

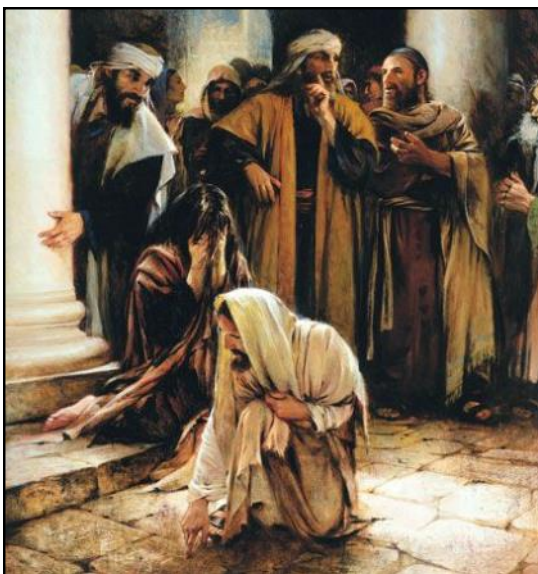
Diocese of Peoria
St. Malachy Church and School

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**Fifth Sunday
 Of Lent
 April 3, 2022**



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Bereavement:.....Deacon Art Ries
Prayer Chain:.....Parish Office
Divorced Ministry:.....Deacon Art Ries
RCIA:.....Deacon Mike Sigwalt

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:15 am and 10:30 a.

Outdoor Communion Sundays: 9:45 - 10:00 am

Reconciliation:

Monday & Tuesday 8:45 am; Thursday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Lenten Reconciliation:

Monday-Wednesday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:

<http://catholicquadcities.com>

Traveling? www.masstimes.org to find Masses

We warmly welcome new parishioners and ask them to register at the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may contact Fr. Daniel Gifford or call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 4 *St. Isadore*

8:00 am Hector Peolvoorde+

TUESDAY, April 5 *St Vincent Ferrer*

8:00 am Richard Kincaid+

WEDNESDAY, April 6 *Fifth Week of Lent*

8:00 am Chester & Elaine Zebrowski+

9:00 am Joan Eilers+

THURSDAY, April 7 *St. John the Baptist de la Salle*

5:45 pm Fred & Betty Laleman+

FRIDAY, April 8 *Fifth Week of Lent*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

SATURDAY, April 9 *Vigil Mass Palm Sunday*

5:00 pm Mafalda & Frank LoGiudice+

SUNDAY, April 10 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:15 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Clyde Meier+

Altar Servers: April 4 - April 10

Daily M-T-W: Alivia Brown & Elle Patterson

Saturday, 5:00: Henry Vondra, Aiden Daly

Sunday, 8:15: Hayden & Reese Schaaf

Sunday, 10:30: Lucy Walck, Elena Anderson



** Incense will be used during the Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday Masses*

Weekend Mass Schedules:

St. Anthony/Atkinson

4:00 pm Saturday

9:30 am Sunday

Sacred Heart/Annawan

8:00 am Sunday

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Wed. 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Thurs.. 8 - 3 Fridays 8 - 1

*Bulletin articles **MUST** be submitted no later than Noon on Tuesdays.*

READINGS FOR SUNDAY - April 10, 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial: Psalm 22

R./: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 4

Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Parish Chapel

Tuesday, April 5

Into His Likeness Study 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Parish Chapel
Circle 14 - 1:30 pm YR
Women's Support Group 6:00 pm Room C
Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm Room C

Wednesday, April 6

School Mass 9:00 am
Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Parish Chapel
Confirmation Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 7

Into His Likeness Study 6:30 Conference Room
Parent's Club 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Hall

Friday, April 8

Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 9

Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Parish Chapel

Sunday, April 10

Into His Likeness Study following the 8:15 am Mass YR
Outdoor Communion 9:45 am - 10:00 am
Children's Mass 10:30 am
Living Stations of the Cross 8:00 pm

Totus Tuus



- Who: All Children in Grades 1-12
- When: July 24-29
- Where: Saint Malachy Church
- What: Daily Mass for children, Skits, Prayer, Games, Lessons, Songs, Sacraments, Time with Friends & More.
- Why: "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly."
- Jesus (John 10:10)

Save the Date



Lent is a time of prayer and preparation; a time to recognize the graces we have been lavishly given by a merciful God. May we allow that grace to flow upon us and spill out into the world. *Lord, This time, change our hearts.*
~ Lenten Reflection from the Lent Committee



Circle 14 will meet on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 1:30 pm in the Youth Room.
Come for an afternoon of prayer, conversation & fun.



Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel
Thursday 4:30 pm
(8:30 am on the 1st Fridays & 1st Saturdays)

EASTER FLOWERS

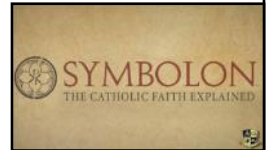


If you would like to donate toward the cost of Easter flowers in the memory of a loved one, please do so by dropping an extra envelope in the Sunday collection or the Parish Office.

FORMED

WATCH:

Symbolon - Session 6
The Paschal Mystery



LEARN:

Formed Now!
Evangelizing Millennials

LISTEN:

Pints with Aquinal
What is Grace?
With Michael Gormley
PICK OF THE WEEK April 3, 2022

WHAT IS GRACE?



FASTING

What keeps us from savoring His Love? What do we use to fill ourselves up and satisfy our appetites without really giving nourishment to our souls? These might be the things we should consider fasting from this Lent. The more we fill ourselves up, the more we lose touch with the hunger within our souls for the Lord. But, when we have felt that hunger, we truly savor Him

A Note From the Pastor

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners

Savor His Love! We have been considering this theme for about a month now, as we come into Passiontide (the final stage of Lent, as we turn our focus more toward Our Lord's Passion, in the last two weeks before Easter). We now look forward to the climax of the year, toward which the whole Lenten journey has been leading: the Sacred Triduum, in which we enter into Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. This sacred time will begin with Holy Thursday, in which Our Lord gathers His Apostles for the Last Supper, at which He will give them a gift meant to be shared with the whole Church, after His Resurrection. That gift was the Eucharist, in which we receive His Body in order to be united more perfectly to His Body, so that we might go with Him to the cross, into the tomb, beyond the tomb in His glorious Resurrection and finally home to the Father in His Ascension.

And so, the question I am proposing for us is this: Do we savor His Love, in the gift of being in communion with Him, through the Sacraments? Five simple practices can help us all to live a richly sacramental life, which is an important part of how we learn to savor His Love. First, remain committed to the Sunday Mass as a minimum obligation and be aware of Daily Mass, as an opportunity well worth seizing whenever your busy schedule allows. Second, take time for Eucharistic Adoration, either at a scheduled time or whenever He is waiting for you in the Tabernacle. Third, begin each day with a simple prayer, asking for the grace to "gather an offering" which you will bring to the altar at Mass, to be offered with Christ to the Father. Fourth, renew the promises of your baptism frequently, by intentionally praying the Creed and the Our Father, remembering the day when God claimed you as His child and when the profession of faith was first made for you, either by

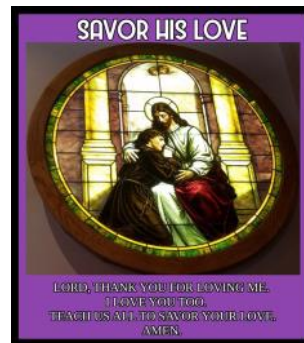
yourself or by your parents and godparents. Fifth, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently throughout the year (once a year is the minimum for a practicing Catholic), in order to be truly restored to the grace of your Baptism.

Sometimes, we can fall into the trap of taking the Sacraments for granted. One thing that can pull us out of that rut is celebrating with those who are receiving them for the first time. With that in mind, I would ask you to pray for those receiving sacraments in our own parish. Later this week, Bishop Lou (now officially the Bishop of Peoria, since March 3) will be coming to Saint Malachy to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for 23 of our students. Next, we will be preparing to celebrate the same sacrament with two adults who will be making their profession of faith and being brought into full communion with the Catholic Church during Holy Week. Samantha Miller will be brought into the Church at a private ceremony and Brad Maas will be celebrating with us at the Easter Vigil. Please keep all of these individuals in your prayers and if you see them, please give them a word of congratulations and encouragement. May the gift we celebrate with them prompt all of us to rediscover that the communion we receive in the sacraments is a gift which allows us to truly savor His Love.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford



St. Malachy, Pray for us



The Rock - 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry

Meets every Thursday from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm in the Youth Room. Please pray for the students as they grow closer to Christ in fellowship and service, seeking the patronage of St. Patrick & St. Teresa of Calcutta



Oasis - High School Youth Ministry

Oasis meets every Wednesday from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room. We strive to nourish our mind, body, and soul. Growing in community as we walk together to come to know Jesus.



FEARLESS

Steubenville Mid-America 2022

Date: July 15-17, 2022

Who: Current 8th-12th Grade Students

What: Steubenville is an annual youth conference allowing high school teens from across the nation to come to know Jesus. This year we will be in Springfield Missouri. The cost will be dependent on the total group size attending, (so be sure to bring a friend). Cost will be in the range of \$325-\$395 per person. We will ride together and stay on campus for the weekend!

Contact Darci for more information: dharrison@stmalgeneseo.org

Children's Mass:

2nd Sunday of the Month
10:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

During both Masses on all other Sundays, depending on availability of volunteer leaders.



Steubenville News!

Registration for the Steubenville 2022 Conference is available on the Parish website.

Registration and \$100 deposit are due April 6th.

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? COMMUNITY CHOIR

Singers entering 8th Grade-Adult

Rehearsals: Wednesdays in June, 6:30-8:00 pm, GHS Concert Hall

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Singers entering 4th-7th Grades

Rehearsals: June 23, 24, 27, 28, & 29

CONCERT: June 29, 7:00 pm, GHS Concert Hall

Contact Pam Edwards: 309-944-6441 or singplay53@gmail.com by May 6



Job Opening

School Custodian

Part time position

Evening hours: 3-4 hours/day

If interested please call

Deacon Robert O'Rourke



Knights of Columbus



Friday, April 8 from 5:00-7:00 pm

MENU: Fish fillet (fried or baked), baked potato, coleslaw, grilled cheese sandwiches, tater tots and dessert will be served. Dine-in or take-out will be available for a free will donation. Proceeds will be used to provide college scholarships for St. Malachy high school students.

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Thursday: April 14

*Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm **

Good Friday: April 15

Stations of the Cross: Noon & 7:00 pm

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm **

Easter Schedule

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass

April 16, 8:00 pm *

Easter Sunday

April 17

8:15 am * & 10:30 am

* Services will be live streamed



There is a sign-up sheet in the parish office for individuals wishing to serve as lectors, commentators, communion ministers, and ushers for

Holy Thursday, the Good Friday Passion and the Easter Vigil.

Please call the parish office if you are able to serve in any way.



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to
St. Teresa of Kolkata Church

Week 39 - March 27, 2022							
	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance	
General Collection	\$ 13,000	\$ 15,394	2,394	\$ 507,000	\$ 551,816	44,816	
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 65	(685)	\$ 29,250	\$ 30,220	970	
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 198	(552)	\$ 29,250	\$ 22,589	(6,661)	
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 315	(435)	\$ 29,250	\$ 23,440	(5,810)	
ADA							
GOAL	PLEGGED	VARIANCE	COLLECTED	VARIANCE	GOAL	# FAMILIES	VARIANCE
\$ 85,185	\$ 90,029	\$ 4,844	\$ 86,504	\$ 1,319	233	190	(43)



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's: New Date: June 9-12, 2022

Women's: New Date: July 7-10, 2022

For more information visit: <https://nwcursillo.com>

Upcoming TEC Weekends



June 25-27, 2022 (Girls)
August 6-8, 2022 (Boys)
December 3-5, 2022 (Girls)



For more info, visit www.northwest-tec.com



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these
Seminarians:

Patrick Wille Daniel Dionesotes
Ignacio Cardenas Moran Jacob Hopper
JohnPaul Stedwill Nicholas Conner

Are you feeling called to serve as a priest or other religious?

If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink:

309-671-1550 or email him: fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org

He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body."

JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING AS WE CELEBRATE
53 YEARS OF PROTECTING LIFE.



FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

Featuring
Dennis Prager
Co-Founder of PRAGERU

The Cardinal (Lombard, Illinois)

\$125.00 per ticket / VIP \$250.00
Strong or student \$75.00 / \$1,100.00 table of 10.

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"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness."

Dear Saint Malachy Parishioners,

It has been a long journey these past two years. The reopening process, after the restrictions were put into place for the pandemic, had already begun when I arrived in Geneseo and joined you as the Pastor of Saint Malachy Church and School. We've seen many ups and downs since then and we have continually strived to take things one step at a time, always taking each step with the Lord, as we stand together with Him and with one another beneath the cross. The year in which the pandemic began seemed to be a yearlong lesson in the words of Our Lord: "Sufficient for a day is its own evil" (Matthew 6:34). These words do certainly remind us to be ready for anything, not being overly surprised by hardship, but surrendering what is out of our control, for we do not know what any given new day will bring. But, these words are found in the context of Our Lord's teaching on dependence on God, in which we learn to place our trust in Him. So, this resignation is not one of hopelessness, but quite the opposite, it is meant to remind us where our hope truly is! Our hope is not to be placed in the absence of difficulties, but is found in the cross, where we see that Christ is with us in our greatest suffering, flooding it with meaning, salvific power and the hope that even death is not the end!

This is the hope that we hold in our hearts in the final weeks of Lent, as we look toward Holy Week and Easter, even as we look back upon the trials of these past two years and commend the trials of today and tomorrow into His hands, praying especially for peace, as our world again comes face to face with the horrors of war. As we have recently returned to the frequent use of the parish chapel for Eucharistic Adoration, we have recently decided that **for the time being, our weekly Monday Adoration (3 PM - 8 PM) will be offered for Ukraine, for an end to this war and peace throughout our world.** Please consider joining us in this prayer, as we look to the cross and remember the lessons it taught us: we are not abandoned and suffering and death shall not have the final word!

Now, let me address some practical notes. Recently Bishop Lou announced that **the dispensation of the Sunday obligation to attend Mass (in person) will be lifted on Palm Sunday.** Allow me to now take this opportunity to address a few points, regarding how this impacts us here at Saint Malachy Parish.

- **Narthex:** It is time to return to having a proper narthex, where parishioners and guests are welcomed and encouraged to socialize, preserving the church as a space for prayer. Therefore, Easter Sunday will be the final weekend in which overflow seating will be available in the narthex.
- **Outdoor Communion:** Outdoor distribution of Holy Communion will also discontinue after Easter Sunday. Anyone who is still unable to attend Mass in person and would like to have Holy Communion brought to your home is encouraged to reach out to the parish office, so that this can be arranged.
- **Confessional:** Earlier this week, Reconciliation was moved back into the confessional located in the parish chapel.
- **Masks at Communion:** Masks remain optional for all attendees at Mass. However, those *distributing Holy Communion will remain masked during distribution for the time being. This will change at some point in the potentially near future. However, it will not change immediately.*
- **Livestream:** The Sunday Mass will continue to be live-streamed for the time being. This service will remain a part of the life of Saint Malachy Parish for the foreseeable future. However, at some point, it may no longer be offered weekly. Similarly, we will finish out the academic year with the custom of live-streaming the School Mass and other liturgies. However, this will be re-evaluated for the upcoming school year. We will continue to ensure that either a livestream or recording of the Sunday Mass is made available to the homebound.

- **Thursday Thoughts:** Similarly, Thursday Thoughts will probably become less frequent in the near future, as in person participation becomes the norm once again. We will continue to encourage parishioners to utilize Formed.org, as an excellent source of having your faith fed at home and on the go.
- **Chalice:** Many have asked when we will be able to receive the Precious Blood from the chalice again. This will take a bit more time, so that I can evaluate when we have enough available volunteers for this to be possible. In the meantime, it is worth noting that Jesus is truly and fully present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in even just one species of the Blessed Sacrament. So, we do actually receive the Precious Blood, even when we “just” receive the Sacred Host. There’s a little Catechism 101 for you! Nonetheless, I do hope to make this fuller sign available again in the future.
- **Collection:** The method of holding the collection via baskets at the entrances, in addition to the increasingly popular option of online giving has been beneficial for the time being. However, the collection too will likely return its earlier method of passing a basket in the near future. Thank you to all for your contributions!

As you can see, there are just a few final steps yet to be taken, most of which will be taken in the very near future. But, things are largely beginning to resemble life before 2020. This is a cause for rejoicing and hope, as we look forward to celebrating Easter together again this year. Last Easter, you may recall that I proposed a theme of “Reunite with Jesus!” This year, as the Sunday obligation is being reinstated and much of our society has taken great strides forward into full reopening, I say it with even greater fervor: ***Reunite with Jesus!***

Finally, I would like to say something that may surprise you. Please never forget Easter 2020! Don’t misunderstand me. Let us all pray that it would never happen again that we would be unable to gather in person to celebrate Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses. But, may we also never forget that pain, so that we would never again take the gift of the Holy Mass for granted. This summer, the church in the United States is beginning a three year long process of Eucharistic Revival. Let us begin praying for this now, that this Easter may be a time when Christians everywhere remember the JOY of reuniting with Jesus and vow to never again take Him for granted, but grow in an ever greater love of the gift He gives us at every Mass.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Daniel P Gifford, Pastor
Saint Malachy Parish and School

Will *YOU* attend the Celebration of “The Three Days?”

Holy Week: The Easter Triduum:

Holy Thursday (April 14),
Good Friday (April 15),
Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil (April 16),
and Easter Sunday (April 17)

All are encouraged to participate in as many of these services as possible!

These days are the holiest days of the year for Catholics because they recall the last events in the earthly life of Jesus, as well as his resurrection. This story will be told through the use of the Scriptures, music, and the symbols of fire, candles, oil and water.

Holy Thursday (7:00 pm)

We recall the events of the evening Jesus and his Apostles ate the “the Last Supper”

Presentation of the three holy oils; The washing of feet

The Celebration of Mass

The Procession to transfer the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose

Good Friday (3:00 pm)

Our Lord’s Passion and Death:

Reading the Passion of our Lord according to the Gospel of John

Adoration of the Holy Cross; Communion

Holy Saturday, The Easter Vigil (8:00 pm)

The “most holy night” of the Church’s calendar:

Blessing of fire; Preparation of the Easter Candle and Service of Light

The Easter Proclamation; Liturgy of the Word; Blessing of Water

Confirmation and Reception into the Church of one Candidate

Renewal of Baptismal Promises; Liturgy of the Eucharist

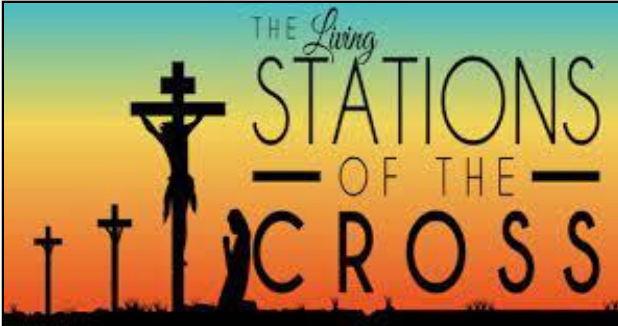
Easter Sunday (8:15, 10:30 am)

The most important day of the liturgical year,
celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord

Liturgy of the Word; Renewal of Baptismal promises

Liturgy of the Eucharist





As part of our Lenten Traditions, please join us in a very moving and reverent presentation of

“The Passion of Christ”

Presented by:
St. Malachy High School Youth Group
Oasis
Led by Darci Harrison, Joe DePauw,
& Bob Thoene

Sunday, April 10th at 8:00 pm
St. Malachy Church

Lights go out at 8:00 pm

It will be dark if you enter after the program begins

Questions? Contact Bob Thoene at
563-529-0529



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land visit:
www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

Liturgy Learnings – April 2022

The first fifteen days of April fall during the season of Lent. Lent is represented by the color of violet/purple, a symbol of penance, mortification, and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder falls during the Easter season and is represented by the liturgical of white, the symbol of joy, purity, and innocence.

Why is Lent a period of 40 days?

The number forty is found frequently in scripture to signify either a time of penitential preparation or a time of punishment and affliction from God. God punished mankind by sending a flood over the earth that lasted forty days and nights; Moses and the Hebrew people wandered in the desert for forty years; Jesus withdrew to the desert where he prayed and fasted for forty days and was tempted.

Lent is the season set aside for the faithful to prepare for Easter, the Paschal Mystery. Church members prepare for Easter by recalling Baptism and works of penance that is prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The three days before the Easter celebration is known as Sacred Triduum:

Holy Thursday commemorates “The Last Supper” Jesus shared His last meal with the Apostles. After the supper, he showed a powerful example of serving others by washing their feet.

Good Friday is a somber remembrance of Jesus crucifixion and death on the cross

Easter Vigil observance on Saturday begins in darkness followed by the lighting of the Paschal candle that reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who conquers all darkness and death.

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate Christ’s resurrection. It is the single most important feast day of the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday comes on the Sunday after Easter, to focus on the sacrifice of Jesus so that we may encounter His mercy and His forgiveness of our sins.

Gospel Readings on the Sunday’s of April

April 3rd - 5th Sunday of Lent John 8:12-13 - Jesus forgives the woman taken in adultery

April 10th - Palm Sunday, Luke 19:28-40 - The Reading of the Passion of Our Lord

April 17th - Easter Sunday - Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-9 - Visit to the empty tomb on Easter morning

April 24th - Divine Mercy - Jesus appears to the Apostles.

Other Notable Feast Days

St. Mark- An Apostle and writer of the second Gospel. His family house was often the meeting place of Christians

St. Catherine of Siena, A noted Mystic, Author and Activist-1347 to 1380 – One of her many quotes, **“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”**



Please keep our 9th Grade Confirmation Students in your prayers as they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on
Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 pm
(The Mass will be live streamed)



Brennan DeBord
Kendall Ellerbrock
Allie File
Dylan Gehl
Caroline Girten
Brady Hamer
Taylor Hawkins
Malloree Humphrey

Owen King
Julia Lewis
Annie Maxwell
Beth Mroz
Allison Reade
Cooper Ries
Keely Roberts
Timothy Sebastian

Olivia Seei
Grace Sottos
Lily Taylor
Katie VanDeWoestyne
Joseph Venneberg
Joseph Versluis
Abby Wilshusen

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen



Car Party 2022

Reserve your 2022 Car Party ticket now! \$150 per ticket and includes dinner for 2 and a chance to win \$10,000! You don't need to be present to win, but we hope you come join the fun and fellowship.

Email us today to reserve your tickets at:

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