FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 3 THRU APRIL 9

| Mon. | Mike Sands + | 8:00 a.m. |
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| Tuesday | Steven Kotlarz + | 6:45 a.m. |
| Wed. | Loretta DeMarco + | 6:45 a.m. |
| Thur. | Alaina Lepert + | 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | No Mass on Good Friday | - |
| Saturday | Scurto Family + | 8:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | People of St. Joseph | 9:00 a.m |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., April 5, RE, 6:15 p.m. Fri., April 7, Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.



HOLY THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M.

- Lectors: Sharon VanTassell-Corey Osborn
- Deacon: Dave Kreuger Deacon Ficenec
- Servers: Dominic Cacka
- Singers: Brenda Jones-Kathy Kaiser-Mary-Reineke-Candy Connery

GOOD FRIDAY, 7:00 P.M.

- Lectors: Lisa Schuessler-Jeff Needels
- Deacon: Dave Kreuger Deacon Ficenec
- Servers: Osborn Boys
- Singers: Brenda Jones-Kathy Kaiser-Mary Reineke-Mary Iverson

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, 8:30 P.M.

- Lectors: Marla Kildow-Ken Patry
- Deacon: Dave Kreuger Deacon Ficenec
- Greeters: Corey & Kristy Osborn
- Singers: Brenda Jones-Kathy Kaiser-Amy Wendt

EASTER SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.

EMHC: Lectors: Bob Zielinski-Linda Christensen Deacon: Dave Christensen Servers: Greeters: Iro & Mary Johnson Singers: Men's Choir-Mary Iverson

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

This week is the most solemn week of the year. Each day, we slow down to the day-to-day timeline of Jesus. Practically, each day, we can think, "Now, where was Jesus today?" On Sunday, He entered into Jerusalem to the chanting of "Hosanna!" On Monday and Tuesday, He debated all comers in the temple area. On Wednesday, He was betrayed. On Thursday, He had the Last Supper, prayed in the garden, and was arrested. That night, He was jailed and tried three times. By noon, He had been crucified, and at 3:00pm, He died. Then, they waited. On Sunday, He was there. As we go about our week, we can accompany Him in our thoughts.

Thanks to everyone who helped so much with the fish fries. They help us to build our community and to raise funds for the Knights of Columbus to distribute throughout the year to those in need. Heat aid in winter, coats, food, scholarships--these and more are made possible by the fish fries.

All the best to you for a wonderful Holy Week!

Best, Fr. Scott



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Sally Leyden, Jerry Martin, Marjorie Bauman, Frank Riha, Margaret Wilson, Paul Nitsick, Dennis Folkers.

Please let us know if a person needs to be removed from our Prayer List.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

There will be a basket in the narthex for collecting the Lenten rice bowls handed out at the beginning of Lent. If you took one and filled it, please return it to St. Joseph's in the next coming weeks.

OFFERING

Weekend of March 26, 2023 Sunday Envelopes

\$ 3731.00

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023

JESUS CHRIST'S 7 LAST WORDS

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K OF C PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Council 10894, is celebrating our 30th anniversary of service to St Joseph parish. We will have a dinner for All parishioners in recognition of their support. The dinner will be in the social hall following 5 pm mass. Please sign up on the credenza for your spot before April 23.

May 6, 2023 , 6-6:45 social hour

Buffet Dinner at 6:45 from Eddie's

Braised beef, Chicken picatta, Herbed new potatoes

Green beans almandine, Tossed lettuce

Beer/Wine

APRIL CHARITY DRIVE

During the month of April, we will be supporting the mission at Angels Share Inc. in Blair, NE. Angels Share Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing jobs and housing to youth aging out of foster care and at-risk youth. We are collecting items to furnish the apartments being renovated at the old Dana College Campus in Blair where Angels Share Inc. is developing a place where those less fortunate can receive the effective, compassionate care they need to be healthy in body, mind and spirit.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Dishcloths - Kitchen Towels - Utensils - Dish Soap - Small Cutting Board - Silverware - Cups/Plates/Bowls - Oven Mitts/ Hot pads - Mixing Bowls - Cooking Pans - Kitchen Trash Can -NEW/LIKE NEW Small Kitchen - Twin Bed Sheets - Twin Comforters - Pillows - Pillowcases - Small Lamp - Shower Curtain -

Bath Towels - Hand Towels - Toilet Brush - Plunger - Small Trash Can - Compact First Aid Kit

Please drop off donated items in the charity corner in the narthex at St. Joseph's. If you would like to purchase from an Amazon wishlist, head over to www.stjosephspringfield.org to find the link on the Home Page. Items can be delivered straight to the church.

NEBRASKA DIAPER BANK SERVICE OPPOR-TUNITY

This last Saturday, a group of 9 parishioners from St. Joseph, along with 11 others from Omaha, volunteered their time at the Nebraska Diaper Bank on 90th & F. We opened, counted and bundled diapers for an hour and a half. Together, we bundled 25,000 diapers which will be part of next month's 150,000 diapers they give away to families in need. Thank you to those that helped out.

RCIA FOR CATHOLICS

As we near the end of our RCIA sessions, we are taking a break. We've invited (4) people to tell us their "Faith Stories". Two are converts to the Catholic Faith as adults and (2) left the faith they were born into and returned after years of separation. On April 2, right after the 9 a.m. Mass, feel free to join us if you would like to sit in to hear the story of the path they took to come into the Catholic Church, or to find their way back. We need to know how many will be there so we can plan accordingly. Please call Deacon Terry Ficenec at 402-677-5643 and let me know. Peace and Blessings to you all.

THE PROPER WAY TO DISPOSE OF PALMS

The blessed palms that we are given on Palm Sunday are sacramental which means they can only be disposed of properly. There are two ways: 1) St. Joseph's will have a basket in the narthex to collect last year's palms if you would like to bring them in. 2)You can burn them yourself and return the ashes to the ground.

WELCOME

Please welcome Mallory and Josh Anderson who joined our parish family this past week. The Andersons reside in Southcrest .

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