

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

“Glory and honor and praise to you, Son  
of David!”

**ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH**

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**Office Hrs.:** Office will be  
closed to the public.

**Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:**

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup and Holy Cross Church of Harding all weekend  
Masses will be suspended until April 13, 2020

**Starting soon Fr. Popp will be celebrating PRIVATE MASSES ONLY. We are going to be recording them and putting them on different outlets (our website and YouTube). We will also be ringing the bells of the church before each Mass. Fr. Popp will be saying the Mass for the intention on that day and for all the people in our local area. As time goes by, more information will be available. Thank you for your understanding!**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6-12, 2020**

**Tuesday April 7 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Mary Langer

**Wednesday April 8 - Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Freda Schmitt and Catherine Meyer

**Holy Thursday April 9 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Laura Kapsner, Jim and Patricia Happke,

**Good Friday April 10 – Private Service Only (Recording on Website)**

1:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday April 12 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Leon Leidenfrost, Roger Przybilla, Alvin and Thomas Funk

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Mar. 30** –Nick Ratke, **Mar. 31** –Joe Virnig, **Apr. 1** –Cody & Brittany Varner, **Apr. 2** –Kent & Stacy Happke, **Apr. 3** –Mike Janson, **Apr. 4** – Kathy Etzel (\$35 Winners). **Apr. 5** – Eileen Hoheisel (\$75 Winner).

**PRAY CHAPLETS:** Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God. We pray with praise, petition and thanksgiving. We pray to the saints to intercede for us to God in heaven for our needs. The Christian women have made a variety of chaplets which are available at the Parish Office-Pierz entryway and St. Michael’s church-Buckman in the side entry. Chaplets are private devotions prayed on beads. They should be prayed every day. There is Power in Prayer.

**PRAY BLANKETS:** Looking for a great gift! Pray Blankets are available in the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. They can give comfort to the sick & suffering. Questions, call Kathy at 468-2105.

**UPDATE ON CONFESSIONS:** *Fr. Ken Popp and Fr. David will not be hearing confessions during the Lenten season until further notice due to Bishop Kettlers request.*

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** How has your Lent been? Someone once asked St. Bernard of Clairvaux what the three most important virtues are. He replied, “Humility, humility and humility.” This Lent has certainly been an opportunity for us to enrich our lives with this very important virtue. The changing of our lives with combating the Coronavirus reinforces the Christian principle that the only one you can depend upon is God. We need the government, military, science, medicine, financial structures, and other things, but they are not where we are to rest our hopes, our security, our life. Furthermore, while we are now concerned about our lives and the lives of those around us, for many in the world chaos and concern about death has always been close at hand, not because of the virus, but because of the lack of water, food and safe shelter. May our current situation soften our hearts to their suffering. If prayerfully living through this Lent, has helped us to be more open to God’s action in our lives and more dependent upon God, then it has been a good Lent indeed.

This Sunday begins Holy Week, the Church’s most solemn week of the year. This is a time when we celebrate Jesus’ institution of the Eucharist at His last Passover, we reflect on His painful suffering and death, His total giving of His life for our salvation and humbly being obedient to the Father’s will. Then we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death with His Resurrection. This year for the first time in all of our lives Holy Week will be different. Father Popp PRIVATELY will be celebrating simplified, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Services. These will be available on our website and YouTube for everyone to view. I encourage everyone to in some way remember Jesus all throughout this week, for while we cannot celebrate as usual, we can still pray and honor God with our prayers and show God that He matters to us, even though we are physically separated from our community of faith. ~~~ Michael Pekar

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**PALMS SUNDAY:** Palms will be blessed, but, per directions from the Diocese, will not be distributed until a later date.

**CANDLES FOR SALE:** If you are in need of votive candles, please call the parish office 468-6033 and we will make arrangements for you to come and pick them up.

**MASSES:** We have made some improvements to the audio on our recorded Masses. So, please check out our daily and weekend Mass that are being taped at 9 a.m., and put on Youtube and our parish website for viewing around 11 a.m.

**BULLETINS:** You can pick up a bulletin at the parish office entry way in Pierz, or by the enters of St. Michael’s Parish Center. You can also see the bulletin on the parish website.



## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

**ST. MICHAEL'S C M/W MEETING:** Will be reschedule for a later date. Questions please call Patty at 468-2487.

**C M/W QUILT BINGO:** Congrats to Kevin Popp, winner of the Stitched Quilt Raffle for St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women held on March 29th. Thanks to all who got their tickets turned in, sold or unsold. You can watch a video of the drawing (Thanks! Kathy Kahl) on the parish website under "Parish Groups".

### PRAYER LINE:

\*\*If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski 468-6148.

\*\*If you would like to be on the pray line to pray for others please call Patty Commerford at 468-2487.

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## LIVESTREAMS HOLY WEEK/EASTER LITURGIES

**with Bishop Donald Kettler:** Bishop Kettler is celebrating these Masses privately. He invites you to join online at: [www.stcdio.org/liturgies](http://www.stcdio.org/liturgies). Holy Thursday - April 9, 7p.m., Good Friday - April 10, 12:05p.m., Easter Vigil - April 11, 8p.m. and Easter Sunday - April 12, 9:45 a.m.

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY**, in light of the Coronavirus and Flu symptoms, we will not be praying the Patriotic Rosary on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in church as a group. Please pray it at home with your families anytime on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. If you have a Patriotic Rosary booklet us that, otherwise there are some in the entrance of the Parish Office to take home and pray the rosary. *Please join us! Thank you!*

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA (April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup>)** Asking for the Lord's greatest promises for the forgiveness of our sins, pray the Divine Mercy Novena 9 days starting from Good Friday to the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Sunday after Easter. The red Divine Mercy Novena is now in the entry of the parish office. On Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus promises: The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of all sin and punishment. Taken from St. Faustina's Diary, entry #699

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH TRUSTEES:

As we are all aware, the recent Coronavirus Pandemic has discontinued all of our Masses and church activities until after Easter Sunday. However, all of our financial responsibilities still need to be taken care of. It is of the upmost importance that our parishes maintain regular weekly incomes so we can continue paying all our regular monthly bills. We are asking all of our parishioners to continue their financial support of their parish using their regular Sunday and Easter envelopes and mailing them to the parish office at St. Joseph's & St. Michael's Parish Office, P.O. Box 428, Pierz MN 56364 or you can set up electronically fund transfers. You can go to our website to find the form or you can pick one up in the entries of both churches and parish office. Thank you for your support! ~ St. Joseph's (Harold Meyer & Joanne Broschofsky) & St. Michael's (Bill Andres & Roger Janson) Trustees.

## ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

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### Listening to the Word of God Palm Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>

Readings can be found on:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

Oral reading of the passages:

[http://ccc.usccb.org/cccradio/NABPodcasts/2020/20\\_04\\_05.mp3](http://ccc.usccb.org/cccradio/NABPodcasts/2020/20_04_05.mp3)

Discussion Questions for different ages from google Loyola Press.com > Sunday Connections > grade levels

**Procession:** Matthew 21:1-11 Mass Isaiah 50: 4-7 Philipians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

### **Procession Matthew 21:1-11**

1. A triumphant, yet peaceful and humble entry into Jerusalem, the city of God. Why might have Jesus wanted it this way?

### **First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7**

1. "The Lord God is my help." How often have these words of Jesus been on our lips?

2. How often have we really said, "The (something else) is my help."?

### **Second Philipians 2:6-11**

1. Jesus though He was God was obedient to the point of death. Therefore I \_\_\_\_\_.

2. At the name of Jesus every knee should bend. Do I keep holy the Lord's name? Is Jesus the center of my life?

### **Gospel Matthew 26:14 – 27:66**

1. Judas out of greed for money betrays Jesus. Where does money play a place in our life? Do we place it before God?

2. "Take and eat, this is my body." How am I dealing with the reality of not being able to receive the?

### **Body and Blood of Christ at Mass, on a daily, weekly basis?**

3. Peter out of fear denies Jesus. What place does fear play in our life?

4. Jesus while not looking forward to the cup of crucifixion, submits willingly to the Father's will.

Have I ever done the Lord's will in my life, although the task was difficult?

5. "Are you the Son of the Living God?" When has someone told me the truth, but I had already closed my ears and mind so I did not hear it?

6. Pilate out of desire to keep the peace ignores Jesus. What place does "keeping everyone happy", play in your life, as opposed to proclaiming the truth.

7. Something to reflect on in prayer. We too can betray, deny, or ignore, or proclaim Jesus by our actions or inactions, words or silence. What have I done with my life recently?

8. Three hours of suffering on the cross before death for us, for me. What sacrifices am I/we willing to make to observe, remember and cherish the events of Holy Week this week, given the restraints of combatting the virus?

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal so far this year, especially during these trying times. As of March 27, the Appeal raised \$774,253 in gifts and pledges toward the goal \$1,300,000 to support diocesan ministries. Please remember that it is especially important at this time to support your parishes and safely reach out to family, neighbors and people in need.