

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, "hosanna to our King," out of one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!

Easter Lilies: If you would like to remember family members, our three linked parishes would appreciate these wonderful gifts for Easter. Please place gift in envelope and mark in memory or honor of. Donations should be made by April 2nd.



Ramp Replacement Project Update: We are continuing to research and plan the replacement of the handicap ramp for St. Mary Church in Guttenberg. We also need to install a larger door at that entrance to bring it up to code. If you would like to make a donation goto <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/> and click on "Handicap Ramp" or drop your donations in the collection basket at Church and mark it "Handicap Ramp" We will continue to update on the progress of this project. We have raised \$25,477. The breakfast this month was well supported — selling 173 meals! Thank You for your support!!

Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

SPRING DRIVE-THRU BREAKFAST

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

~ serving 8am-12 Noon ~

Scrambled Eggs, Smoked Sausage, Ham,
Hashbrowns, Cinnamon Roll and Milk

\$10.00 per Carry-out Meal

Vendors present in hall

Youth Ministry Events/Activities

Youth Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm., with a meal at 6:30.

March 31st- practice for Live Passion.

Good Friday, Apr 2, 3 PM—Live Passion

April 9: Registration and \$125 deposit due for the **National Catholic Youth**

Conference which will be Nov. 18-21.

Spring Cleaning?

SMIC Spring Rummage & Bake Sale

April 22 and 23 - 1pm-6pm

April 24 - 8am-2pm (1/2 price all day)

Now accepting donations of clean saleable items.

Contact Val Cromer Mon-Fri 8:30am-1pm, 252-2121, with questions or donations.

Public Mass Schedule: Mar 29 – Apr 4, 2021

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

Mon., Mar 29: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Mar 30: 8:30 A.M. —St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Vincent & Inez Hoeger

Wed., Mar 31: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 3rd Grade
Fran Troester & Sherrie Casey

Thur., Apr 1: HOLY THURSDAY
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Tony Schissel & Fred Bush

Fri., Apr 2: GOOD FRIDAY, (Day of Fast & Abstinence)
3:00 P.M. – St. Mary, Gberg, Passion/Communion Service
Youth Ministry Live Pasion, *Live Streamed*

Sat., Apr 3: HOLY SATURDAY, *Live Streamed*
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo - Mass
Bertha 'Bert' Behrend

Sun., Apr 4: EASTER SUNDAY,
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
Earl Brimeyer [Month's Mind]
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Donald & JoAnn Wille



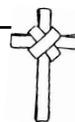
Upcoming Events . . .

Apr 6: CDA Mtg.Noon, Brinkmann Hall

Apr 9: Deposit Due for NCYC

Apr 11: 1st Communion, SMIC Gr.2

Hey kids — Take your Palm from this Sunday's Mass and make a Palm cross to hang in your room all year!



Mass Readings for March 28, 2021, Palm Sunday:

Reading I, [Is 50:4-7](#) : The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm [22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24](#) :**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?** All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: “He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him.” **R.**

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. **R.**

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me. **R.**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: “You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!” **R.**

Reading II, [Phil 2:6-11](#) : Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Gospel, The Passion of the Lord, Mark [15:1-39](#); [Mk 15:1-39](#): As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He said to him in reply, “You say so.” The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, “Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of.” Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, “Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?” They shouted again, “Crucify him.” Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” They only shouted the louder, “Crucify him.” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull— They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.” Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” which is translated, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Some of the bystanders who heard it said, “Look, he is calling Elijah.” One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.” Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”