

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday April 4, 2009
 5:00 pm For the Parish

Sunday April 5, 2009
 8:00 am Suzanne Reuter
 10:30 am Virgil & Juanita Lux

Monday April 6, 2009
 No Mass

Tuesday April 7, 2009
 8:00 am Ray & Helen Vogt

Wednesday April 8, 2009
 8:00 am Martha Bird

Thursday April 9, 2009—Holy Thursday
 7:00 pm Neil McCorkhill

Friday April 10, 2009—Good Friday
 2:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday April 11, 2009—Easter Vigil
 7:00 pm Charles Ogden

Sunday April 12, 2009—Easter
 8:00 am Vic Kreinhop & Ginny Schreiner
 10:30 am For the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—April:

Saturday 5:00 pm
 HOST: Tom Dant, Noreen Dant, Ed Ranochak
 CUP: Pam McIntire, Sue Rudicel, Mike Miller, Sharon Crafton

Sunday 8:00 am
 HOST: Barbara Baumgartner, Pauline Lancaster, Darlene Pile
 CUP: Betsy Stephen, Marilyn Williamson, Patricia Cassidy, Steve Lancaster

Sunday 10:30 am
 HOST: Rose Ann Haverkos, David Snuffer, Nancy McNulty
 CUP: Jerry Lux, Helen Lux, Mary Kay Hart, Sheryl Crase

LECTORS—April 11 & 12:

Saturday Easter Vigil 7:00 pm—(not available)
Sunday 8:00 am—Jerry J. Lux & Anne Renton
Sunday 10:30 am—Carolyn Felton & C. Dale Havens

USHERS —April:

Saturday - 5:00 pm
 Rick Walke, Eugene Hopkins, Steve Woods, Scott Asher
Sunday - 8:00 am
 John Bogemann, Mike Johnson, Ralph Leppert, Jerry Lux
Sunday - 10:30 am
 Fred Bohman, Ken Fullenkamp, Steve Antle, Dale Havens

ACOLYTES—April 11 & 12:

Saturday Easter Vigil—7:00 pm
 (not available)
Sunday—8:00 am
 Cole Johnson / Ty Johnson, Cole Mackey
Sunday—10:30 am
 Shane Brown / April Anderson, Austin Anderson

CHURCH BUDGET

Weekly offering needed for budget	\$ 12,700.00
March 28 & 29 collection.....	\$ 9,691.90
DEFICIT	\$ 3,008.10
Year to date budget amount	\$ 495,300.00
Year to date collected	\$ 455,544.42
DEFICIT.....	\$ 39,755.58
Church Repair envelopes:	
Amount collected to date	\$ 21,692.06

COLLECTION COUNTER'S SCHEDULE:

April 6	Susan Claxton's team
April 13	Terri Runnebohm's team
April 20	Tom Duvelius' team
April 27	Nancy Nolting's team

MEETINGS

April 5	****	Hispanic Coord. Cmte
April 7	6:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds
April 8	4:30 pm	Faith Formation

(*** after Hispanic Mass)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 5	8:00 am Mass	Praise Band
April 9	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday
April 10	2:00 pm	Good Friday services
April 11	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil
April 12	8:00 am Mass	Praise Band

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The special collection at all the Masses this weekend is for **Easter flowers** for our church.

On April 10th (Good Friday), our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the **Holy Land**. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

MISSION STATEMENT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

As an active Roman Catholic presence in Shelby County since 1868, St. Joseph Parish proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the 21st century through the celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments. With a spirit of fellowship, our mission is to provide a place for prayer, faith formation, education, and community service for people of all ages, in all stages of life.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Holy Week Greetings to you and all the members of our Parish Community! May our hearts radiate the love of the Lord as we begin the celebration of His passion, death and resurrection with today's Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion.

Below is the Holy Week schedule of services for you to place on your refrigerator. If you are like me, chances are you look at your refrigerator more than your calendar!

THE CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm
Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul
Indianapolis

At The Chrism Mass the Archbishop concelebrates with all the priests of the Archdiocese in the presence of representatives of all the parishes. At this Mass the holy oils of the Catechumen, the Sick, and the Chrism are blessed and distributed, manifesting our unity and communion. The priests also renew their vows of priestly service.

HOLY THURSDAY,

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 pm

This night we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We relive that night when Jesus sat at the table with his Apostles to celebrate the Passover meal, but before he did so, he knelt down and washed their feet as a sign of humility and loving service.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 10th, at 2:00 pm

This day the Church throughout the world is summoned together to focus on the passion of the Lord. This is the only day in the year that Mass is not celebrated. Instead we venerate the cross, participate in the reading of the passion and receive once again the Holy Communion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

HOLY SATURDAY, THE EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 11, at 7:00 pm

The Easter Vigil begins outside in darkness where the Paschal Candle is lit from the Easter fire and the light of Christ proclaimed to a darkened church. This day we celebrate the resurrection, we welcome new members into the life of Christ and our parish community and we renew our baptismal promises.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12

8:00 am or 10:30 am

Let us continue throughout today to be glad and rejoice for Jesus Christ is Risen ALLELUIA!

May God Bless all of us as we approach the end of this year's Lenten Journey!

Blessings,

Fr. Chris

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Need volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on **April 11th** from 11:00 am—3:00 pm. We need help filling plastic eggs, serving refreshments, and cleanup. Call the REP office to sign up—398-0530 or e-mail pmcclure_43@hotmail.com

Need volunteers to help with First Communion Retreat on Saturday, **April 18th**, from 9:00 am—noon. You will be helping with refreshments, crafts and cleanup. Call the REP office at 398-0530 or e-mail pmcclure_43@hotmail.com

Volunteers needed to help with setup/cleanup/serving food for the Salvation Army dinner on **April 26th**. Donation of food is also needed. Contact Noreen Dant at 835-4044.

REP CLASS SCHEDULE

April 5th

April 12th—No Class (Easter)

April 19th

April 26th—Last Class

REMEMBER: SERVICE HOURS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 23rd.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

The Gospel reading is “The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark”. Mark notes that the Passion is taking place during the Passover and the Feast of the Unleavened Bread. Originally, the Passover, which commemorated the Israelites’ deliverance from slavery, and the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, which memorialized the night that the first born of the Egyptians were slain (10th plague) were two separate festivals. Later they were combined so that Israel could experience more meaning to the celebration of the Passover. It then truly served as an offering of thanks and praise to God for all he had done.

By placing Jesus’ own sacrifice during these two festivals, Mark links the meaning of Jesus’ death with the liberation of the exiles. Jesus is the lamb who is innocently sacrificed so that his people might be free. Christians will memorialize this in the Eucharist, which has its roots in the Passover meal.

How Well Do You Know Your Faith

1. The three Sacraments of Initiation are baptism, confirmation, and
 - (a) reconciliation
 - (b) Eucharist
 - (c) matrimony
 - (d) holy orders
2. The United States was officially a mission church until
 - (a) 1776
 - (b) 1812
 - (c) 1865
 - (d) 1908
3. Forgive us our trespasses...
 - (a) whenever we sin
 - (b) even if we can’t forgive others
 - (c) as we forgive those who trespass against us
 - (d) and peace to people on earth
4. The apparition of the Blessed Mother in Vietnam brings her honor as Our Lady of
 - (a) La Vang
 - (b) Knock
 - (c) La Salette
 - (d) Fatima
5. The light that indicates the presence of the reserved Sacrament in the tabernacle is called the
 - (a) sanctuary lamp
 - (b) votive light
 - (c) Prie-dieu
 - (d) ambo
6. On the Church calendar an octave refers to
 - (a) a week
 - (b) nine days of prayer
 - (c) the Twelve Days of Christmas
 - (d) the month’s memorial of a person’s death

(answers elsewhere in bulletin)



1ST COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to serve as ushers and Eucharistic ministers for the 1st Communion Mass on Saturday, **April 25th** at 11:00 am. If you are a family member of one of our 49 First Communion kids and already serve one of these ministries, this would be a great way to be involved. Please call the REP office at 398-0530 or email pmcclure_43@hotmail.com

USHERS 

Ushers are needed, especially for the 5:00 pm and 8:00 am Masses. If you are interested, or know anyone who is interested, please contact Jim Knecht at 317-392-3024.

School Commission

Our St. Joseph School Commission will be holding elections in May and they are seeking individuals who would like to run for the commission. Please contact the school office or one of the our present members—Dennis Gilles, Rick Walke, Stephanie Amos, Bryan Fischer, or Chris O'Connor.

FESTIVAL

We're off and planning for this year's spring festival. **Mark your calendars for this year's festival May 15-16-17.**

The festival giving tree is now up in the back of the church. All parishioners are asked to please help with donations for the festival. If you would like, you can donate money to the festival to help purchase items needed. Return the envelopes by placing them in the collection baskets, or mailing them in to the parish office. Remember, this is our largest fundraiser for the church and everyone's help is needed.

This year's festival chairpersons are:

Don and Michelle Lux.

If questions, please call Don and Michelle Lux at 317-797-3065.

Our festival co-chairpersons are:

Jeff and Kathy Johnson.

ANNUAL PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 11th** starting at 1:00 pm. This is open to all children from toddler to 4th grade. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church; this helps us for planning purposes. If for some reason the weather is inclement, we will have the egg hunt in the school.

The kids will enjoy refreshments and a drawing for extra prizes after the hunt. You can also sign up via email at pmcclure_43@hotmail.com

DONATIONS NEEDED:

We are in need of items for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Items we would appreciate:

- candy-No chocolate, has to fit in plastic egg, and individually wrapped
- cookies (No peanuts please)
- small gifts for drawing: example: jump ropes-hot wheels-kites-games-puzzles-stuffed animals

Please drop off at the REP office by **April 9th**. Call 398-0530 or email pmcclure_43@hotmail.com

PRAYER SERVICES

You are invited to attend the Prayer Services (Rosary and Divine Mercy) every Tuesday morning following the 8:00 am Mass. Please come join us also in praying the Rosary every Saturday at 4:30 pm prior to the 5:00 pm Mass.

PRAYER LINE

If you would like your name placed on the prayer line, please contact JUDY BARBEE at 392-6108.



Preschool and Kindergarten Registration for 2009-2010

Registration has begun for our classes in preschool and kindergarten. If you have a preschooler or a kindergartener who is old enough for these classes, please call the school office (398-4202) or e-mail me – stjoe@lightbound.com - as soon as possible. **Attention:** Present three-year-old preschool parents—please register as soon as possible. Questions? Contact the school office, please.

Good Friday—April 10

School will be in session on Good Friday, April 10, until 1:00 p.m. Afterschool Care will NOT be opened. Good Friday services begin at 2:00 p.m. All students will need to be picked up. Thanks for your help.

Grandparents’ Day for Three-Year-Old Preschool

Our three year olds will be celebrating Grandparents’ (or Special Friends) Day on Tuesday, April 7. Time—9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Professional Development Half-Day

Monday, April 13, is a professional development half-day. Dismissal will be at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be served and Afterschool Care will be opened.

Tutoring Available

Mrs. Marilyn Williamson will be available for summer tutoring. Please call her at 398-3114 for details.

ORGANIZATIONS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus is open for lunch from 11:00 am—1:00 pm Monday through Saturday with dinners on Friday from 6:00—8:00 pm.

ST. ANNE’S ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Anne’s will have a “bakeless” bake sale the week-end of April 18—19. All the money collected in our mixing bowls will go to help with altar expenses.

April 5 through April 12, 2009

- Sunday:** Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9,17-18a,19-20,23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47
- Monday:** Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14
Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17
Jn 13:21-33,36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21bcd-22,31,33-34 Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday:** Gn 1:1-2:2 Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 Rom 6:3-11
Mk 16:1-7
- Sunday:** Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9

(Answers to How Well Do You Know Your Faith)

1. (b) The Eastern Churches often celebrate all three at baptism, even with infants.
2. (d) The status of the American Catholic Church was changed by Pope Pius X early in the 20th century as the Church grew larger and stronger with the arrival of immigrants.
3. (c) These are perhaps the hardest words of the Our Father to pray from the heart.
4. (a) Mary appeared to refugees hiding in La Vang during a period of intense persecution (1798). Two hundred years later, on August 21, 1998, 10,000 Vietnamese-Americans celebrated the event at the U.S. Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
5. (a) The reserved Sacrament is the Real Presence of Christ. The faithful can see at a glance whether it is present in the tabernacle by noting whether the sanctuary lamp is lit.
6. (a) In the early days of the Church, both the first and last day of an octave were numbered, which accounts for the word’s derivation from the Latin word for eight. Today we would refer to it as a week instead of eight days.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

PALM SUNDAY—THE PASSION

The story of the anointing of Jesus is one of the few stories that appears in all four Gospels. As people begin to grumble about the cost and waste of the perfume, Jesus responds: "You always have the poor with you and any time you want to you can do something good for them."

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that we are one human family, regardless of our differences. Answering the call to love our neighbors will promote a culture of respect and lead to peace in our own community, and in communities around the world. May our **fasting** keep us mindful we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

May our **almsgiving** assist those in need here in the United States. Seventy-five percent of your gifts to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world. The remaining 25% of your contributions stay in dioceses in the United States to assist local hunger and poverty alleviation programs.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us in celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. A Mass will be celebrated at Lucas Oil Stadium on **May 3, 2009** at 3:00 pm.

We are looking for assistance from 350 volunteers. Volunteers are needed to assist in most aspects of the Mass such as assisting the Bishops with Confirmation, ushering, sign bearers and Communion Guides. Volunteers will need to be able to walk up and down stairs. Jobs will be assigned when you arrive at Lucas Oil.

Please register on line at www.archindy.org/175th (look for Volunteers). You may also e-mail steve.james@archindy.org Please call Steve James at 317-236-1451 or 800-382-9836 x 1451 with questions.

Miscellaneous

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction is offered by appointment with Beth Schoentrup. Please call 398-0530 and leave a message with Pam; call Beth at home at 392-2090, or e-mail bschoentrup@hotmail.com This is a free service to the parish. The hourly rate for non-parishioner is \$35.00 per session.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Information regarding St. Joseph Parish, School and Religious Ed may be viewed through its website www.stjosephshelby.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Please submit your **written and e-mail** items for the bulletin by **8:00 am on Monday**. E-mail submissions are preferred, and should be sent to lryhal@stjosephshelby.org Please note that all items, **including e-mail items**, must be received by **8:00 am** in order to be in the bulletin for the following weekend. Thank you.



Little Known Facts About Palm Sunday

Do you know why Jesus asked his disciples to bring to Him an ass and her colt?

The holy fathers have explained to us the mystery of these two animals. The ass represents the Jewish people, which had long been under the yoke of the Law; the colt, upon which no man yet hath sat, is a figure of the Gentile world, which no one had ever yet brought into subjection. The future of these two peoples is to be decided a few days hence: the Jews will be rejected for having refused to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah; the Gentiles will take their place, to be adopted as God's people, and become docile and faithful.