

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (March 23)

4:00PM Albert & Juliana Van Auwelaer by Bill & Marcia Jacobs

5:30PM Karen Jean Loso by David & Melissa Dell **MOLOP**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (March 24)

8:30AM Mary Green by Don & Mary Morris **MOLOP**

10:00AM Fr. Duane Jack by Dcn. Chuck & Mike Breeden

Tuesday (March 26) MOLOP

8:00AM Nancy Owens by Mike & Patty Roegiers

Wednesday (March 27) SMG

9:00AM Fr. Dick Bresnahan by Henry & Chris Hicks

Holy Thursday (March 28) MOLOP

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by adoration until 9:30pm

Good Friday (March 29)

9:00AM No Mass
12:00 Noon Stations
3:00PM Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (March 30)

7:30PM Our Parish Families

5:30PM **MOLOP** No Mass

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord (March 31)

8:30AM Our Parish Families **MOLOP**

10:00AM Our Parish Families



Holy Thursday

7:00PM at Mary Our Lady of Peace
Followed by Adoration

Good Friday

12:00 (Noon) Stations of the Cross at St Maria Goretti
3:00PM Good Friday Liturgy-Mary Our Lady of Peace

Saturday Easter Vigil

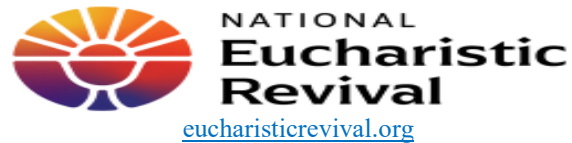
7:30PM at St Maria Goretti

Easter Sunday Mass

8:30AM Mary Our Lady of Peace
10:00AM St. Maria Goretti



For those of you who have not heard the news yet...as of Sunday March 10th, the Growing Disciples third proposal shows that St. Maria Goretti will **NOT** be closed!! It is showing us a secondary to Mary Our Lady of Peace. We will know the final decision on Pentecost Sunday. Thanks to all of you for writing letters and keep praying for our Church!



THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' EUCHARISTIC PRESENCE

“Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.” (1Cor 11:23-34)
To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognize him wherever he shows himself in his many forms of presence, but above all in the sacrament of his body and his blood, which makes a special demand on our faith - the mystery of the real presence. We believe that Jesus is truly present under the Eucharistic species. This presence is called “real” not in an exclusive way, as if to suggest that other forms of Christ’s presence are not real, but “par excellence,” because Christ thereby becomes substantially present, whole and entire, in the reality of his body and blood. Truly the Eucharist is a mystery of faith. Faith demands that we approach the Eucharist fully aware that we are approaching Christ himself. The Eucharist is a mystery of presence, the perfect fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to remain with us until the end of the world.
Pope St. John Paul II



Want to know more about HOLY WEEK? An easy way to dive into Holy Week is to go to FORMED.ORG for a wide range of Holy Week topics. Simply type in the search bar HOLY WEEK and over 150 choices come up! St. Maria Goretti subscribes to FORMED.ORG so it is free for all parishioners to use. Simply go to FORMED.ORG, Sign Up and type in Mary our Lady of Peace and St. Maria Goretti Parish and follow the simple steps. It's easy!

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of:



Dale M. Shake

Son of Rex & Julie Shake

REST IN PEACE

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 2024

LECTOR/READERS

Saturday 4:00p.m. Mary Ann Lapaczzonek

Sunday 10:00a.m. Julie Gambon

USHER/GREETER

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Crystal Arnold & Marcia Jacobs

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Randy & Christy Jaminet

Donna Davis & Marge Bowerman



NEWS AND EVENTS



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are less than 2% of the population. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, & offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic and now the war, hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace & 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.my Franciscan.org/good-friday



PRAYER REQUESTS



Those in need of healing at St. Maria Goretti...

Sr. JT McNulty, Marge Behn, Dave & Sandy Bledsoe, Patrick Bredeck, Fred & Lois DeCoster, Gwen Escajeda, Lorraine Gengler, Dave Gorge, Velda Grief, Lee Kimball, Dale Langel, John McAlister, Kathy McOmber, Kathy Mosley, Rex & Julie Shake, Flip Shemek, Maureen St. Clair, Mike Tope, Dcn. Bob Vogelbaugh

Those who are Homebound or in Healthcare Facilities...Jan & Richard Siebert, Jean Teerlinck

Those in need of healing at Mary Our Lady of Peace... Brian Carlson, Pat Dzekunskas, Jim Hamerlinck, Owen Hink, Alice Isaacson, Janet Jacobson, Debbie Jones, Ryan Jones, Gabe Laleman, Ava Lawson, Joel Newman, Jan Oliver and Tom Schulenberg

Prayers have also been asked for...

Kriss Andrews, Jason Bauer, John Baumunk III, Brie Bredeck, Ken Clubb, Kevin Faucett, Patrick Fons, Kevin Francescon, Carolyn Ghezzi, Lynn Gunnare, Nadine Kelly, Glenn Meeker, Bobbie Millwood, Larry Nesbitt, Carol Nichols, Charlie Parks, Vonna Quick, Fr. George Remm, Rob Robison, Megan Severson, Claire Strayer, Hannah Turner, Bernie Weidner, Jerry Wilcox

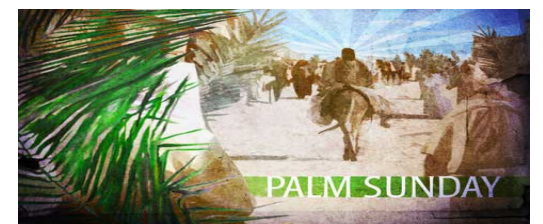


This Week's Gospel Reflection

Palm Sunday

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.



Scripture Readings for the Week

Sun. Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39
Mon. Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tue. Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed. Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thur. Ex12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Fri. Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat. Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1,26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4; Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Sun. Easter Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mk 16:1-7 (41) or Lk 24:13-35 (46)



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Friday, April 5, from 9:30-11:30 AM. All knitters and crocheters are invited to participate. There are beautiful prayer shawls available in the Parish Office for parishioners to give to those who are in need of support and encouragement. These are made by members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. A prayer card is attached to each shawl, which parishioners can say as they present their gift.



It's tax time again. If you would like a record or your church donation, please contact the office at 309-799-3414.

Something to Think About....

“Go within his gates, giving thanks. Enter his court with songs of praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Psalm 100