

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 14, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for April 21st Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Take part in Veneration, Way of the Cross, repent of sins.
Prepare for the joy of being raised up with Christ, to be his witness.

Colossians 3:1-4

How are you setting your heart on heaven?
Come to Holy Thursday Eucharist to receive "new leaven."

John 20:1-9

Imagine yourself as Magdalene at the tomb; what do you feel?
Imagine yourself as Peter and John; do you believe he is risen?

HOLY WEEK MASSES April 16 - 19

Tues: 5:00 pm +Norman Wirth

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Art & Lynda Spanier

10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Robert L. Johnson

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm +Gerald & Marge Mikkelsen

Reader: Darlene Brooks

Lay Ministers: Bill Brooks, Carla Horpestad & 3 Volunteers Needed

Servers: EJ Cluchie & 3 Volunteers Needed

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Good Friday 3:00 pm

Reader: Bill & Darlene Brooks & Dennis Horpestad

Servers: EJ Cluchie & 3 Volunteers Needed

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 8:30 pm +Joe & Dolores Hoffarth

Reader: Bill & Darlene Brooks, George Podhradsky & 5 Volunteers Needed

Lay Ministers: Bill Brooks, Carla Horpestad & 3 Volunteers Needed

Servers: EJ Cluchie **Musicians:** Judy & Choir

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES April 21

8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Bud Bata

Reader: Gary Metzger

Lay Ministers: Harvey Metzger & 4 Volunteers

Servers: Volunteers Needed **Musicians:** Bob & Choir

9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales People of the Parishes

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Paul Kram

Reader: Terian Chaput

Lay Ministers: Clara Horpestad & 4 Volunteers

Servers: Sean Gette, EJ Cluchie & Brady Podhradsky **Musicians:** Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Hosts: Pat Wheeler

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Tuesday after 5:00pm Mass, Wednesday after 8:40am Mass, Thursday after 5:00pm Mass & Saturday at 6:45 pm

Weekly Reflection for April 7, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$5,167.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,909.67
Plate	\$504.00
Improvements	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$8,585.67

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Christianity is scandalous in that it offers a way of home by sincere repentance and conversion. Catholics can always find a path back to God by confession, the forgiveness of sins and making restitution for wrongs committed. Throughout the history of the Church, there have always been people who have fallen away, lived bad lives, come to their senses and made a deathbed confession. The good thief in today's Gospel is perhaps their patron saint.

The scene of the three crosses on the hill of Calvary is so well known. A tradition names the good or penitent thief as St. Dismas. There is a statue to him in the town of Breznice in the Czech Republic. He is surely one of the most hopeful saints of the Christian faith. We don't know why he was crucified, but from the cross he recognizes that the blood-stained and dying Jesus, who has been jeered at by the soldiers, is his Messiah. He knows that Jesus is both God and man and that he is the one to save him. He speaks, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replies, "Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise." The thief died a happy man, knowing that he had received the gift of eternal life.

In this poignant scene, St. Luke reminds us again of the theme of compassion and mercy, which he has communicated powerfully throughout the Gospel. It is in the Gospel of St. Luke that we find the story of the good shepherd who looks for the lost sheep at the expense of the rest of the flock, and the well-known parable of the prodigal son, and the generous father who welcomes his lost son home. He is attentive to the women who accompanied Jesus and looked after him. He tells us of the woman who searches for a lost coin and the widow's mite. It is the smallest and most vulnerable who received the gift of God's kingdom. These are the "little ones" who are most in need. Taken from The Living Word

Palm Sunday

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.

CD of the Week: Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross - Msgr. James P. Shea - In these beautiful talks, Msgr. James Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teaching us how to better open our hearts to the suffering and loneliness of Jesus on His way to Calvary. Weaving together the insights of keen believers like Fr. Richard Neuhaus, Caryl Houselander, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, and Dr. James Edwards, these powerful meditations take us into the depths of Christ's agony, and back out again into the relief and joy of what His sacrifice means for us. **Donations keep our kiosks updated with new CDs and books!**

Lenten Ministerial Service on Sunday, April 14th at Emmanuel (Palm Sunday Concert) at 7:00pm.

Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages - Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has assisted hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally **April 26-28, 2019** in Fargo with additional dates regionally in February and March. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call (701) 356-7962 to find out more or to register.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fr Damien Schill is inviting you to join him for a trip to the Holy Land December 1-10, 2019. Trip includes round trip airfare from Minneapolis, 8 nights in the Holy Land, daily breakfast, lunch and dinner, daily Mass. Tour includes visits to Tel Aviv · Caesarea · Stella Maris · Nazareth · Tiberias · Mt. Tabor · Jericho · Jordan

River · Jerusalem · Temple Model · Ein Karem · Bethlehem · Bethany · Dead Sea · Mt. Of Olives · Gethsemane · Mt. Zion · Western Wall · Via Dolorosa · Holy Sepulchre. Cost is \$4,099.00. Brochures are available at the entrance of the church. You may also get information at <http://www.pilgrimages.com/frdamien>.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH SURVEY – FINAL OPPORTUNITY

I want to thank all those who completed a survey regarding parish repairs. If you haven't yet done so, I invite you to fill out a survey (printed on green paper) after Mass this weekend and return to the black plastic box in the vestibule of the church. Since volunteers may still have surveys to turn in, I am extending the deadline to **Tuesday, April 16**. Greg Jeffrey, Survey Coordinator, Cell 701-205-6366. gjeffrey@msn.com

Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake, Sausage and French Toast breakfast on Sunday, April 14th from 9:00 – noon at the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

Please note: There will be a 10:15AM Mass at Maple Manor Care on Wednesday, April 17th. Mass is not permitted on Good Friday. We wanted to provide Mass for the residents during Holy Week.

We encourage you to join us this week for the major liturgies of the year: Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00PM; Good Friday Service at 3:00PM and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8:30PM. Also, on Good Friday, Rosary and Stations of the Cross will be held at 10:00 AM at Maple Manor Care. The Parish Website has a complete schedule of Holy Week.

The students in grades 6-8 at St. Alphonsus School will perform the "Living Stations of the Cross" on Wednesday, April 17th following the school Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our Offertory Collection taken up on Holy Thursday will be sent to our needy brothers and sisters in Chimbote, Peru. Our Offertory Collection taken up on Good Friday will be donated to the religious sites and shrines in the Holy Land.

Maple Manor Auxiliary Spring Pie Social will be held Friday, April 26, 2:00 - 4:00PM. Free Will Offering

No Adoration on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 18, 19 & 22. Happy Easter!!

Men's Retreat on April 14th: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Men's Retreat on Palm Sunday, April 14th. It will begin with attending the 10:30AM Mass; 11:30AM KC Breakfast; 12:30-2:30PM Talks and Spiritual Reflection in the School Gym. All KC Members and all men are welcome to attend!

Ramsey County Rite to Life is sponsoring the movie *Unplanned* (about Abby Johnson who worked at Planned Parenthood) at the Devils Lake Theatre on Tuesday, April 23rd and Wednesday, April 24th at 6:45pm. **You have to prepay for your tickets by calling Lynne at 701-230-2256. Tickets are \$8.00**

St. Alphonsus Fellowship Hall cleaning for April is Cash Circle #3 – 13 – Becky & Sherry; 20 – Jennifer & Brooke; 27 - Doris & Cindy

Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders Spring Rummage Sale – April 24 – 28 at the Langdon American Legion Downtown Building. **Donation Drop Off:** Monday April 22 & Tuesday April 23 – 9:00 – 7:00pm. (No Exercise Equipment, Computers, Printers or TV's) **SALE:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (April 24, 25, 26 & 27) 9:00am – 6:00pm and on Sunday, (April 28) 12:00 – 2:00pm (Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Bargain Bag Time). Volunteers Welcome

There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar at the Queen of Peace Pastoral Center at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Belcourt. The seminar begins Friday, April 26th at 7:00pm and ends at 3:00pm, April 28th. There is housing available and meals provided. Cost is free will offering. Contact 701-477-5601 ext. 0 or SAsecretary@utma.com for registration and/or questions.

Camp Good Mourning – Life After Loss for kids ages six to 18 years of age. – June 21-23 at Park River Bible Camp. There is a \$25.00 registration fee. To register for Camp Good Mourning go to www.altru.org/hospice (under Grief Support). For more information, please contact Sue Mairs, camp coordinator at 701-780-5258.