

St. George Church
March 27th & 28th
Palm Sunday

SHARING OUR TREASURE

-- WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 15th-21st

\$4570

Building fund Campaign

March 2021, \$5878

With a YTD total of \$16,903

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

--PRAYER LINE - PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Richard & Sue Bergan; Rita Barrett; Mary Borgan; Scott Brassea; Lindsay Blanchette; Joe Delmore; Carter Fortin; Tim Gates; Patricia Glaeser; Denise Hannig; Ken & Chris Kaul; Judy Kinder; Fred Mancuso; Michael McClain; Bobby McRath; Stephen Meridith; Maxine Nyc; Eva Raymond; Jim Saindon; Catherine Schulz; Chris Thornton; Carl Tosi; Dave Zico;

--REMINDER To add OR remove a loved one to the Prayer Line please call the Parish Office:
815-939-1851

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 31st

8am * The Repose of the Souls of the Stringer Family (The Richard H & Alice R. McMurry Fund)

Thursday, April 1st

7pm *Zigmund, Marion & Matthew Skoasinski & John Rokicki (The Family)

Friday, April 2nd

Saturday, April 3rd

7:30pm *Larry Walsh (Sharon White)

Sunday, April 4th

8am *Ron Coash (Marlene Coash) *Edward & Marie Kaminski (The Kizior Family)

*To schedule a mass for a loved one please leave the envelope in the collection basket at mass or call the office.

WEEKLY MINISTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 pm APRIL 1

LEAD: Annie Edwards

READER/EM: Mary Ann Kingsnorth

USHERS: Phil Romanowski

GREETER Spry: Cathy Trezise

EM CHURCH Front/Choir: John Mroz

EM HALL Park/Hall: Rita Mroz

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 pm April 2

LEAD: Denise Dillard

READER/EM: Jean Beck

GREETER Spry: Denise Dillard

USHERS: Paul Hannig /

EM CHURCH Front/Choir: Terri Henderson

HOLY SATURDAY 7:30 pm April 2

LEAD: Annie Edwards

READER/EM: Curt Saindon

USHERS: Mike Voss / Marty Knight

GREETER Spry: Gracie Edwards

EM CHURCH Front/Choir: Carol Wasser

EM HALL Park/Hall: Deacon Milt/Juliet Leppert

EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 am APRIL 4

LEAD: Denise Dillard

READER/EM: Judy Peerbolte

USHERS: Merle Raymond / Wayne Kizior

GREETER Spray: Donna Kohl

EM CHURCH Front/Choir: Terri Henderson

EM HALL Park/Hall: Carol Kizior

EASTER SUNDAY 10:15 am APRIL 4

LEAD: Debbie Absher

READER/EM: Sharon Merten

USHERS: Russell Absher /

GREETER Spray: Cooper Austin

EM CHURCH Front/Choir Shari Fritz

EM HALL Park/Hall: Scott Austin

VIEW OUR CHURCH WEBSITE

For current information and events view our website at www.stgeorgeil.com or "like" our Facebook page **St. George Church & Family Ministry.**



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass – 7pm

Good Friday Stations - 3pm

Good Friday Adoration – 7pm

Easter Vigil – 7:30pm

Easter Sunday – 8am & 10:15am

Holy week and Easter seating will be on first come first serve basis. The hall will be open for overflow once the church is full. The ushers are doing their best to accommodate everyone and comply with COVID regulations, remember to be courteous. St. George will be following the guidelines from the Bishop on all Holy Week & Easter masses.

MASS TIMES AND GUIDELINES

Reservations are not required at this time. Masks **MUST** be worn properly while in the building. The 6pm Saturday mass will be streamed live via our YouTube channel. The link to this is on our website. You can watch that anytime. The option of coming out to the parish grounds and listening to any of the 3 masses from your car radio on 87.9fm is still available. If you wish to participate in this fashion you are invited to come up to the church steps or the parish hall to receive communion.

MINISTERS

Readers, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for all 3 mass times. If you've never been a minister before, no worries you will be trained. **DON'T BE SHY!!** If you were a minister pre-covid we would love to have you back! To be added to the list, please **CALL** the parish office at 815-939-1851.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Crazy to think we are soon wrapping up the Religious Education year. There will be an early bird registration in April. Be watching for more information as the details are finalized for the 2021-22 session.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Miss Allison has created 5 Children's Liturgy videos that you can find on our website under the Children's liturgy Tab. These are 5 short scripture readings just like what your child 4 years old – 2nd grade would hear when they attended Children's Liturgy during mass once a month. There are packets with all the materials you need to make the crafts to go along with the video. Please make arrangements with Denise Dillard to get a packet picked up!
stgeorgere@outlook.com

ONLINE GIVING

We strongly encourage you to sign up for online giving. You can set this account up to be a monthly or weekly occurrence whatever is the most convenient for you. Go to our website at www.stgeorgeil.com you will see the link to guide you to sign up in a safe and secure website.

Meditations for the Sixth Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

The King of the Jews

Mark 14:1–15:47

The final week of Jesus' life was filled with activity, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Sunday until his death on Friday. We remember his actions, his prayers, his trial, his sufferings, and finally his death. As Lent draws to a close, we have the opportunity to join our sorrows more deeply with him so that we, too, can rise again with him on Easter.

Today we are given the entire story of the Passion that will play

out this week. One way to enter more fully into these events is to imagine that you are present at Christ's passion. Take in the details and think about what you would have been thinking or feeling if you were present when Jesus entered into Jerusalem to be greeted by palms and "Hosannas." How would you have reacted when the woman poured precious oil on his feet? What would have been going through your

mind at the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, or the Way of the Cross? By allowing yourself to enter more fully into the experience of the Passion, Easter Sunday will become even more meaningful.

FOR REFLECTION

- › What part of the Passion narrative touches me the most deeply?
- › Can I set aside time this week to simply be in the presence of the Lord?
- › How might I more fully immerse myself in Holy Week this year?



FAMILY ACTIVITY

It is customary to color eggs for Easter in many cultures around the world. Eggs symbolize new life, and they are a wonderful reminder of the new life Christ attained for us. If you have a traditional way of coloring eggs, pass it down and keep alive the tradition. You may also find a white crayon and write the words, “Alleluia” or “He is Risen!” on the eggs before placing them in the dye. Display your finished eggs or give them as Easter gifts.



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OUR FAITH

The Suffering Servant

The Old Testament, especially the Book of Isaiah, foretold that the Messiah would have to suffer and die. During this Holy Week, look up the following Scripture passages and see how they can be applied to Jesus, the Suffering Servant of God.

- Isaiah 42 — God’s servant will bring justice to the nations.
- Isaiah 49 — The words of God’s servant about himself.
- Isaiah 50 — How salvation will come through the suffering of God’s servant.
- Isaiah 52 — The suffering of God’s servant will be the salvation of many nations and peoples.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Holy Week

Holy Thursday has a dual emphasis. During the liturgy, we recall the Last Supper and the First Eucharist. At the same time, we commemorate the establishment of the priesthood. As you attend Mass, be sure to pray for all the priests around the world, especially those in areas of persecution.

Good Friday is the only day of the year on which Mass is not celebrated. The special Good Friday liturgy, in its solemnity, invites us to enter deeply into the passion of Our Lord. Remember that today is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Holy Saturday is the final day of preparation for Easter. During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, new members are brought into the Church, and we celebrate the great mystery of our redemption. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Vigil is a sign of the Easter mystery.



Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” — Psalm 22:2

Out of the depths of my sorrow, I call to you. Do not let me be forgotten, Lord, but hear and answer me.

Catechism CONNECTION

“Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church’s liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 560



Karen Callaway

OUR FAITH

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

According to Church law, all Catholics “having reached the age of discretion” are required to confess all “grave sins” at least one a year. It is also recommended that they confess venial sins. Lent is the ideal time to make a good confession. Most parishes offer extended confession times and even special penance services.

Catechism CONNECTION

“It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest’s sacramental absolution God grants the penitent ‘pardon and peace.’ It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the life of God who reconciles: ‘Be reconciled to God.’”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1424

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Fasting

Fasting, one of the Lenten practices, is often observed as fasting from food. It is not because our bodies need to be punished (or that we need to go on a diet). We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger, our need for God. We fast to remind ourselves of our baptismal commitment and need for renewal.

Fasting not only reminds us of our dependence on God but also on the needs of others, the hungry and the poor. Fasting is a Gospel value, but not fasting by itself. Fasting and almsgiving are Gospel twins. Our tradition of fasting has never been to purge, to deprive the body for deprivation’s sake, but to have more to give away. We fast in order to place ourselves in solidarity with the poor and hungry. If the grocery money saved by our fasting does not somehow help feed the poor and hungry then our fasting is empty and useless.



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FAMILY ACTIVITY

Random Acts of Kindness

Part of penance is service, and we are called to serve one another with joyful hearts! As a family, write out several random acts of kindness that can be carried out over the week. Include things like smiling at someone, picking up trash, inviting someone to play a game, making a phone call to a grandparent, and helping someone carry a package. Throughout the week, have each family member draw a slip and complete the action. When everyone has completed their random act, talk about what happened and how it felt. Be sure to pray for the recipients of your acts of kindness.

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