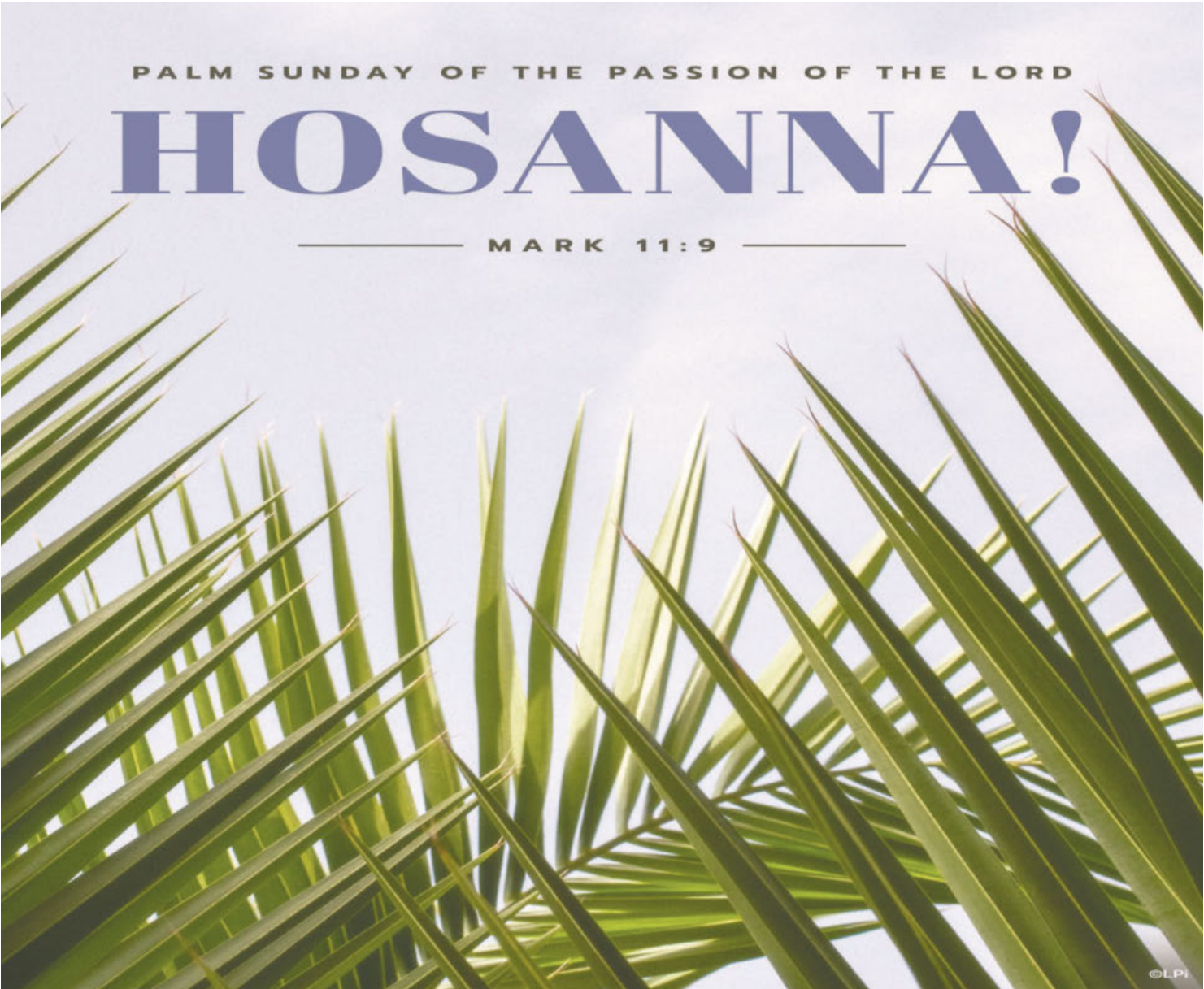








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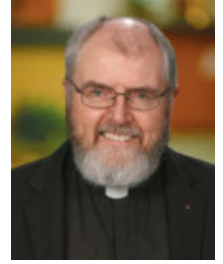
Holy Week 2024

 HOLY THURSDAY March 28 7:00 PM	 GOOD FRIDAY March 29 12:15 PM	 EASTER VIGIL March 30 8:00 PM	 EASTER SUNDAY March 31 8:00 AM 10:00 AM
Church of St. Pius X			

Father Jim

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter Holy Week, I pray that this will be a moment of grace for all of us to reflect upon the Passion narrative and find ourselves within the Word of God. We can hopefully discover ourselves within any of the characters depicted in this story and relate to that experience. Simon, who is forced to carry the cross with Jesus. Do we feel the cross that we must bear has been forced upon us? Are we able to submit to that cross and look to Jesus? After all, Jesus remains next to Simon. Do we realize that Jesus is with us as we bear our cross? Are we like Peter, who denies Christ? Have we wept for our sins, as Peter did? Are we like the women whom Jesus meets along the way, with sentiments that say, "Poor Jesus, why do you have to go through this? You do not deserve this?" Or are we attentive to Jesus' words, "Do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children... for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" (Luke 23:28-31) Do we choose Barabbas (human justice) or Jesus (mercy and forgiveness)? There are so many aspects for us to ponder this week. May the Holy Spirit enlighten all of us!



On another note, the annual Bishops & Rector Dinner that benefits Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona is taking place at the Rochester International Event Center on Friday, April 12th, beginning with Social Hour at 4:30 PM and Dinner/Program at 5:30 PM. I would like to see our parish fill at least two tables (8 per table) in support of our seminarians. If you are interested and would like to attend, please contact the parish office. If you cannot attend but would like to contribute in any way, such as toward the cost of the parish ad in the dinner booklet, or a seminarian's place at table that evening, please contact the office as well. There are different rates, beginning with the individual dinner rate at \$150.00 per person. Let us show our appreciation for the gift of having a seminary in our Diocese, as this is a privilege and a blessing for our local church. I would like to submit our information, which will include the names of those attending and meal choice, by the deadline, which is this Friday, March 29th. With this being Holy Week, I would encourage submissions by Wednesday, March 27th, so that the office can finalize our submission in time. I am sorry for the short notice but please prayerfully consider supporting our seminarians in this way. I look forward to having as many parishioners as possible in attendance, as it is a great way to show our support by our presence.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinich



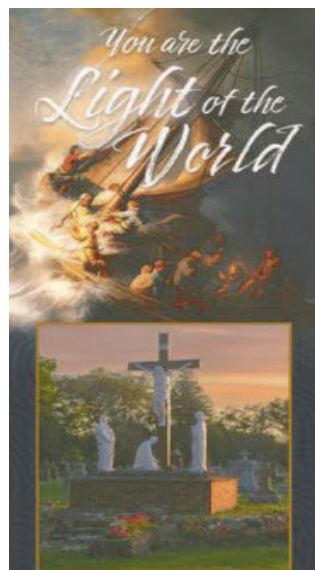
In Sympathy

Our Deepest Sympathies

*Please remember in
your prayers,
Pat Gervais+*

Parishioner

*May Pat and all the souls of the faithfully
departed, through the mercy of God, rest
in peace.*



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2024
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Keeping the cemetery sites for departed loved ones safe and cared for is not possible without the support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It funds important functions of the Office of Catholic Cemeteries, such as annual cemetery meetings and supporting the workers and trustees who look after these cemeteries. The annual cemetery meetings keep the cemetery trustees and workers informed of all the latest updates in state law regulation and the rules of the bishops in Minnesota. Also, meeting with other area trustees is another benefit for everyone attending, because we all learn from the experiences of each other. The meetings are very beneficial to me, and I return home with new information every time. I appreciate the work of the diocese cemetery staff throughout the year. The Catholic Ministries Appeal makes possible important functions in ministries like the Office of Catholic Cemeteries for the continued benefit of everyone in the diocese.

Church of St. Pius X

2024 Goal \$70,899

Pledged & Received \$16,126.48

22% of goal

AS OF 3/15/24

Holy Week

Reconciliation Service March 24th at Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

If you are looking for an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter, there will be a communal Reconciliation service on Sunday, March 24th from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the main church.

Tenebrae Service at Pax Christi: The Last Living Words

Pax Christi Church will present a Tenebrae service, "The Last Living Words" featuring music by Rut Schram and Philip Stopford on Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 pm. This service includes powerful music by choir, orchestra and speakers with dramatic readings which present a great opportunity to prepare for the Sacred Triduum.

Altar of Repose: Adoration and Prayer at St. Pius X

Following the Last Supper, our Lord retired to pray during his "darkest hour" with his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus appealed to his disciples "Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

Consider making a Holy Week commitment as an individual or as a family. Join your fellow parishioners for adoration and quiet prayer sometime following Holy Thursday Mass Thursday, March 28th through 10 AM Good Friday morning of March 29th. **The Altar of Repose will be located in the school gym (Roncalli Hall).** The St. Pius X Knights will be covering every hour of that time so continuous parish coverage is assured. Pick a time that is convenient for you and join them. Let's have a strong St. Pius X showing as we anticipate in quiet prayer and reflection with our Lord His Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection. For those parking in the south parking lot please use the very southeast most door of the church for entry into Roncalli. For those needing handicap access or using the north parking lot, please use the alley door into Kennedy Hall to gain access.

2024 Way of the Cross

Please join in the Way of the Cross procession through the streets of Downtown Rochester, with scripture, poetry, song, and silence. The procession will stop at four stations throughout the city on Good Friday, March 29, at 4:00pm (gather at 3:45pm). The procession will start at the main entrance to the Government Center and will proceed to the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, where a Good Friday Service will follow at 5:30pm. All are welcome!

Palm Sunday

Gracious God. You have heard the cries of your suffering people. You have sent Jesus to us to be our Redeemer and brother. Open our eyes to see the immensity of your love for us and the wonder of what you have done for us.

Give us the courage to be your hands and heart for those who are in pain. Give us wisdom to peak out for justice and righteousness. May your will be done in us today and always.

Easter Flowers

We invite you to remember or honor a loved one by making an offering for the flowers that will beautify our parish during the Easter season. Easter flower memorial offerings will be collected through **Wednesday, March 27th**. Donations may be placed in the offering collection boxes in either entrance of the church, dropped off at the parish office or can be made online through a link on the parish website homepage.



The Parish Office will be closed:
Friday, March 29th
Monday, April 1st



Parish Life

Jesus and the Eucharist Morning Session

A Tuesday morning session option for Jesus and the Eucharist meets from 8:45 am to 9:45 am in Founders Hall. Our next morning session will be Tuesday, March 26th in Founders Hall. Please feel free to join us. All are welcome!



Shroud of Turin

The Church of St. Pius X will be hosting a Shroud of Turin display beginning April 5th – April 14th in Founders Hall. This free exhibit will be open with public viewing times. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a full length canvas replica of the Shroud and includes display banners detailing the history and science of the Shroud. A viewing schedule and other details can be accessed at www.piusx.org. If you have questions please contact the parish office at 507-288-8238 or email church@piusx.org



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25, 2024

8:00 am Katie Godsill

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:00 am Nguyen Dang and Hanh Luu

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:45 am Bernard Loftust†

Thursday, March 28, 2024 (*Holy Thursday*)

NO 8AM MASS

7:00 pm Matthew Klaust†

Friday, March 29, 2024 (*Good Friday*)

NO 8AM MASS

12:15 pm Charlie Lonergan†

Saturday, March 30, 2024 (*Easter Vigil*)

NO 8AM MASS

8:00 pm Mary Ellen Truemant

Sunday, March 31, 2024 (*Easter Sunday*)

8:00 am Gene Eident†

10:00 am Jim Hausmant†

Public Viewing Schedule

Friday, April 5th
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, April 10th
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 6th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Thursday, April 11th
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday April 7th
12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday, April 12th
1:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Monday, April 8th
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, April 13th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, April 9th
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday April 14th
12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Volunteers Opportunities

The Shroud of Turin display will be in great need of volunteers to host the display. St Pius would like to have a welcoming presence at the exhibit during the viewing schedule. A digital sign up can be accessed at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548ACA82FAAF94-48394536-shroud.

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 507-288-8238.



Reminder for Holy Week!

NO 8am Mass on Thursday, March 28th

NO 8am Mass on Friday, March 29th

NO 8am Mass on Saturday, March 30th

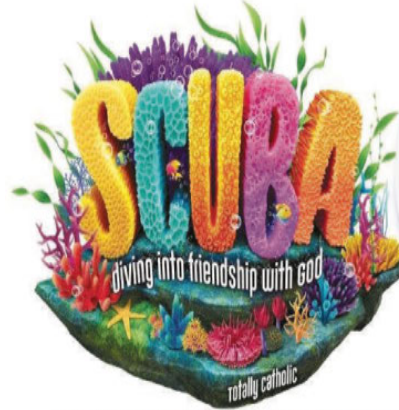


Please join us for First Friday coffee and rolls Friday, April 5th after 8:00 am Mass in Kennedy Hall. See you there!

Youth and Family Ministry

Steubenville, Rochester July 12-14

Steubenville, Rochester is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 9th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. If you would like more information, please contact Jennifer Carlin at jcarlin@piusx.org.



Save the Date!
JUNE 17 - 21
2024
9:15-11:40am

The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
and the Church of St. Pius X invite you to join us for
Vacation Bible School!

Adult volunteers needed; 7-12th grade leadership track available.
Contact: Laura Miller lmiller@sj.org or Jennifer Carlin jcarlin@piusx.org



Camp Summit July 29 - August 1

Camp Summit is a Catholic camp offering youth an opportunity to deepen their faith, try new things, and meet new friends! Camp Summit is a 4 day, 3-night summer camp for middle school youth entering grades 6-8. St. Pius X has 1 camper spot available. This spot must be claimed by March 31st. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jennifer Carlin at jcarlin@piusx.org.



Youth and Family Ministry Events Calendar

= Classes meet	Sunday School	1st Sacraments	Y Disciple	Well Read	Martha and	Jesus and the
	K-6th grade	2nd Grade	7th - 12th Grade	Moms	Mary	Eucharist
	9:05 - 9:55 AM	6:30 - 7:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM	8:45 - 9:45 AM
Sunday, March 24						
Tuesday, March 26						
Wednesday, March 27						
Thursday, March 28	Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 PM Altar of Repose - Adoration and Prayer Thursday 8:00 PM - Friday 10:00 AM					
Friday, March 29	Good Friday Service 12:15 PM					
Saturday, March 30	Easter Vigil 8:00 PM					
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday Mass 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM					
Tuesday, April 2						
Wednesday, April 3						
Sunday, April 7						

The **Well Read Mom** and **Martha and Mary** groups meet off-site. Please contact Jennifer Carlin for more information -- jcarlin@piusx.org

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and
17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and
33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,
25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps
104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps
33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
(1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar
3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn
6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3,
5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11)** for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

Community

Schedule Change for Easter Octave Rosary

Rallies NO Rosary Rally at the Government Center on **Easter Sunday, March 31** and **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7**. Weekly Rosary Rallies for our country, conversion, and peace continue through Palm Sunday, March 24, and after the 2-week break will once again resume on Sunday, April 14 at 3pm near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of **4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE**. They last 35 minutes and include the Patriotic Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Families are welcome. Please join us. Questions: Contact Janela Hubka at daveandjanela@gmail.com or 507-517-4707.

International Pianist Horacio Lavandera

Argentinean Pianist
Horacio Lavandera is coming back to the US and will offer a concert right here, at the



Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on **Friday, May 3, 2024 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$25 (students: \$10). Remember the church was full when he came in 2018, so hurry up to get yours! You may order tickets online at www.sj.org/concert or purchase them directly at the Co-Cathedral's Parish Office.

love life, cherish life, defend life

Saint John Paul II

Prayer Against Physician Assisted Suicide

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission.

Through his heavenly intercession we ask for the defeat of the physician assisted suicide bill and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care.

Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people.

Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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