

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 8

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, April 9

- Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Davey Gruss by Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates + by their Children

Monday, April 10

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Larry Sanders + by Marj Sanders
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, April 11

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Don Gruss + by Family
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

7:30 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Ft. Wayne, IN

Wednesday, April 12

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Jeanette Ault + by Family

Thursday, April 13 - Holy Thursday

- 7:45 a.m. Rosary & Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - Jim Cole + by Diana Cole

Adoration after Mass until Midnight— see sign up sheet

Friday, April 14 - Good Friday

- 7:45 a.m. Rosary & Morning Prayer
- 1:00 p.m. Service: The Lord's Passion
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:45-8:15 p.m. Confessions


Saturday, April 15 - Holy Saturday -

- 7:45 a.m. Rosary & Morning Prayer
- 8:20 a.m. Pre-Baptismal Ceremonies
- 9:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - Mary Ellen Geimer + by Frank Zepka

Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Deceased Parents of Tom & Ann Reifsteck + by Their Family

Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu, will be out of the office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17, 18 and 19. There will not be Morning Prayer, Mass or Rosary while he is away; he will celebrate the Mass Intentions for these three days wherever he is. The Office will be closed on Monday, April 17th as well.

 Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Dolores Borton, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Dennis Heyne, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Priscilla Rogers, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Larry Dustman, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Gary Cook, Michael Green, and George Bitzer.

PALM SUNDAY: THE PASSION OF THE LORD; APRIL 9, 2017, HOLY WEEK BEGINS. THE 6TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today is Palm Sunday and we begin the Holy Week. The Holy Week reminds us of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the huge price He paid for our salvation. It leads us to know that the suffering, the death and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ are together, they form one episode. They were and should be seen as the execution of God's saving plan. It is victory over sin and death. Let us accompany the Lord Jesus to Jerusalem and to his eventually journey to Calvary to save mankind from eternal damnation and then rise with Him into glory, with glorified bodies.

Today we celebrate the triumphant entry of the Lord Jesus into his own city Jerusalem as the King, to complete his mission and work as our Messiah and Redeemer. He entered Jerusalem to suffer, die and rise from death into glory. His suffering and death are not a defeat, but victory over sin and death. He humbled himself because of his love for us. For us he did not shield his face from buffets and spitting - saliva, and offered his life on the cross. What of your own life? How do you see and deal with suffering in your life? What do you think when you see your fellow human being die in suffering and distress? Do you see the face of Christ in those suffering people? Do you see God's hand in those situations? Yes, we need to see God's hands in everything that happens to us.

We are invited to follow the Lord Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem, following Him in the Salvific journey up to the Calvary Hill. We are entering a very important and holy week. There are 4 groups of people in today's ceremony in the Passion narrative; **Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54**: 1. Those who cared, loved and followed Jesus. 2. Those that hated, and contradicted him and wanted to kill him. 3. Those who were afraid. The wanted to follow Jesus but feared greatly. 4. Those that were neither for nor against him. To which group do you belong? Think about it now. What do you tell yourself?

In my humble opinion, my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, let us imitate the first group, who cared, loved and followed him. They spread their garments and branches on the road. But let us not spread only our garments but ourselves as best as we can with humility. Let us spread ourselves like coats under Christ's feet and follow him to the Calvary. Let us make sincere effort and avoid re-nailing him on the cross by our sins. Rather let us nail all our bad and rude habits to the cross: our gossips, envy, rivalry, murmuring, destructive criticisms, jealousy, cursing, scandal, provocation, anger, insinuations, telling lies, pride, black mailing, impurities, fornication, adultery, idolatry, dishonesty, stealing, cheating, false accusations, murder, abortion, calumny etc. Crucify these, reject and avoid the "Noon Day Devil".

So, rise let us follow Him by attending all the ceremonies in this Holy Week. Such as the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception at Fort Wayne by 7:30 p.m. on April 11, 2017. Then come here in our Parish for: Holy Thursday, The Lord's Supper on April 13, by 7:00 p.m. Good Friday; The Passion of Our Lord, by 1:00 p.m. on April 14. The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday by 9:00 p.m. April 15. Easter Sunday April 16. By 7: 30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. These ceremonies form one entity. Do not break them apart, for they form "One Big Act Faith". Our consolation is that God will save us if we believe and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Redeemer and do our best to be good people.

Remember: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".

God bless you Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon., April 10 - Monday of Holy Week** - Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11
- Tues., April 11 - Tuesday of Holy Week** - Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33,36-38
- Wed., April 12 - Wednesday of Holy Week** - Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25
- Thurs., April 13 - Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)** - Ex 12:1-8,11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
- Fri., April 14 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)** - Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42
- Sat., April 15 - Holy Saturday** - 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/ Mt 28:1-10
- Sun., April 16 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** - Acts 10:34a,37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

**EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR ALL
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION,
HOMEBOUND MINISTERS, LECTORS AND CANTORS**

Please mark your calendars for the Evening of Reflection on Tuesday, June 13th. This important meeting is for ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Homebound Ministers, Lectors and Cantors. We will meet in the social hall for dinner 6:00 - 6:35 p.m. then go to the Church for Evening of Reflection 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

You are invited to attend the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Friday, April 21, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. at the Arts Commerce Visitors Centre, 211 West Water Street, Bluffton, IN. Featured Speaker: Congressman Jim Banks. Advance Registration is required. Men and Women of all faiths are encouraged to attend. Make your reservation by stopping by the Mayor's Office at 128 East Market St., calling 824-1520 or on-line at www.blufftonindiana.net. Cost is \$15.00, Please register no later than April 13th.

REMEMBER YOUR BELLS!

Bring your bell to ring on Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 p.m. to ring at the Gloria and also on Holy Saturday at 9:00 p.m.
If you forget, your keys work as well!




ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Tues., Apr. 11– Chrism Mass– Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne– 7:30 p.m. - All are invited!
- **Thurs., Apr. 13– Holy Thursday– Rosary & Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. / Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until Midnight.**
- **Fri., Apr. 14– Rosary & Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. / Good Friday (the Passion of the Lord) Service– 1:00 p.m. / Stations of the Cross– 7:00 p.m. / Confessions– 7:45-8:15 p.m.**
- **Sat., Apr. 15– Holy Saturday– Rosary & Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. / Pre-Baptismal Ceremonies 8:20 a.m. / Easter Vigil Mass 9:00 p.m.**
- **Sun., Apr. 16– Easter Sunday– Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.**
- Mon., Apr. 17– Office Closed Today
- **Mon., Tues., Apr. 17 & 18– No Morning Prayer, Rosary or Mass and Wed., Apr. Apr. 19– No Evening Prayer, Rosary or Mass– Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu gone.**
- Fri., April 21– Confirmation at St. Mary's, Decatur– 7:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 23– Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 Masses served by Knights of Columbus.**
- Wed., Apr. 26– New Evangelization Team Mtg.– 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., May 3– Parish Council Meeting– 7:30 p.m.
- Sun., May 7– First Communion Mass– 10:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 20– Appreciation Dinner– 6:00 p.m. (after 5:00 Mass)
- Sun., June 11– Graduation Mass– 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., June 13– **Evening Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers, Homebound Ministers, Lectors and Cantors**– 6:00 - 6:35 dinner in social hall; 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. reflection in the Church.
- Sun., June 18– Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi Sunday– 8:30 a.m.
- Sun., June 18– TINCAPS game– Parkview Field– 1:05 p.m.
- Sun., June 25– June 29– Vacation Bible School
- Fri., June 30– VBS Carry-in/Pool Party at Wells Comm. Pool– all are invited and welcome!


**Holy Thursday– 7:00 p.m. As per sign up sheet
Good Friday– 1:00 p.m. As per sign up sheet**

WEEKEND OF APRIL 15 and 16, 2017 (Easter Weekend)


CANTORS:

-  **9:00 p.m.** Larry Leitz/Choir Mass
- 7:30 a.m.** Mike Morrissey
- 10:00 a.m.** Nichole Decker


LECTORS:

-  **9:00** Marita Crawfis, George Witwer
- 7:30** Barb Ault
- 10:00** Michelle Paxton

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

-  **9:00** Monica Harris, Steve Higgins, Jill Morrissey, Diana Cole, **2 volunteers needed**
- 7:30** **3 volunteers needed**
- 10:00** Kevin or Jessica Seago, Michelle Paxton, Kathy Marshall, Ann Reifsteck, Sandy Smythe


MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

-  **9:00** Dale & Sarah McCorkle Family
- 7:30** Al & Mary Porrata
- 10:00** Kerry & Tracy Coyne Family

Gift Bearers

- 10:00** Mechling Kids

SERVERS:

-  **9:00** Elisse Huss, Corey Huss, Brendan McCorkle, Dan Geimer
- 7:30** Jeremy Mayer, Mitchel Mayer, Justin Mayer
- 10:00** Sophie Emrah, Wyatt Girod, Catherine Crawfis

*Collection for Weekend of
April 1 and 2, 2017*

- Adult Envelopes- \$3,163.00
- Child Envelopes- \$13.96
- Loose- \$150.00
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$450.00
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,678.75
- Easter Flowers- \$323.00
- Paterson Memorial Donations- \$815.00

Total- \$6,593.71

**The amount needed each week
to make budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$1,477.31 ahead of
budget from last week.

**Other Collections within
our Parish-**

- Bolivian Mission- \$10.00
- Diocesan Special Collection-**
- Central & Eastern Europe- \$250.00
- Catholic Relief Services- \$352.00

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*



WANTED! 12 FEET TO WASH!

Holy Thursday also known as "Maundy Thursday"

Mass of the Lord's Supper– 7:00 p.m.

Jesus washed the feet of his 12 Apostles!

**Will you be one of the 12 who's foot Msgr. Pius
will wash? Please call the Parish office to**

Volunteer 824-1380!

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Ed Smith, brother of Doral Smith,
died March 18, 2017.

May God welcome him home,
fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon
him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the
mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.