



# April 10, 2022

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### Our Attitude Toward the Cross

As we are entering into Holy Week, the precious days in the liturgical year, we are invited to walk with Jesus reflectively. The **Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus** will be the highlighting themes throughout this week. The theme of my discussion today is **Cross**, the redemptive sign of every Christian. There were **four** people who bore their crosses on **the first Good Friday**. Let us discuss the attitudes of each one towards the cross and the lessons we learn from our own crosses.

**Cross of Simon of Cyrene:** The first was Simon of Cyrene. He was compelled and hence, had no choice. Life often does that. We are compelled to carry crosses at times. But such crosses can change our life directions. Simon was pushed into this decision. Getting under the Heavy Cross of Jesus is a forceful opportunity for Simon to think about willfully carrying the cross in the future. If we are to be totally committed to carrying the Cross of Christ, it is going to cost us and no doubt will change our direction.

**The Cross of Rebellious Thief:** The second man was the rebellious thief. His was a cross of great gloom. He died blaming everyone including Christ for his fate (Lk 23:29). The rebellious thief rejected Jesus, thus choosing eternal condemnation. We have learned that we can be saved, even at the very hour of our death. This criminal couldn't see the mercy of Jesus because he couldn't see himself correctly. He was full of pride. How many of us are like this criminal? Filled with pride, we reject Jesus because of our stubborn heart.

**The Cross of Penitent Thief:** The third cross bearer was the penitent-thief. He looked beyond the shame of it, to see Christ as a King, the messiah. (Lk 23:40-43). His cross had meaning – it began in gloom, but ended in glory. The penitent thief believed in Jesus and received eternal life. It is never too late to repent and ask the Lord to accept us. Jesus cleansed this man from his sins, received him graciously, and justified him unconditionally. He conferred upon a sinner the gift of eternal life. He had a completely different attitude towards himself and Jesus. He recognizes that he is suffering justly. He is humble enough to admit that he is a sinner and deserves his fate. And this perspective allows him to see Jesus more clearly. He puts his faith in Jesus and "calls on the name of the Lord" (Acts 2:21).

**The Cross of Jesus:** The last cross was that of Christ: He died for all of us, out of love. He willingly stretched out His hands and feet to receive those nails and to retain them even after His resurrection as love marks. His cross was a chosen cross. It is a Christian cross.

Billy Graham comes out with **four dimensions of the Cross of Jesus**

**Breath of the Cross:** The love of Christ is manifested in the cross to everyone. It includes you and me whoever we are. Whatever our status, even someone with no religion. Jesus says from the cross, "I love you."

**Length of the cross:** It has no measure. It extends from eternity to eternity, from everlasting to everlasting. There is always a measure to anything that is man made. But how can you measure God's love for us on the cross? The Bible says that God's love surpasses knowledge (Ephesians 3:19).

**Height of the cross:** It extends to the throne of God. It doesn't matter how high heaven is. Through the cross, God draws all people to Himself.

**Depth of the cross:** We may fall into the pit of sin and degradation. One may live like an animal. Someone may be a murderer. But we can't get beyond the love of God. The cross covers to the very gates of hell. How deep is God's love? It can draw every sinner up to the exalted height of heaven.

**For us Christians, the way to happiness and joy lies on the cross. The joy of His achievement was greater than the depth of His pain. Let's embrace our daily crosses to achieve the eternal joy.**

*Fr. Cryton*

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### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM  
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM  
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

### DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

Thursdays at 2:00 PM

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM  
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

### EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass  
Benediction at 4:00 PM  
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM  
Benediction at 4:00 PM

**Mass Intentions for the week of April 10, 2022**

Sat. Apr. 9	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Art and Don Vinopal</i>
Sun. Apr. 10	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Rose &amp; LaVerne Schaller</i>
	10:00 AM	<i>For our Parishioners</i>
Tue. Apr. 12	5:30 PM	<i>Special Intention</i>
Wed. Apr. 13	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>
	6:15 PM	For <i>All Deceased Members of the Howard G. Rose Family</i>
Thu. Apr. 14	7:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Daniel Simon</i>
Fri. Apr. 15	1:30 PM	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Sat. Apr. 16	8:30 PM	<i>For our Parishioners</i>
Sun. Apr. 17	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John E. Walsh</i>

**Pray for the health of** Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Emma Boehm, Anna Madden and Irene Klingemann.

**Pray for those in the military serving our country:** Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Will Post, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandowski and Ethan Jasinski.

**Easter Flower Memorials** in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by April 12 in time for their names to be published for Easter.

**Chrism Mass ~ April 12:** The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

**For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us",** your Easter issue is available on the rectory porch. Please stop by and pick yours up.

**SUNDAY SOCIAL—Sunday, April 24th after the 8 AM Mass.** This is the last social until next fall. Please plan to come!

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

April 23      John Caliguri & Antoinette Crivello

**Stewardship Corner ~ April 3rd & 4th, 2022**  
**(524 Registered Families)**

		<b>**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$8,384.62		\$ 6,221.00
On-Line Giving			2,686 .00
Children's Envelopes	9.61		10.00
Loose Offering	385.00		384.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>		<b>\$ 8,779.23</b>	<b>\$ 9,301.00</b>

Year-to-date\* budget requirement      \$351,169.17  
Year-to-date amount contributed      \$352,787.48

\*Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to current date

**\*\* Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 145,603 for this fiscal year.**

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

**Weekly Calendar**

Tuesday	Apr. 12	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
Wednesday	Apr. 13	5:15 PM	Catholic Ed. Comm. Mtg.
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 PM	Time of Prayer in Church
Thursday	Apr. 14	12:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
		2:00 PM	Rosary in Church

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**—Tuesday, April 19th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

**Knights of Columbus Sportsmen's Raffle**—The drawing is just around the corner! The KC's will be drawing the winners at their April 19th meeting. If you have not had a chance to buy your tickets yet, please ask a KC member or stop by the rectory office. Thank you for your support!

**Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle**—There is still time to purchase your tickets for a chance to win \$50,000 or lots of other prizes. Tickets are available in the gathering area or from any Knight. The deadline to purchase tickets is April 25th.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal ~ Thank you** to all who have returned their pledge cards so far. Our goal for this year is \$41,140. **We currently have 87 families who have pledged \$33,176.** If you did not receive a pledge card, please give the rectory office a call and we will be happy to send one to you.

**FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING—THURSDAY, APRIL 28th AT 6:30 PM in Reardon Hall.** We are asking ALL people involved with the festival and those interested in helping out this year to attend this meeting to help plan this year's Fall Festival. We need VOLUNTEERS! Please consider coming to this meeting. Committee chairs—please invite your entire committee to come!

**MEN'S RETREAT~ hosted by St. Joseph's Parish, Baraboo.** ~ On Saturday, April 30th, all men are invited to the 16th annual retreat at Camp Gray and hosted by St. Joseph's - Baraboo Parish. Bishop Donald Hying will be speaking at this event. Activities during the day include Mass, small group discussion, Rosary, Confession, and adoration. The Saturday retreat begins at 8:00am and concludes by 3:30pm. To register, visit [www.barabooatholic.org/adult-faith-formation](http://www.barabooatholic.org/adult-faith-formation), or contact the St. Joseph's Faith Formation office at 356-5353.

**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP will be in early May. Please have all items that you wish to save removed by MAY 1st.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of April 9th & 10th**  
**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Jaime Pouillie, Jeri Kolba, Steve Hesprich  
Eucharistic Minister: Carol Kaiser  
Servers: Owen & Aedyn Lubinski  
Musicians: Sharon Kelly  
Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski  
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Fran Lunenschloss, Tom Schoettler,  
Bill Powers

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Larry Moore, Deacon Juan, Bridget Gunther  
Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Schanke  
Servers: Seth Schwedrsky, Carson Demaske, Canaan Becker  
Musicians: Cristina Becker, Joe Clary  
Greeters: The Becker Family  
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Paul Curran, Howard Boppert,  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Servers: Hudson Randall, Cooper Thayer, Johann Wolf  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
Greeters:  
Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Eli & Johannes Boppert

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Holy Thursday, April 14th ~ 7:00 PM**

Lector: Deacon Juan Delgado  
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppert  
Servers:  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
Greeters:  
Ushers:

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Good Friday, April 15th ~ 1:30 PM**

Lectors: Jaime Pouillie, Deacon Juan, Lisa Pouillie  
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm  
Servers:  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
Greeters:  
Ushers:

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of April 16th & 17th**

**Saturday, 8:30 PM**

Lector: Jeri Kolba, Steve Hesprich, Deacon Juan,  
Bridget Gunther, David Hoffmann  
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppert  
Servers:  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
Greeters:  
Ushers:

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Paul Schaller  
Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Schanke  
Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke  
Musicians: Joe Clary, Cristina Becker  
Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson, Carol Gross  
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Lisa Pouillie  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Servers: Weston & Garrett Pouillie, Joseph Geis  
Musicians: Anna Boppert, Sharon Kelly  
Greeters: Bill Thill, Nancy Horabik  
Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Eli & Johannes Boppert

**200 ENVELOPES FUNDRAISER**

This week, 11 envelopes were returned bringing our total to 74 envelopes for a total of \$6,974.00. Thank you!

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday**

Mass on Thursday, April 14—7 PM

**Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 15—1 PM;  
Good Friday Service—1:30 PM

**Holy Saturday**

Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 16—8:30 PM

**Easter Sunday**

Masses on Sunday, April 17—8 AM and 10 AM

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Masses on Saturday, April 23— 5PM

and Sunday, April 24— 8AM and 10AM

Adoration & Confessions will follow the 10AM Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:45 AM

Benediction at 12 noon

**Good Friday Collection:**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday)

**Just a Reminder—Scrip is sold during the week at the SCHOOL office.** You can stop by to purchase it during our office hours or call or e-mail ahead and we will have your order ready for you to pick up. Please support our school by using Scrip.

***Prayer Opportunities***

**Hour of Mercy:** Tuesdays from 3 PM to 4 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world.

**Wednesday Evening Prayer Time:** The church will be open on Wednesday evenings at 8 PM for a time of prayer. Please feel free to join as / when you are able.

**Praying the Rosary:** Join us on Thursdays at 2 PM in church to pray the rosary. Our intention is for "peace in Eastern Europe and throughout the world." The rosary is live-streamed on our parish Facebook page.

**Holy Hour:** Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.

**Companions for the Journey ~** Just as food is required for human life, so are companions. Companions nourish our heart, mind, soul, and body. Friday's Companion for the Journey is: Praying with Hildegard of Bingen. **Join us on Fridays from 9 am—9:30 am in Reardon Hall.** We'll learn about a different saint each week and discover ways to practically live out our faith. Hope to see you there!



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