

The Immaculate Connection

April 2019 Faith Formation Newsletter

Upcoming Important Dates:

Thursday April 18: Holy Thursday The Washing of the Feet will be part of the ceremony. Sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to participate.

Friday April 19: Good Friday Service 3pm

Saturday April 20: Blessing of the Easter-Baskets 3pm Vigil begins at 8pm

Sunday April 21: Easter!!! He is Risen!!

April 28 First Reconciliation/First Communion Retreat. 9:45 am-2:30pm

May 5th: First Communion

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Must attend at least 2 Triduum Observances

K-1 Sponsor Mass

K-1 Sponsor Mass on Palm Sunday April 21 at 11am followed by the Easter Egg Hunt. The kids will sit with their class.

Grade 8-10

Grades 8-10 will have class in the Chapel on Palm Sunday April 14th

Thank you for helping your child grow as a child of God!

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

Confirmation Volunteer Opportunities

April 14: Confirmation students have the opportunity to help organize an Easter Egg Hunt for the youth in our Parish. We are in need of extra hands to help with crafts and carnival games. The time commitment is from 11-3pm on Sunday April 14.



April 12: The youth group needs more "bodies" for Shadow Stations. Shadow Stations is Friday, April 12 at 7pm. Practices are the 2 previous Wednesdays from 6:30-9pm. Contact Karen Kummer at icimpactyouthgroup@gmail.com

Follow the Footsteps of Jesus Egg Hunt

Children's Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

April 14th, noon

Children look for eggs while following the footsteps of Jesus

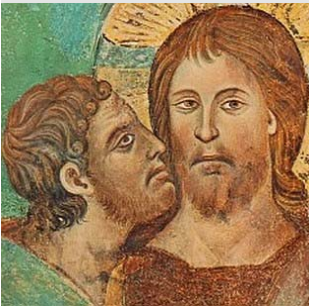


Your Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday Palm Sunday marks the moment when Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph riding on the back of a donkey while crowds, who would later call for him to be killed, paid homage to him by laying down Palm branches.

Monday Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"



Tuesday Judas bargains with the Sanhedrin to betray Jesus. Jesus and his disciples returned to Jerusalem. They passed the withered fig tree on their way, and Jesus taught them about faith. Jesus goes out to the Mount of Olives. Here he foretold the apostles the events of the next several days, including His impending death.

Wednesday Judas receives 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus.

Holy Thursday The Last Supper / Agony in the garden / Jesus is arrested.

Jesus offers His body and blood in the Last Supper. Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.



Good Friday Jesus is tried and sentenced to death. He is forced to carry His cross. He is flogged and tormented and crucified between two thieves. God accepts His sacrifice.

Holy Saturday Saturday is the seventh day of the week, the day Jesus rested in the tomb. In the first three synoptic Gospel accounts this was the Jewish Sabbath which provided appropriate symbolism of the seventh day of rest. Holy Saturday is also a day of solemn vigil, meditation and prayer.

Alleluia **Resurrection Sunday**
He is
Risen

Jesus is risen. God gives us eternal life through Jesus.

Schedule of Masses and Services for Holy Week



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at least 2 Triduum Observances**

Holy Thursday:

**7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
Adoration. Washing of the Feet Ceremony**

Good Friday:

12:00-3 pm Quiet Prayer in Church

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

5:45 pm Cross Walk in Ransomville

Holy Saturday:

3:00 pm Blessing of the Easter baskets

8:00 pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday: Regular Mass Times