

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 14, 2019

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 15

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

8:00 AM Mass – Carl Jenkins

Tuesday, April 16

*Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*

8:00 AM Mass – No special intention scheduled

Wednesday, April 17

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

6:00 PM Mass will be at St. Mary Church

Holy Thursday, April 18

*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*

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19

*Is 52:13--53:12s 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*

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 20

*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]*

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 21

*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 Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35*

8:30 AM Easter Mass

11:30 AM Easter Mass

Help is needed to decorate for Easter. Meet in church on Sat., April 20, at 8:30 AM. Please call or text Chris Den Ouden at 294-7435 if you can help.

We will have a Mission here at **Cathedral** on **Sun., May 5** and continuing on **Mon., May 6**, both at **6:00 PM**. **Doug Barry**, a devoted husband and father of five, has traveled nationally and internationally speaking on **BATTLE READY**, a mission of **RADIX** which focuses on encouraging and strengthening adults and youth to be better prepared to fight the battles we face daily. The need in our world for committed, unwavering and well-trained soldiers of Christ is tremendous! We all have the responsibility to own the battle for our souls and for our Church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

On **Holy Thursday**, our **collection** at Mass will be for **Pivotal Point Transitional Housing of Buchanan County**. Your dollars help support individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness by providing furnished and utility free apartments, bus passes, identification documents, educational tools, diapers and baby wipes, medical needs, and more.

On **Good Friday**, our **collection** during the Liturgy will be for the **Holy Land**. Funds support the Holy Places, and those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME

Monthly Budget Goal \$76,166 (included \$4000 for reserve)

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick & Poor</u>
Week 1 \$11,184.93	\$ 709.60

This Coming Week

Monday, April 15

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement
6:00-6:50 PM School of Religion – Ruggie Hall
7:30-8:30 PM Confessions - Church

Tuesday, April 16

5:30 PM Security Mtg – Msgr. Dierkes Mtg Room
7:00 PM Scouts – Gym
7:00 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal – Ruggie Hall

Wednesday, April 17

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Sewing Group – Rectory Basement
9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement
4:00-5:30 PM Safety and Security Mtg-Msgr. Dierkes Rm
5:20-5:50 PM. Confessions – Church

Thursday, April 18

10:00 AM Living Stations – Cathedral Parking Lot
12:30 PM School Early Dismissal-Easter Break begins
6:00-6:50 PM Confessions - Church
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 19

Parish Office, School, ECC, & Food Pantry closed

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Church
6:00-6:50 PM Confessions - Church
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord

Saturday, April 20

8:30 AM Decorate Church for Easter
7:20-7:50 PM Confessions - Church
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 21

8:00 AM Confessions
8:30 AM Easter Mass
10:45 AM Glory & Praise Choir Rehearsal-Music Rm
10:50-11:20 AM Confessions
11:30 AM Easter Mass

There will not be “Coffee and Donuts” after the **8:30 AM Mass on Easter Sunday, April 21**.

Don't Forget: If you purchased **Povitica** from the 8th graders, it will be available for pickup from the school on **Tuesday, April 16**. The 8th graders sold 220 loaves. With donations, the 8th grade class made approximately \$2000! **Thank you** for helping with this fundraiser!

Cathedral's Garage Sale will be on **Fri., May 10** and **Saturday, May 11** at the **Knights of Columbus Council 571 Hall, 4520 Mitchell Avenue**, just in time for spring cleaning. More details to come!

Mark your calendar for the **6th Annual Pitching for Priests Softball Game** on **Friday, July 5, 7:00 PM**, at the **Community America Ballpark – T-bones Stadium (1800 Village West Pkwy in KC, KS)**. Come enjoy Priests from our **Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese vs Priests from the Archdiocese of Kansas City-Kansas**. Tailgating will begin at **4:00 PM**. There will be baseball cards of each player available! Last year, 3500 people attended the game! Tickets: \$15/adult, \$6/child (12 and under). Help support our Priests! Purchase tickets at **PitchingforPriests.com**.

Inspirational CDs available in the west vestibule for \$4.50.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

A message from Father Hansen... After the All School Mass this past week, I asked the children what happened on Holy Thursday. Lucy Evans said, "the Last Supper." She was correct. Here are some words of a Saint given years ago in a Holy Thursday meditation:

Our Holy Thursday meditation draws to a close. If our Lord has helped us — and he is always ready to do so, as long as we open our hearts to him — we will feel the need to correspond in what is most important, and that is love. And we will know how to spread that love among other men, with a life of service. "I have given you an example," he tells his disciples after washing their feet, on the night of the last supper. Let us reject from our hearts any pride, any ambition, any desire to dominate; and peace and joy will reign around us and within us, as a consequence of our personal sacrifice.

Finally, a loving thought directed to Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. Forgive me if I go back to another childhood memory — a picture that became very common in my own country when St Pius X was encouraging the practice of frequent communion. It represented Mary adoring the sacred host. Today, as in those days and as always, our Lady teaches us to come to Jesus, to recognize him and to find him in all the different situations of our day. And nowhere is she more a teacher than in the supreme moment of the holy sacrifice of the Mass, where time blends with eternity. Jesus, with the gesture of a high priest, attracts all things to himself and places them, with the breath of the Holy Spirit, in the presence of God the Father.

Have a wonderful Holy Week! I pray many of you can make 7pm Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday. Please try to be with Bishop Johnston at 7pm on Good Friday. If you can, pray the Stations with me at 3pm on Good Friday. See the parish website and the schedule sent early in Lent for all other times both here and at St. Mary's!

The **Gene Clark Memorial Golf Tournament** is **Friday, May 24**, at **Fairview Golf Course**. Check-in begins at **7:30 AM** and Shotgun start is **8:00 AM**. Anyone is allowed to participate in this event and play in a team of 4. Cost is \$80 per person/\$320 per 4-person team. Cost includes entry fee, cart, prizes, lunch, and refreshments. **Early Eagle Special:** Register and pay by **April 27** and get 4 free drink tickets. Regular deadline is **Friday, May 17**. Registration forms can be found online at www.bishopleblond.com or at **LeBlond High School**. For any questions, please contact **Chelsea "Clark" Teater** at cteater@bishopleblondhs.com.

Stewardship Makes A Difference . . . Thank you to Mrs. Supple and her **Kindergarten Class** who collected food for **Cathedral's Food Pantry** during Lent. The children and their smiles, their Easter cards, and Lenten Song were a treat to the patrons and workers. **Thank you to Mrs. Bachali** and her **PreKindergarten students** who brought items to the pantry for children who visit the pantry. Thanks as we teach our children to see Christ in the least of our brothers.

CHECK THIS OUT . . . The Good News of Cathedral

- **Congratulations to Robbie, Francie, and Ryan Rau** on being named the Missouri Special Olympics 2019 Outstanding Family!
- **Congratulations to Hope Smith**, Cathedral Class of 2018 and LeBlond Freshman, who was named this week's News-Press Athlete of the Week!

Our School and ECC News

- Next week, **Cathedral Cash** orders will be placed on **Monday, April 15** (instead of Tuesday), and delivery will be on **Wed., April 17**. There will not be sales after Masses on **Easter Weekend**. As a reminder, our school year is winding down, and so is the time frame for school families to earn your \$100 rebate! Believe it or not, you only have about a month to place your orders! **Cathedral Cash** can be purchased/ordered in the **west vestibule** after our **weekend Masses**, in our School Office at CathedralCash@cathedralsj.org or 232-8486, or you may order online at www.shopwithscrip.com.
- **Easter Break** begins with **12:30 PM dismissal** on **April 18** and extends through **Easter Monday, April 22**. Classes resume on **Tuesday, April 23**.
- **Mark your calendars: Kindergarten-Grade 3 students** will have their **Spring Musical** on **Thurs., April 25, 7:00 PM**. All are invited to attend!
- **First Communion** will be on **Sunday, April 28**, at the **11:30 AM Mass**.

The **Christian Brothers Alumni Association** is sponsoring its **152th Reunion** the weekend of **April 26-27**. All **alumni/alumnae** of **LeBlond**, the **Convent of the Sacred Heart**, and **Christian Brothers** are invited, especially the classes of 1969, 1994 (25 years), '64, '59, '49 and '44. There will be a Mixer on Friday evening at **Knights of Columbus Council 5067 Hall** (no reservations required) and a banquet on Saturday evening at **LeBlond**. We will need your RSVP for the Saturday Banquet by **Good Friday, April 19**. Dues-paying CB alums should have received an invitation in the mail. However, if you are alum and didn't receive one, call **John Mallon (671-1393)** or **Diane Slentz (232-2191)** for details. Come and celebrate with your classmates from high school days!

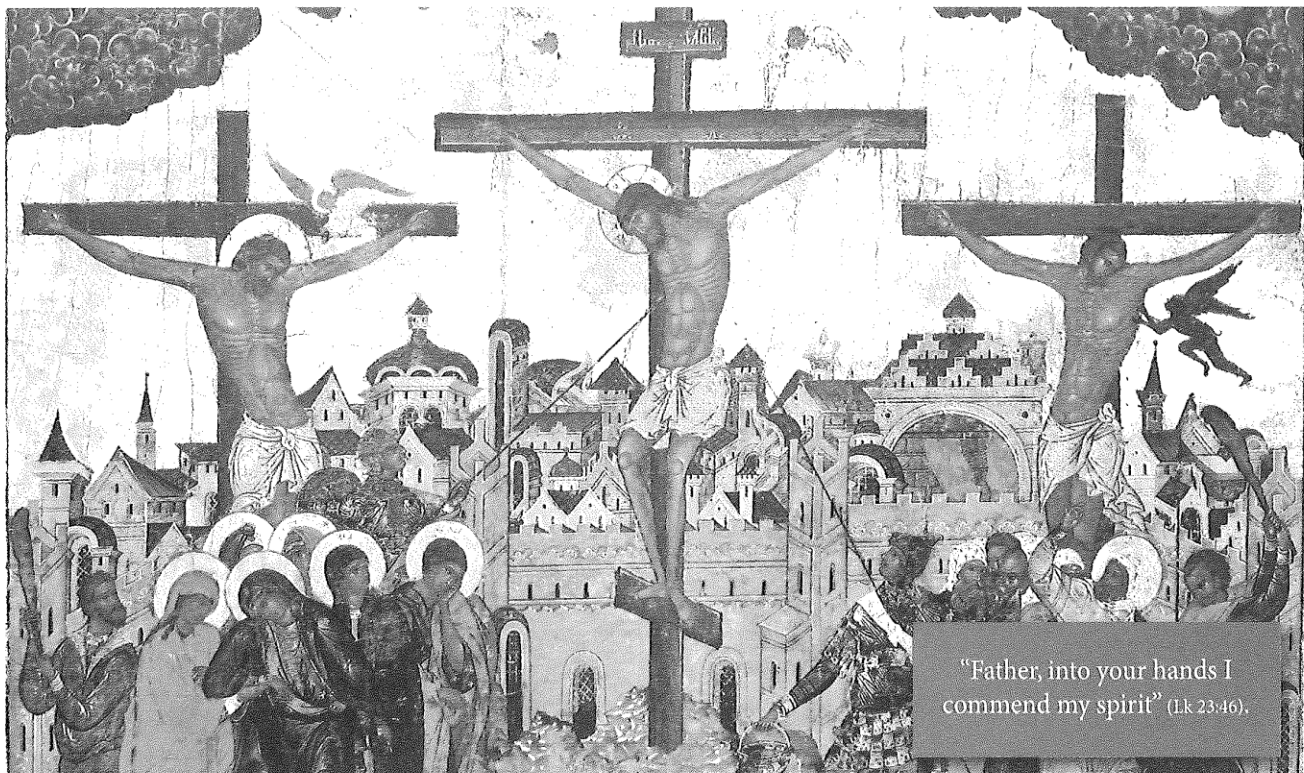
St. Francis Xavier Parish and the **Knights of Columbus Council 15126** will host a **Catholic Blue Mass** for all **First Responders** on **Sun., May 5**, at **11:30 AM**. The purpose is to honor, pray for, and bless all **Police Men and Women, Firefighters, EMS Responders, and 911 Dispatchers** in our community. The Mass is open to all active law enforcement, safety officers and emergency personnel in the greater St. Joseph area. Those of all faiths are invited to attend. Families and those in the community who support these police, fire and emergency officials also are invited. A reception will follow Mass in the **St. Francis Xavier Parish Center**, at which the First Responders in attendance will be individually recognized and presented with Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation for their service to this community. Please call **Ray Heitman, 262-2112**, with the names and contact information of any first responders who wish to participate.

Conversion of Heart

Lenten Reflections on Mercy and Forgiveness

Week 6

READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4–7; Philippians 2:6–11; Luke 22:14–23:56*



Christ's sacrifice allows us to find meaning in suffering

The Passion of Christ is the pinnacle of all human suffering gathered together in one man, Jesus of Nazareth. He believed you were worth it. He believed everyone, even those who seem farthest away from him, to be worth dying for.

It is through the Cross that we all come to understand God's mercy. In the Crucifixion, the greatest sacrifice the world has ever known takes place. On that tree, God's only Son shows us that the path toward salvation requires his saving power, his unending gift of forgiveness.

God desires mercy so much that he was willing to die to prove to us its worth. In dying he destroyed death, and in rising again he restored us to life. Without this act of ultimate sacrifice, our own sufferings would have no purpose. But because of his pain, we are able to find meaning in our sufferings.

We partake in the mystery of suffering by uniting our trials and tears to Jesus. He suffers alongside us in times of need and never ceases to call us through difficult times to a closer communion with him. In his mercy, we are given hope that one day our darkness will become light

and our sorrows will become eternal joy. We need only to accept our crosses and follow him (see Mt 16:24).

For Reflection

- › What crosses are you given to bear during this time in your life?
- › How can these crosses help you become holier?
- › What does the passion and death of Jesus teach you about the importance of your suffering?

Catechism Chat



“By embracing in his human heart the Father’s love for men, Jesus ‘loved them to the end,’ for ‘greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.’ In suffering and death his humanity became the free and perfect instrument of his divine love which desires the salvation of men” (609).



Faith Lesson

Our suffering can purify our souls

One of the great deposits of spiritual power in our world comes through what is known as redemptive suffering. We believe as Catholics that our pain and sorrow can be used as a means of spiritual nourishment. When we take on the hardships of life, either voluntarily or involuntarily, we are able to offer them up for the betterment of ourselves and others. In doing so, we do as St. Paul tells us: “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am fill-

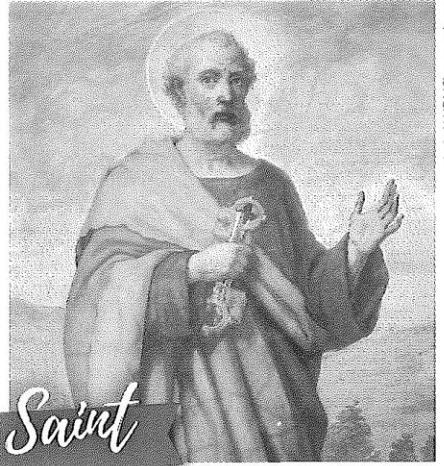
ing up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church” (Col 1:24).

This begs the question, Was there something lacking in Jesus’ perfect sacrifice on the cross? Of course not! But the effects of sin still remain in our world, much like a house in need of a good cleaning. Redemptive suffering, then, provides us with the ability to “clean up the mess” by purifying our souls and aiding in the sufferings of others. We thus work together with God and unite our pain to the cross, where it is nailed, put to death, and poured out into the world in the form of healing, understanding, and hopefulness.



Prayer

O my Jesus, who suffered and died for my sins, I pray that you might grant me the gift of your forgiveness. Allow me to share in your suffering so that I may die to my sins and share fully in your risen life with you and all the saints. I am yours. Amen.



Saint

The great denial was forgiven

Peter was one of Jesus’ closest followers. He was one of the first called by Jesus and stood by Jesus at almost every moment of his public ministry. However, when it came time for Jesus’ passion and death, Peter denied his master and was too ashamed, or afraid, to see his Lord die at the Crucifixion. After Jesus rose from the dead, one of his first tasks was to assure Peter that his sins were forgiven and that he would lead the rest of the apostles after Jesus’ ascension into heaven.

St. Peter committed one of the worst sins a person can commit when he denied the man who he knew to be the Son of God. However, his repentance was pure and his sorrow was genuine. When he was forgiven by Jesus, his sadness and anguish were like coals turned into diamonds of an unshakable faith and an unquenchable thirst for souls.

God’s mercy has a way of changing the very fabric of who we are. May he fashion our souls into the great saints we were meant to be.

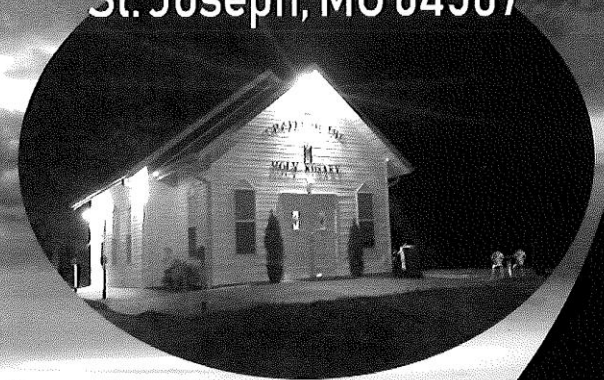
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Altar Society Garden Party

April 30

Tuesday Evening

St . Joseph Cathedral Ruggle Hall

Social 6:00 P.M.

Dinner 6:30 P.M.

Everyone may bring a favorite salad to share

The St. Anne's Altar Society presents the Annual Garden Party! Meet your new Altar Society officers at their induction and thank those who have shared their time this past year.

Specialty Industries — Opening Doors to Opportunity — will be presented by Shaina Maag as she shares valuable information about this nonprofit corporation in St. Joseph that has provided meaningful employment for individuals with disabilities since 1966. Learn more from Shaina and staff!

Prizes! 50/50! Kentucky Star quilt drawing!

Have fun visiting! Enjoy Spring! See you there!

