

ST. ANTHONY – SUPERIOR

April 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass intentions will be completed by Fr. Andrew during daily Mass or by Fr Lee during his daily Mass in private at home.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

None needed until further notice.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bruce Routh (3/14/20)
 Char Laureys (2/17/20)
 Bonnie Checkalski (1/21/20)
 Mary Jo Tyler (12/16/19)
 Carl Anderson (12/6/19)
 Leonard Smith (11/27/19)
 Barb VanBuskirk (11/24/19)
 Joan Messina (8/21/19)

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

2019 – 2020 School Assessment
\$21,564.34
 Monthly Payment: \$1,797.03
 Balance Due: **\$8,985.13**



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2019 – 2020 CSA
\$18,637.00
\$9,847.00 Remaining Balance



SUNDAY ENVELOPES

3/29/20	No Mass
3/22/20	No Mass
3/15/20	52
3/8/20	67
3/1/20	68
2/23/20	69
2/16/20	68
2/9/20	70

SUNDAY ENVELOPES

March 29, 2020

Regular—\$1,290.00
 Cathedral School—\$5.00
 World Concern—\$50.00
 Catholic Herald—\$18.00
Total—\$1,333.00

Note: All online giving is distributed to individual giving funds.
 Thank you to all of our parishioners who have continued to support our parish either online or by mail.

NEW CLUSTER WEBSITE

Superior Cluster parishes have a new website <https://superiorcatholics.org>. If you previously signed up for online giving there is no need to resubmit your information. If you would like to sign up for online giving, scroll down and click "Giving" and then click St. Anthony – Superior, then fill out the form for our parish.

PRAYER LIST

Fr. Dean Buttrick, Fr. Lee Flaherty, Fr. Ron Olson, Liz Anderson, Barb Hapy, Mark Jones, Colleen Aird, Mary Drobot, Doug Severson, Jennifer Ross, Lorraine Maki, Bob Marnich, Mary K. Jones, Lorraine Archambeault, Tracie Kotter, Sue Polaski, Shirley Brandt, Pat Berg, Lois Langfitt, Josh Jones, Zander Sislo, Kim Hart, Ken Jones, Jill Rolandson, Betty Rolandson, Fr. Ron Levra, Greyson Tomczak.

If you would like to be included in our prayer list or no longer wish to be on our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

How many times throughout our lives have we made the sign of the Cross? Stop and think: at Mass; meal prayers; morning & evening prayers; special gatherings; and moments of blessing and grace. This simple action, which we teach to children at an early age, invokes a connection with the passion of Jesus.

We adorn our homes with the Cross. A crucifix is a common gift to a new home; crosses are placed in bedrooms and common areas as a reminder that Jesus is the source of our help and strength.

We adorn ourselves with the Cross as well: a crucifix on a chain; a cross in our pocket; earrings; rings; bracelets; and all the extra cards, bookmarks, figurines, and miscellaneous items that remind us that Jesus died on a Cross.



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The passion we read every year on this day focuses our attention on the central mystery of our faith. **Out of love for us God sent His Son, Jesus, who gave his life on the Cross that we might have eternal life.** Through his suffering and death, we recognize that God has made a pathway possible that we might all journey through this life to the gates of Heaven.

The Cross teaches us many lessons:

- Life is difficult, and at times painful
- Weakness and sin are part of our experience
- God identifies with our pain
- God dies that we might have life

At the core of our teaching the Cross stands as the testament of God's love for us. Yet the Cross appears to be an embarrassment – after all, why would God (all powerful, all knowing, supreme) choose to be humiliated? Does that not mean that God is weak? Why could God not take away our sins in a way that showed majesty and splendor?

In reality, the weakness revealed in the Cross uncovers our frailty, not God's. **Jesus endured the Cross because of our broken, wounded nature.** He carried the Cross because we were unable to – as St. Paul writes “The wages of sin is death” in Romans 6:23 – and he bore the suffering, pain, and grief that are the natural result of our sinfulness. God is not weak, rather God takes on our weakness so that we can be made whole.

The Cross proclaims the truth that **God meets us where we are in life.** In our weakness, in our humiliation, in our low moments of doubt and sin God comes to us. Jesus, like us in every way but sin, understands our pain because through his Cross he shares in the suffering of the world. He knows us, loves us, and saves us through his Cross.

Every time we make the sign of the Cross may we recall what the Lord endured for us. Through the Cross we discover our strength as we trust in God's love and seek to follow that love as we journey through this life toward the world to come.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

Fr. Andrew

Question for Children: Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

Question for Youth: Today begins the holiest week of the year. It is a once-a-year opportunity to really reflect on Jesus life, death, and resurrection. How will you enter into this experience? How will you be open to how you might be changed?

Question for Adults: Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways.

Readings for the week of April 5, 2020

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31 and 33-34[14c]/Mt 26:14-25
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Merciful Lord, help families, neighbors, and communities draw together in strength during this difficult time. May all who have been affected by this disaster be wrapped in your eternal, healing embrace. Fill their hearts with calm and courage, Lord, and awaken the indomitable spirit within them so that they may recover and rebuild their lives. Guide them protect them, and uplift them with hope now and always. Amen

Kathryn Oates

— Adoration is possible wherever we are. He is near...

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Still Serving Others and Staying Safe!

The cornerstone of our Society is the home visit. With a moratorium on evictions and utility disconnects a significant number of the 140 households who contacted us for assistance in March have not needed these forms of assistance - instead calls have been coming from those who are homeless. Shelters have been running full with waiting lists. Even warming centers have had to turn away individuals for overnight stays. We have had 22 phone conference calls (the family and two of our members) in situations in which there has been a request for assistance as it is unsafe for face to face visits.

Currently, we are providing shelter in motels for 12 households, some for several days, and others for weeks until they have an alternative. Some families have children, some women are pregnant, some are veterans and many have been recently hospitalized and are vulnerable to illness. Since we have been putting many families in motels we have been starting them off with a bag of food - donations given to us directly or through the 40 Cans for Lent food collection. Fortunately there are other area food resources available and free DTA rides so we are able to direct people to other resources.

If you or someone you know has an immediate need - please call **715-398-4039** and leave a message. We will return a call as soon as we are able. We are not accepting goods at this time due to the closure of the Catholic Charities Building to the public. Financial donations can be mailed to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 1416 Cumming Ave. Superior, WI 54880. We are grateful for your prayers!

OTHER INFORMATION

We urge you to use our parish cluster resources for your spiritual enrichment:

- Our website for weekly bulletins and undated information: superiorcatholics.org
- Use the **myParish** app (instructions to download below)
- Online at **Formed.org** (instructions to download below)
- Facebook pages: Cathedral of Christ the King, Cathedral School, St. Anthony-Superior, Holy Assumption, St. Anthony-Lake Nebagamon, St. William
- Fr. Andrew's daily homilies and presentations: studyprayserve.com
- And for those of you who do not use online resources: read your Bible, pray the Rosary, use the devotionals that were mailed to your home, or read any of the books handed out at Christmas and Easter
- During this time I will be offering Mass every day at 8:30am from the Cathedral that will be livestreamed on Facebook. It will be shared on all of our parish FB pages, and you will be able to view it any time after 9am.
- **Directions for downloading myParish app on a phone or tablet:**
 1. Search **myParish** on the Google Play or the App Store
 2. Download the app
 3. Enter 54880 as the ZIP Code
 4. Allow all notifications
- **Directions for Formed.org**
 1. Go to <https://formed.org/>
 2. Click Sign Up
 3. Click I Belong to a Parish or Organization
 4. Enter 54880
 5. Click on Cathedral of Christ the King

Note: If you have a computer, smartphone or tablet and we do not have your email address please send an email to sassecretary1@gmail.com so that you can receive any important information that is sent out by our parish.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Ceity Images

As we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we are reminded that Lent is coming to close and the Resurrection is nearing. What have you learned about yourself this Lent? What have you learned about your relationship with God?

Palms vs. Passion

BY FATHER LARRY RICE

Each year at around this time, as Lent draws to a close, and Easter nears, Catholics everywhere look at their parish bulletins, missalettes, and publications, and wonder why the last Sunday in Lent is called "Passion Sunday" and not "Palm Sunday."

The formal designation changed in 1970; still, many people are much more accustomed to calling it "Palm Sunday."

The palms, of course, are a commemoration of the ancient custom of covering the path of an honored person as he passed by. In many parts of the Near East, this was among the highest honors, often reserved for royalty. All four of the Gospels speak of Jesus receiving this honor as he entered triumphantly into Jerusalem, days before his execution. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the crowds are said to have laid their cloaks in the street, as well as cut rushes. Only John's Gospel specifically mentions palm fronds.

It's the custom in Catholic churches to give people palms that are blessed at the beginning of the liturgy and carried in procession at the start of the mass. It is many people's private custom to weave these palms into crosses or other shapes during the liturgy. I would like to believe that they're not doing this during my homily, but experience tells me they are.





PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Ultimately, the celebration of this day isn't about the palms, any more than the celebration of Christmas is about decorated evergreen trees. As the prayers and scripture readings make clear, the liturgy is really about Christ's passion—his willingness to suffer for our salvation and the forgiveness of our sins. By the end of the reading of the passion narrative, the palms seem sad and ironic, as the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem would be transformed into the crowd shouting "Crucify him!" during his trial. Human fickleness and frailty are contrasted with Jesus' integrity and courage.

So, it makes sense to call it "Passion Sunday." Still, old customs and old terminology don't change easily.

Holy Week

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

We look forward to celebrating these liturgical services that take place during the Triduum with you:

Holy Thursday—April 9, 2020

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—April 10, 2020

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday—April 12, 2020

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord