

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ST. MAURICE, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**TUE: 6:00 PM** at St. Maurice  
**WED: 8:00 AM** at St. John  
**THUR: 6:00 PM** at IC  
**FRI: 8:00 AM** at St. John  
**SAT: 8:00 AM** at St. John  
(Holy Hour One Hour Prior to All Masses Listed Above.)

**SATURDAY VIGIL**  
**4:00 PM** at St. Maurice  
**5:00 PM** at St. John

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION**  
**7:30 AM** at St. John  
**9:00 AM** at IC  
**10:00 AM** at St. Maurice

## **ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice  
12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC  
3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

## **ROSARY**

Mondays 10:30 AM  
at Immaculate Conception

## **CONFESSION TIMES**

**ST. JOHN:** Friday 3:00-4:00 PM  
Saturday 4:45 PM

**IC:** Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM  
After Sunday Mass

**ST. MAURICE:** 15 minutes before  
weekend Masses

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28**

Immaculate Conception - 6:00 PM  
St. Maurice - 6:00 PM

### **GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29**

St. Maurice - 9:00 AM (Stations of the Cross)  
St. John the Baptist - 3:00 PM  
St. Maurice - 3:00 PM

### **HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30**

St. Maurice - 6:00 PM  
St. John the Baptist - 8:00 PM

### **EASTER - MARCH 31**

St. Maurice - 10:00 AM  
Immaculate Conception - 8:30 AM  
St. John the Baptist - 10:30 AM

+ **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.

+ The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.

+ The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.



## March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

*Hosanna is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation*

# Empty Praise? No!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

How could anyone think that the joyous cry “Hosanna!” would be viewed as empty praise? Though the word has come down to us from the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb “to save” (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise? The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often, we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but all of humanity—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works.

This is precisely what today’s readings describe. The Gospel reading for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out, “Hosanna!” Later we hear, “Crucify him!” Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us, often afraid to take an unpopular stand, lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier “Hosanna” empty praise? Probably not. Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us. †

### A Word from Pope Francis



Jesus, in his abandonment, asks us to open our eyes and hearts to all who find themselves abandoned.... Let us ask for the grace to see and acknowledge the Lord who continues to cry out in them. May we not allow his voice to go unheard amid the deafening silence of indifference.

*ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 14, 2021*

### Reflection Questions:

*Hosanna is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation.*

- If you have failed to support someone, can you ask them to forgive you?
- Can you forgive someone who has betrayed you?

## PRAYER

*So that this Holy Week we may love those who hurt us, make peace, and do our part*

*in the building of the Kingdom, we pray—*

*Lord, let us be like you. AMEN*

*The Redeemers*



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

*“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’”*

**MARK 15:12-13**

Jesus told us “Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

### Holy Thursday

On this evening, Jesus had one last chance to share a meal with his friends and say, “This is who I really am; this is how I want you to remember me.”



Evening Mass at

Immaculate Conception - 6:00 PM

St Maurice – 6:00 PM

**Good Friday** - Can you see Jesus, hanging upon the Cross, looking upon you, only you? Do you see His loving glance that says, “See how much I love you”? Love is repaid by love alone. He wants your heart.

St Maurice – Stations of the Cross - 9:00 AM, Passion of Christ - 3:00 PM

St John – Passion of Christ - 3:00 PM



## March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*Lord Jesus, make us people of the light and rise in us that we may be an Easter people, witnessing to your glory, we pray—Amen! Alleluia!*

### Seeing Is Believing

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**C**lever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase “seeing is believing” really doesn’t fit well.

In today’s first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It’s clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. Saint Bernadette saw our Lady; St. Francis heard a voice. This isn’t to say that the revelations weren’t real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human. Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us. †

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### A Word from Pope Francis



Brothers, sisters, may we rediscover the enjoyment of the journey, quicken the heartbeat of hope and experience a foretaste of the beauty of heaven!

Today, let us summon the energy to advance in goodness towards Goodness itself, which never disappoints.... Today let us believe and profess: “Christ is truly risen from the dead!”

*URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE, ROME, APRIL 9, 2023*

### Reflection Questions:

*It’s clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus.*

- Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight?
- The risen Christ is with us still; have you experienced him?

*Alleluia !!*



### STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God’s Gifts To Us*

*“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”*

**COLOSSIANS 3:2**

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us.

We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

### Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Each year the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish to take up the collection to support and aid the Christian community in the Holy Land.

This year your help is greatly needed because of the tragic events of October 7, 2023. Not only does this collection support the work of the Franciscans in maintaining the sacred shrines, but also supports the daily needs of the people who live in the Holy Land.

**I urge you to please be as generous as you can.**



## Parish Support

March 10	Weekly	1,721.00
March 17	Weekly	2,304.00
Catholic Relief Services		314.00
Easter Flowers		215.00

# MASS Intentions

**Mass Intentions Available.** Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	Mar 23	8:00 AM	☩ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 23	5:00 PM	☩ Randy Simon
<b>Palm Sunday</b>			
Sun	Mar 24	7:30 AM	☩ Bill & Eddie Purdy
Wed	Mar 27	5:50 PM	☩ Jeff Ogden
<b>Good Friday Service</b>			
Fri	Mar 29	3:00 PM	No Mass Intention
<b>Holy Saturday</b>			
Sat	Mar 30	8:00 PM	☩ Emily Mathes
<b>Easter Sunday</b>			
Sun	Mar 31	10:30AM	☩ Randy Simon
Wed	Apr 03	8:00 AM	☩ Special Intention
Sat	Apr 06	5:00 PM	☩ Randy Simon
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>			
Sun	Apr 07	7:30 AM	☩ Todd Holzer

## 2024 United Catholic Appeal United in the Eucharist Update

**Goal Amount \$11,929**  
**Total pledged: \$16,885**  
**Total donors: 42**  
**Percentage of goal: 142%**

## Church Cleaning Schedule

Rosemary & Idona Newhart	1st Week
Ted Wissel & Mary Jane Hunter	2nd Week
Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis	3rd Week
Mary Ann W & Susan Banta	4th Week

***Thank you all for your time and hard work!***

## FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.



### ***Please Remember in Prayer:***

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Peggy Fear	Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Sam Conroy
Todd Holzer	Keith Jarvis	Larry Kendall	Mark Meister	Teresita Noah	Tom Noah
Eileen Ogden	Pavi Pathak Fam.	Louise Rohrig	Dolores Simon	Darin Toops	Peggy Wagner
Active Service Deployment				Mary Jane Geyman	
	Ben Zigan & Aaron Greiw				

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### March 29 - Good Friday 3:00 PM

<b>Coordinator</b>	Ted Wissel
<b>Greeter</b>	Ron Miller
<b>Lector/Voice</b>	Jennifer Tunny
<b>Narrator</b>	Sharon Voegeli
<b>Eucharist</b>	Ron Ebinger

### March 30

<b>Coordinator</b>	Mary Ann W
<b>Greeter</b>	Jill Jansing
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 3</b>	John H
<b>Lector 7 &amp; Ep</b>	Gary Payne
<b>Eucharist</b>	Ron Ebinger
<b>Wine</b>	John K/Susan

### March 31

Sharon Voegeli
Bob Voegeli
Jessica Gorman
Jessica Gorman
Roger M/Bill M

### April 6

<b>Coordinator</b>	Mary Ann W
<b>Greeter</b>	Steve Mathes
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Payne
<b>Eucharist</b>	Stephanie Green
<b>Wine</b>	Susan B/Doug W

### April 7

Ron Miller
Jill Jansing
Jessica Gorman
Jill Jansing
Melissa/Bob Grable

## ***National Eucharistic Congress***

Parking Information: The NEC has created an information and parking website.

[www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org). See the bulletin board as you exit church for more information.

## ***Mary's Way - Women Answering Yes***

St Louis Parish, Annual Mary's Way Dinner  
Guest Speaker - Danielle Bean. She is a Catholic speaker who encouraged women of all ages to find humor in daily challenges and the joy God intends for every one of us.

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 to 9:00 PM

St Louis Activity Center

Tickets - \$25. Call 812-934-3204

## **St John's Ladies Meeting, April 2, 5:00 PM**

**All Ladies are invited!!**

Two agenda items are a **Bake Sale for the Relay for Life** and Participating in a program called **Hygiene Care Package Project** through Catholic Charities.

***We Plan to Have Many Projects this Year!!***