 Parishes
Apr 1, Sun	Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord	10:15 AM †Martin & Dorothy Kalina	8:30 AM Mass St Joseph †Arnold & Bernadine Steines 6:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

FAMILY LIFE & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEES

The IC Parish Council is looking for some people to head the Family Life and Social Justice Committees. This will not take much time! We will ask you to attend the council meetings, and receive mailings and emails on those subjects. Please let Father know if you are willing to help out.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

The Holy Week schedule will be as follows all at St Joseph's this year: Holy Thursday 7:00 PM, Good Friday 1:00 PM, Holy Saturday 8:00 PM. For Holy Saturday, the congregation will meet outside by the fire and process into church when appropriate. Please dress accordingly. Easter Sunday will be the normal Sunday schedule at St Joseph and Immaculate Conception.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held at Immaculate Conception and St Joseph on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM. Please come share this Catholic tradition together this Lent.

FUNDRAISERS FOR PAINTING THE CHURCH

We will be raising funds for painting the outside of Immaculate Conception church. If you have a fundraising idea, please bring it forward. Watch the bulletin for announcements about this, as we will begin soon.

MYPARISH APP

If you have a smartphone with internet capabilities, we ask you to text "APP" to 88202, or go to your phone's app store and download the myParish app. The app is free! It has links to many Catholic sites that can bring you an online Mass if you are ill and unable to attend Mass, help remind you to go to Confession, shows you many prayers you have probably forgotten, helps you pray the Rosary, AND SO MUCH MORE. Check it out.

ROSARY GROUP

We would like to form a Rosary Group that would get together a few times a month to pray the rosary. This will be in the warmer weather months, as we would be doing it outside. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheets provided in church. It would also be helpful if you would indicate your preference for day of the week, and what time of day would be best for you.

IC EASTER DECORATING

Immaculate Conception will be decorating the church for Easter services on Holy Saturday at 9:00 AM. Please help out to make the church beautiful for the Resurrection of Christ.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet begins on Good Friday, and will continue until Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter. Please join us at St Joseph's for this powerful novena, or pray it at home. The times will be posted in the bulletin calendar if you want to join us.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass for Holy Week will be at 10:30 AM in La Crosse. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass. The Diocese now livestreams important events, such as the Chrism Mass, Ordinations, etc. If you are interested, the link is diolc.org/live.

Thu. Mar 29, 7:00 PM St Joseph
 R: R Traczek, K Esser, B Firkus, Hisp volunteer
 S: Elise Theiler, Sierra Mayer
 U: volunteers
 E: JoAnn Kujak
 G: volunteers
 Washing feet: M Kujak, J Elfering, D Scheffer, R Dimmitt, 8 other volunteers

Fri. Mar 30, 1:00 PM St Joseph
 R: J Elfering, K Esser, R Traczek, Hisp volunteer
 S: Greg Eisberner, volunteer
 U: volunteers
 E: Louise Bourke

Sat. Mar 31, 8:00 PM St Joseph
 R: Guillermo Jaime, Rozanne Traczek
 S: Luke Kutchera, Elise Theiler, D Scheffer
 U: volunteers
 E: R Traczek, P Connelly, D Elfering
 G: volunteers
 MC: volunteers

Birthday Wishes/Anniversary Wishes

Veronica Janke	3/25	Vanesa Jaime	3/31
Debbie Boullion	3/28	Jeanie Smith	3/31
Dana Solberg	3/30		

No anniversaries reported for this month.

Let us know when YOUR birthday or anniversary will be so we can add you to our list!

Below: the Feast of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The decorations were beautiful and fitting for St Joseph's Feast Day. They included St Joseph's table with food pantry donations



Left: The Religious Education students have been learning about the Precepts of the Church during monthly Mini-Lessons with Mrs. Janke. This month they studied the 5th Precept-To contribute to the support of the Church. This means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability, through our time, talent, and treasure. The students were taught how/why we use Collection envelopes, what supplies or expenses those collected funds support, and how giving of yourself helps us grow in our love of God and neighbor.

WEEKLY TITHING

	IC SAT	IC SUN	ST. JOS.	ST. JOHN
3/18				
ADULT	78.00	265.00	726.00	50.00
PLATE	76.00	138.00	43.00	
YOUTH	3.00		.10	
APPEAL REB	42.00			
TOTAL	157.00	445.00	769.10	50.00
BUDGET	---	880.00	702.00	344.00
DIFFERENCE	---	-278.00	+67.10	-294.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	---	+2220.28	+3163.15	-1992.85

HOME VISITS: If you or someone you know is homebound or in the hospital or nursing home, or not feeling well and unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive a visit or Communion, Father or Bonnie would love to visit with you. Contact Father at (715)964-5201 or (715)574-4265, or Bonnie Firkus (715)334-4501.

Prayer Chain Requests contact Jolene Janke 715-964-6334 or stevenmj@centurytel.net

The power of prayer is Amazing! Please pray for all on the Prayer Chain, as well as our Active Military: GERALYN JANKE, JOSEPH JANKE, KATIE KOTSCHI-NELSON, FRANK UEKER, BENJAMIN KAUER, DEREK LAUFENBERG, LOGAN MEACHAM AND MADELEINE SEARLES.