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Palm Sunday - The Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020

JOIN US THIS HOLY WEEK

—Coronavirus Edition—

PALM SUNDAY

All are welcome to take home blessed palms that are now available in the church

8:30am: Rosary

9am: Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

6pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Confessions available on Wednesday from 5-7pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon: Stations of the Cross

3pm: Good Friday Service

HOLY SATURDAY

8pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30am: Rosary

9am: Mass

ALL OF THESE LITURGIES WILL BE
AVAILABLE LIVE ON FACEBOOK
AND BLUE VALLEY TV CH. 3

IDEAS FOR CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Palm Sunday

- Pick up blessed palms from the church, display them on your front door and/or make traditional palm crosses with them.

Holy Thursday

- Normally a special part of Mass of the Lord's Supper is when the priest imitates Jesus in washing feet. Consider having a family member do this in your home.
- After watching Mass of the Lord's Supper, have a special meal together as a family.
- After the Lord's Supper, Jesus spent time in the garden praying. Spend some special time in prayer this evening.
- Make your own unleavened bread at home.

Good Friday

- This continues to be a day of abstinence from meat and fasting.
- Make your own Stations of the Cross in your home.
- Since we are not able to venerate the cross together, venerate one in your home.

Holy Saturday

- Candles play an important part of the Easter Vigil Mass. Make your own Easter fire and/or light candles in your home.

Easter Sunday

- Still dress as if you are attending Easter Mass and participate in Mass to the fullest extent.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Apr. 7	+Nadine Taphorn
Wednesday, Apr. 8	+Rose C. Kramer
Thursday, Apr. 9 ~Holy Thursday~	+Living & Deceased members of Emmett & Gertrude Peschel family
Friday, Apr. 10 ~Good Friday~	+Jim Schramm +Everett Tjaden
Saturday, Apr. 11 ~Holy Saturday~	~St. Malachy and St. Gregory Parishioners
Sunday, Apr. 12 ~Easter Sunday~	+Jim and Irene Joyce +Francis Wacek +Barbara Nordhus

PARISH NEWS

Sedar Meal Unfortunately the Sedar Meal has been cancelled for this year. Thanks to everyone who had worked hard preparing for it.

Giving Drop Box For your convenience, a drop box has been placed in the church gathering space for tithing envelopes. The church will continue to be open daily.

Online or ACH Giving Parishioners can give online for a small processing fee or through a Direct Deposit at no charge. Complete information can be found on the Giving page of the St. Gregory website located at <https://www.stgregorychurch.org/giving>.

Daily Readings Daily Mass readings can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website usccb.org. Click the calendar on the right side of the page.

Rice Bowls If you picked up a Rice Bowl to fill during the Lenten season, they can be turned into the Parish Office at any time.

Little White Book Enjoying the Little Black Book during Lent? There's a new one for Easter season! The Little White Book contains six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Easter. They are available in the resource center in the gathering space for all to enjoy.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for March 22nd	\$ 4,570.82
Online Giving Offertory for March	\$ 600.00
<i>(\$11,254 Expected average collection needed each week)</i>	
—Please remember the church in your will or trust—	

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Balance (as of 4/2/20)	\$906,586.49
<i>Donations (since 4/01/20)</i>	<i>(\$ 100.00)</i>
Estimated Outstanding Expenses	\$83,272.25
Total Parish Liability	\$989,758.74
Total Contributions to Date	\$7,417,986.46
<i>(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)</i>	

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION

Please welcome
Blaine Michael Kickhaefer,
 son of Maggie Kickhaefer,
 who was baptized last Sunday at St. Gregory's.

EASTER SYMBOLS

- **The Cross** - Perhaps the most powerful and recognizable symbol of Christianity, especially during Easter season for its significance with Jesus' crucifixion, it's a symbol of Christ's victory over death.
- **Easter Lily** - The white Easter lily symbolizes purity and honesty.
- **Lamb** - The lamb is a significant symbol of Easter, because Jesus is often referred to in the bible as the "Lamb of God."
- **Easter Egg** - The egg is a symbol of new life and represents Christ's empty tomb.
- **Butterfly** - A butterfly emerging from the cocoon is a symbol of metamorphosis, transformation, hope and eternal life. The caterpillar stands for Jesus' life on Earth, the cocoon portrays his crucifixion and burial and the butterfly represents the Resurrection.

RESOURCES

Most people use the excuse that they don't have time to pray, but now everyone is suddenly finding that they have a lot more extra time than they know what to do with. Think of 'self-isolation' as a retreat opportunity! Here are some great resources.

- **Formed.org:** This has a lot of great video series about the faith, faith-filled movies, and even cartoons for children. Maybe make it a family goal to watch a video series together or a faith-filled movie once a week.
- **Magnificat:** This very popular daily devotional is being offered online for free during the crisis. This resource follows the daily Mass readings and has some prayers for the morning and evening. Maybe make it a family goal to do evening prayer together each night before supper. www.magnificat.com/free
- **Laudate:** This is currently the #1 Catholic app on the app store and highly recommended by Fr. Nathan.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus,
 I believe that You are present
 in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there
 and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.*



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



This week marked a historic moment for St. Gregory School as we began teaching and learning from a distance. With our hallways empty, education is still moving forward. Our PreK-6 grade students are continuing their education through both academic work packets and online learning guided by their teachers and parents. We are excited to partner with parents in this whole new way. Working together for the success of our students!

We hope that everyone is taking this time to slow down, enjoy your family a little extra, and thank God for all of the many blessings in your life.

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices." ~ St. Teresa of Avila

ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ATTENTION!!
Couples celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
June 7, 2020 ~ 2:00pm ~ Church of the Nativity/Leawood

To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the Parish Office at 562-3302 and give us your name, address, phone number & date of your wedding.

Please do this as soon as possible.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"None of us can know the future. It's one of the reasons why Jesus tells us not to have anxiety about the future. It's futile, because we can't ever know it."

Dynamic Catholic, Fr. Mike Schmitz

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 6 Beau Bussmann, John Kirkland
Apr. 7 Tami Sedlacek, Lucy West, Rosemary Meador
Apr. 9 Mark Meier, Jett Lord
Apr. 10 Judy Brockman, Jane Seematter
Apr. 11 Emma Detimore, Levi Nordhus, Nicole Wassenberg, Bill Schwindamann
Apr. 12 Sara Kroeger, Ryan Claeys

ANNIVERSARIES

Apr. 8 Terry and Joyce Koch
Apr. 9 Dane and Ali Minge
Apr. 12 Rob and Crystal Roudybush

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please pray for Linda Mitchell, Rick Ham, Mallory LeSage, Lori Stohs, Liz Arth, Evelyn Anderson, Mike Watters, Doug Ryan, Betty Melcher, Steven Appel, Tony Evans, Karen Palazzola, Shane Molton, Teresa Reiling, Bruce Leonard, Doug Wende, Breckyn File, Melody Germann, Brittany Pappada, Mary Landoll, Scotty Hudson, Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, Dolores Wassenberg, Jim Nordhus, Don Cudney, Tori Dettke, Margaret Schotte, Kristi Meyer, Scott Throm, Joel Rivera, Janet Holle, Bill Mullins, Parker Price, Joleen Cohorst, Jessie Sawin, Christen Hatzenbuehler, Janet Kirkland, Mary Feldhausen, Boston Bieler, Hudson Gartner, Rosie Brinker, Raymond Throm, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Mary Ann Lehman, Keith & Teresa Peeks, James & Jessa Sublette, Annette Pacha Smith, Bill Brinker, Joan Wacek, Rick Weigel, Barry Baber, Jordan Mackey, Wayne Price, Angie Miller, Bill Schwindamann, Scott Frerking, Wayne Kruse, Dorothy Peschel, Andy Kwapnioski, Larry Wissmann, Jane Fragel Williamson, Grace Koelzer, Libby Muchow, Jennifer McKeen, Leah Wassenberg, Walt & Charlotte Zimmerling, Tom Nolte, Margaret Stoehr, Francis Kloeker, Sandy Schmitz, Martha Meier, Marty Clark, Emily Larson, Debbie Jueneman, Jim Davis, Bernard Bussmann, Pat Plegge Pratt, Jim D. Schmitz, Carl Walston, Fred Behrens, Katie Vering and Dennis Mason.
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Baptisms: See website for information
Weddings: Contact Father Nathan

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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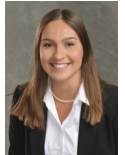
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