



Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

**Sunday, March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Liturgical Ministers

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 Tenebrae

Server: Rylan Edgington

Server:

Reader: Linda Barnum

Thursday, March 28, 2024, Holy Thursday

Oils: MD Flattery, Karen VD, Susan

Heggen

Greeters: Dave and Liz Birkenholtz

Servers: Sharon Jones (Cross)

Irma Bell (Incense)

Delilah Miranda (Book/Candle)

Charlee Mosher (Altar/Candle)

Readers: Joann Carrothers

Linda Barnum

Gift Bearers: Ed and Kathleen Parker

EMHC: Claire Williams

Marcia Grimm

Friday, March 29, 2024, Good Friday

Servers: Rylan Edgington

Aubrey Edgington

Readers: Linda Barnum

Joann Carrothers

Linda Barnum

Ed Parker

Collection: Karen VanDusseldorp

Irma Bell

Saturday, March 30, 2024, Easter Vigil

Greeters: Nate and Kelly Mosher

Servers: Olivia Bell

Irma Bell

Sharon Jones

___ WE NEED SOMEONE ___

Readers: Linda Barnum (1, 2, 3)

Giovanna Rodriguez (4, 5, 6)

Gift Bearers: Tom and Marcia Grimm

EMHC: Susan Heggen

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Sunday, March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday

Greeters: Dave and Liz Birkenholtz

Servers: Ryan Braun (Cross)

Delilah Miranda (Book/Candle)

Sharon Jones (Incense)

Readers: Joann Carrothers

Brad Haggerty

Gift Bearers: Ed and Kathleen Parker

EMHC: Claire Williams



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Diane Wood

Carol Swift

David Shepley, son of

Deloris Shepley, Cancer

Raegan Lester: niece of

Tracey Wilson, Cancer

Leland Braun: husband of

Dody Braun, Good Health

George Ernst

Jamie Coady, cousin of Fr. Ron, cancer

Peggy Lester, sister of Tracey Wilson, Cancer

Bruce (Dementia) and **Mary Jo** (Continued Health) **Stephenson**,

Michelle Rebelsky, friend and former parishioner of Fr. Ron, Cancer

Matt Bell, son of Irma Bell, Recovery from Infection

Michael John Holmes, husband of Michelle Holmes, Cancer

Charlene Montgomery, mother of Lisa Bussan, **in hospice care**

Michael John Nelson

Terry Hilker, husband of Lori Colister Hilker

David McDowell, former parishioner of Fr. Ron, lymphoma

JoAnn Bessler, sister of Karen VanDusseldorp, cancer

Jen Scheetz, cousin of Karen VanDusseldorp, cancer

Suzie Hansen, former parishioner of Fr. Ron, colon cancer

Baby Grace Parker, newborn granddaughter of Ed and Kathleen

Parker

Karen Van Dusseldorp's Mother

UPCOMING EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 25, 2024—MARCH 30, 2024

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

ISAIAH 50:4-7; PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11; JOHN 14:1—15:47

- 9:00AM (+*PRO POPULO*)

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK (6)

ISAIAH 42:1-7; JOHN 12:1-11

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (6)

ISAIAH 49:1-6; JOHN 13:21-33, 36-38

- 8:00 AM (+*RICHARD ERICKSEN, BY LINDA ERICKSEN*)

Wednesday, MARCH 27, 2024

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

ISAIAH 50:4-9A; MATTHEW 26:14-25

- 8:00 AM (+*JEANETTE WELDON BY IRMA BELL*)

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

EXODUS 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26;
JOHN 13:1-15

- 6:30 PM (+*MAGGIE CLARK, BY MARY JO HOSTETTER*)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

ISAIAH 52:13—53:12; HEBREWS 4:14-16, 5:7-9; JOHN 18:1—19:42

- 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

HOLY SATURDAY

GENESIS 1:1—2:2; GENESIS 22:1-18;
EXODUS 14:15—15:1; ISAIAH 54:5-14; ISAIAH 55:1-11;
BARUCH 3:9-15, 32-4:4 ROMANS 6:3-11; MARK 16:1-7

- 8:30 PM (+*SARA CAMBAGE*)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Holy Week Begins Jesus Entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday

- Sunday, March 24** Palm Sunday, 9:00 AM
Monday, March 25 Chrism Mass at the Cathedral and Clergy Day of Reflection 10:30 AM
Wednesday, March 27 Soup Supper 5:45-6:45 PM hosted by Rel. Ed. Students and lead by the Confirmation Class Tenebrae 7 PM
Thursday, March 28 Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:30 PM Adoration until 9:00 PM
Friday, March 29 Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM Good Friday Service, 6:30 PM
Saturday, March 30 Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM immediately following, church decorating Easter Vigil, 8:30 PM
- Easter Sunday**
- Sunday, March 31** Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection 9:00 AM



Leadership Team

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Deacon Joe Dvorak

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Natalie Owen (3)
Tom Wilson (3)

1st Term, 1st Year
Marcia Grimm (2)
Giovanna Rodriguez

1st Term, 1st Year
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 as a time to
ERADICATE EVIL OR CULTIVATE VIRTUE
 a time to
 pull up weeds or
 plant good seeds
 WHICH IS BETTER IS CLEAR,
 for the **Christian ideal**
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POSITIVE RATHER THAN NEGATIVE.
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The Christian Pilgrim

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with Fr. Marty Goetz

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September 30-October 11, 2024



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SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE:
 Come along Nov. 4-14, 2024, to some of the most beautiful sites in all of France. We'll visit the holy Shrine of Lourdes, the home of St. Martin of Tours, the grand Chartres Cathedral, the monastery of Mont St. Michel, Normandy Beach along with both an American Cemetery and a German Cemetery, the home of St. Therese the Little Flower in Lisieux and the wonderful city of Paris! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,299 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 307 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email fdanguenther@gmail.com Fr. Guenther has been leading these pilgrimages for over 25 years!



St. Patrick Church - Ottumwa Presents:

Liturgical Sewing Workshop

Sat. April 13, 9:00am - 3:00pm

**\$10 registration fee includes lunch
& all necessary sewing materials.**

Registration due April 6, fee paid at door.

**Come learn how to use
your talents & creativity
to beautify our parishes
& glorify the Lord!**



**For questions or to register, please call
Mary Perry: 641-208-6028 or
Mary Bright Hingst: 641-654-1160
222 N. Ward Street, Ottumwa, IA 52501**

Liturgical Sewing Workshop:
St. Patrick - Ottumwa

Looking for a way to beautify your parish? Want to express your creativity in a spiritual way? Have sewing talents you want to share with others?

Then check out the Liturgical Sewing Workshop on

Saturday, April 13 at St. Patrick Catholic Church (222 N. Ward Street, Ottumwa, IA 52501) from 9:00am—3:00pm!

At this workshop, you will learn about the different kinds of church linens/decorations and the basic principles of liturgical design (materials, colors, techniques, etc.) To help you learn, we will also be making one of the most simple, but most important, of all church linens: the purificator.

Lunch and all necessary sewing materials will be provided, for a \$10 registration fee.

If you have questions or want to register for the workshop, please call Mary Perry at 641-208-6028 or Mary Bright Hingst at 641-954-1160. Registration is due by April 6 and all fees can be paid at the door.



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

In addition to musicians, and liturgical ministers, we need much help decorating for the various Masses during Holy Week. Below are the times and dates we need help!

March 24

After Mass setup for Holy Thursday

March 26

After Mass setup for Tenebrae

March 27

After Tenebrae, finish setup for Holy Thursday

March 29

Setup for Good Friday, time TBD

March 30

Following Morning Prayer setup for Easter

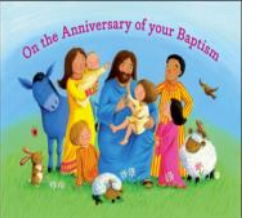


March Wedding Anniversaries
 Mike and Shelly Wood 3/9
 Keegan and Lindsey Porter 3/19


March Birthdays
 Olivia Bell 3/4
 Grace Brown 3/5
 Aidrik Osterhaus 3/9
 Brooke Dross 3/11
 Alexis Dross 3/11
 Chloe Muck 3/12
 Arianna Sitzmann 3/12
 Peggy Dvorak 3/15
 Santo Miranda (3/18
 James Webb 3/18
 Kyle Wood 3/18
 Bill Hill 3/21
 Miguel Miranda 3/27
 Joe Dvorak 3/28
 Vince Sitzmann 3/30

Landscaping Project Update
 Our project will begin this spring, exact date TBD.
 Have you had an opportunity to support the project? If not, there's still time.
 Please put our contribution in an envelope marked "Landscaping Project" or use the Capital Improvement envelope in your packet. Just put it in the collection basket.

March Baptismal Birthdays
 Rylan Edgington 3/01
 Iris Osterhaus 3/21
 Aidrik Osterhaus 3/21
 Olivia Bell 3/22



**DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT
 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
 INTERNSHIP**


 Working to End Poverty and Injustice in the United States


APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2024
[CCHD Intern Application Form 2024-2025](#)

Who? Any U.S. Catholic with an interest in solidarity building, participation of the poor, and Catholic Social Teaching. Spanish-speaking preferred but not required.

What? Intern will work with one local CCHD funded group: Quad Cities Interfaith, Davenport, Center for Worker Justice, Iowa City, Escucha Mi Voz, Iowa City. Tasks will vary but may include: parish education, training and outreach, letter and article writing, research, and developing relationships with community organizations and the Hispanic Community. The internship is 16-20 flexible hours per week for 24 weeks during the school year paid at \$17/hr.

When? 2024/2025 school year. Intern must be able to attend the National CCHD training in DC **May 29-May 31, 2024.** (all expenses paid)

Where to apply? <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/cchd-internship-opportunities>

2023/2024 INTERN

 Julissa Govea, is the 2023/2024 CCHD intern. She is a student at the University of Iowa, majoring in Political Science. Julissa is fluent in Spanish, she will be working with the [Center for Worker Justice of Easter Iowa](#). She helps in the department of wage theft and has participated in successfully resolved wage theft cases.

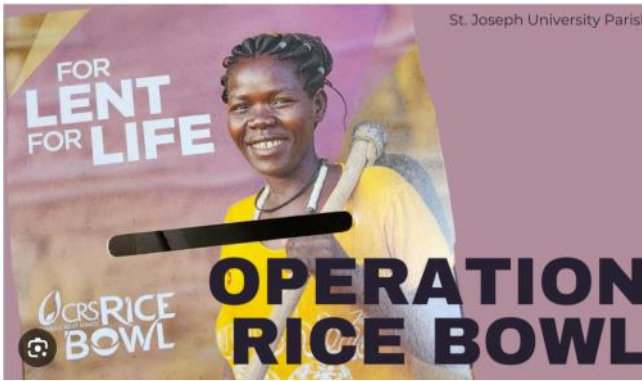
For more information contact: Deacon Kent Ferris Tel 563-888-4211
 Email: ferris@davenportdiocese.org OR querrero@davenportdiocese.org

Mail your Application to:
 Diocese of Davenport 780 West Central Park, Davenport IA 52804-1901

**ARE YOU CATHOLIC?
 INTERESTED IN FIGHTING POVERTY?**

THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

- Provides grants to self-help projects developed by grassroots groups of empowered poor persons who are working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities.
- Works to increase Catholics' awareness of poverty in the U.S., educates about Catholic social tradition, and builds bridges between poor and non-poor communities.

**Do you feel behind in filling your rice bowl?
 Here are some ideas...**

- put .05 in your RB for every bag of snacks in your house
- put \$1 in your RB just because.
- put .25 in your RB for each coat you have
- put .25 in your RB for each time someone in you family has eaten out in the last week
- put .75 in your RB for each time you've eaten meat on Ash Wednesday or a Friday during lent

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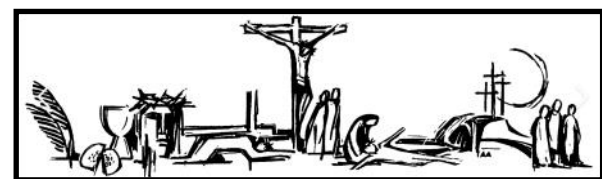
In recent months, parishioners have asked what may be done, for the parish, in the way of memorial gifts given in memory of loved ones. After some thought we've composed a list of idea.

1. Due to some deaths and canceled pledges fulfilling our capital campaign pledges is going to fall \$3,200 short. A gift to decrease or eliminate that shortfall could be given.
2. A gift could be given toward the completion of the landscaping project.
3. Our holy water bucket and aspergillum need to be replaced.
4. We have a number of candlesticks and candelabra that need to be replated.
5. Our white cope and humeral veil need to be replaced. A good deal of the color of the applique is gone and the stains around the neckline no longer come out.

Future items:

1. Installation of a hearing loop system might be useful as as our parish continues to age
2. At some point we will need to look at the stabilization of our stained glass windows.
3. It would be nice to have an automated bell ringing system like the Baptists have.

These are just some things we've thought about as a starting place. If you are interested in providing a memorial for a loved one and have other ideas, please speak to Fr. Ron.



"Pastor, 'confirmed' means we only have to attend church on Christmas and Easter, right?"

One of our Lenten obligations is almsgiving. Regardless how little we have, there is always someone with less. We might not see them, and we might not know them (or we might, without knowing their situation) but they deserve the same as we do. Please help our brothers and sisters by participating in CRS's Operation Rice Bowl. Let's fill all our boxes by the end of Lent.

We can make a difference!



Don't forget to fill up your Rice Bowl!



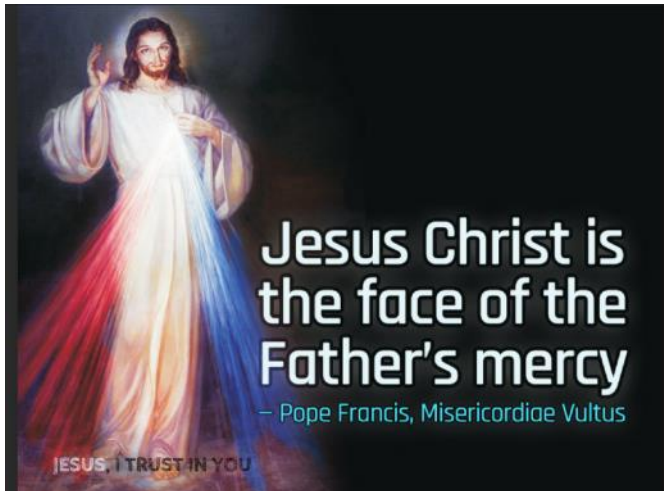
We Need Liturgical Ministers, please help!

As much as we need funds to operate the parish we need people to fill the needed liturgical roles in the liturgy.

- We have 3 altar servers that serve most of the time. Two of them are over 70.
- We have 6 readers
- We have 5 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- We need 19 ministers each Mass not counting the priest, deacon, and choir.

We need your help. We don't really have the luxury of "retiring" from ministry. **S T R E T C H** yourself. It's entirely possible you find a gift or talent you didn't even know you had!

Answer, YES, when asked!



**Divine Mercy Sunday
Celebrations
Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Ottumwa Deanery Celebration
St. Mary, Centerville
1:30-3:00 PM
Adoration, Prayers, and Confessions

St. Mary, Sigourney
2:00 PM Adoration and Confessions
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet



If you have palms from years past, we will have a basket available next week and you may return them there.



Many, many thanks to all those who helped clean up the church yesterday!
We accomplished a great deal and the reward of heavy hors d' oeuvres and cocktails was fantastic!

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Centerville and St. Patrick's, Melrose are pleased to present

In Concert
**Steve Angrisano
and
Francesca La Rosa**



3pm, Sunday, April 21, 2024

Simon Estes Auditorium
Centerville

An afternoon of music, faith sharing and entertainment for Youth and Family. All are invited.
Visit: stmaryscenterville.org for more information.

Tickets: \$10 each

For Tickets:
visit: stmaryscenterville.org

call: St. Mary's, 641-437-1984

or scan the QR code



Group ticket available - Call St. Mary's



Go 2 Confession

If you had intended to go to Confession during Lent and time got away from you, please send me, Fr. Ron, an email or give a call. I will be happy to arrange a time with you.



Lenten Crossword

Across

2. We spend Lent preparing for Jesus' death and _____

4. The sacrament that is especially significant on Easter Sunday

6. Lent begins on _____ Wednesday

8. Catholics are encouraged to receive this sacrament during Lent

9. "Remember your are _____ and to dust you shall return"

10. Ashes come from the previous year's _____ Sunday

13. When we disobey God, hurt others and hurt ourselves

14. The day Jesus died (two words)

16. A season of repentance, reflection and renewal

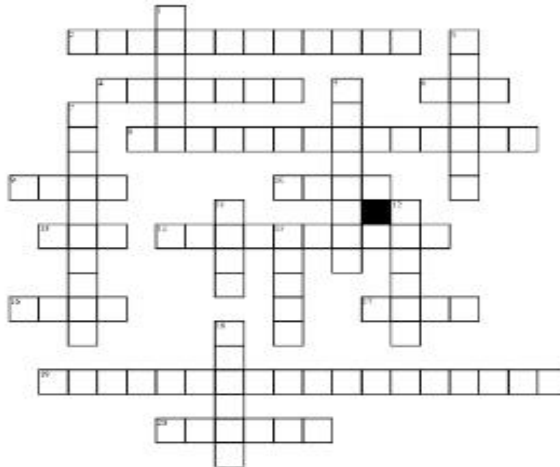
17. Catholics over age 14 give this up on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all other Fridays during Lent

19. Following in the steps of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross (four words)

20. A Lenten practice - to lift our minds and hearts to God, to talk to God

Down

1. The color of Lent



3. A Lenten practice - when you go without food

5. We don't sing or say this during Lent

7. A Lenten practice - to give and share what we have with those in need

11. Lent ends on _____ Thursday

12. The great feast that Lent leads to

15. There are _____ days in Lent

18. The day of the week not counted in the forty days of Lent



Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.

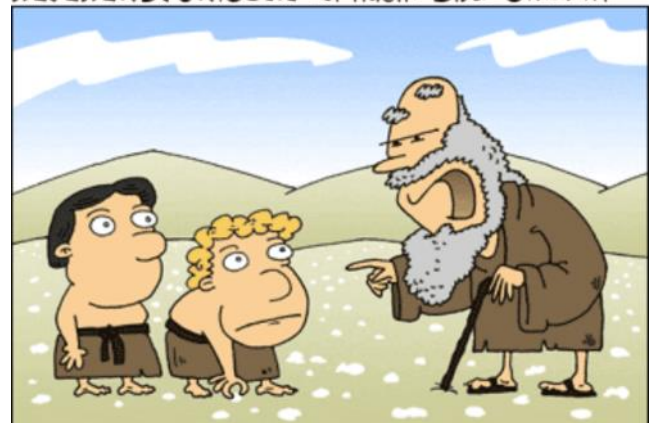


Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



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WHEN I WAS A KID WE DIDN'T HAVE NO SISSY MANNA ... WE ATE SAND AND WE LIKED IT

Palm Sunday, 2024

Dear friends,

As Jesus has admonished us each week as we've prayed his Stations of the Cross, this Lenten journey has not been one we've traveled alone. But when Jesus' Way has ended, ours must continue.

We've been on a Lenten journey for thirty-some days now. And as Holy Week begins we must decide if we will still walk along the way with Christ. It will be raucus as we enter Jerusalem, but events will turn darker as the week progresses.

We pray that you will indeed walk with Christ this week. We pray you will grow closer to Christ and more confident in his love. We pray that Holy Week will be a time of growth and peace.

