



Palm Sunday

Welcome

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**
10 April 2022
Immaculate Conception Parish
Fairbank, IA 50629

Today's Readings

Isiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23



*Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Father, into your hands
I commend my spirit";
and when he had said this
he breathed his last.*

LUKE 23:46

He Cannot Save Himself

Some of us might wonder, as did many of the bystanders on the way to Calvary, why Jesus allowed matters to reach the point they did. We might ask: He saved others. Why didn't he save himself? Jesus certainly had the power. He demonstrated it often as he traveled the villages and countryside of Israel. Through the centuries, theologians have turned that question over and over, upside down and inside out. Hadn't he done enough to reveal his identity?

Every answer offered has thrown a bit of light on the question. Still, no answer has adequately resolved the issue. The question of Jesus' suffering and death is a mystery of our faith. Holy Week offers us an opportunity to reflect on this mystery, to discover something that might deepen that faith and transform our lives—if only a bit.

For example, the goal of Jesus' ministry was the establishment of the reign of God. Everything he said and did pointed to this goal. He never faltered, never backed down in the face of opposition. He was steadfast in his commitment to what he believed was God's will for him, regardless of the price he might have to pay. And pay a tremendous price he did. Jesus' faithfulness to God's will is a model for us. We have responsibilities, some of which might make significant demands of us. Do we hold fast, or do we look for a way out? Holy Week calls us to follow him in his commitment.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *We may not be asked to die for our principles, but we are asked to live for them.*
- ★ *Pray for the strength to be faithful.*

Lord, We Lift Up to You in Prayer....

April Hicklin, Mary Lou Weepie, Brett Delagardelle,
Rose Kalb, Charlie Corey Marci Willey, Ron Babinat,
Diana Snyder, Jill Rourke, Michael McDonough,
Shirley Fettkether, Dave Chase Mary Ellen Youngblut
Lindsey Ernst, Sherry Duffy, Don Brandt,
victims of hatred, racism, violence, natural disaster; terrorism,
and all in our parish, our community, and our hearts who are
suffering and in need of Christ's healing touch † May they
know His loving Presence in the eyes, hands and hearts of those
who give them care.

**May our prayers for help and healing rise like incense
to our God of hope, love and mercy.**

► Communion To Our Sick Or Homebound Ministry:

contact Michelle Weepie 319-635-2428

► I C Parish Prayer Chain Hotline:

Please contact

Vivian Rourke at 319-238-3225 (V) or 319-238-2083 (M)

► Sacrament Of The Sick ~ Anointing for the seriously ill or dying, call the Sacred Heart Parish Center 319-283-3743, or if having surgery speak with Father Atwood in the Sacristy before or after Mass

► Baptism Class For Parents:

All parents who wish to
have their child baptized at Immaculate Conception
parish are required to attend a baptism class prior to
scheduling the baptism. Please contact Deacon Jim at
319-509-1210 for scheduling details.



► I C Cemetery – contact the parish office

► Funeral Dinners: Group #3 Sept, Oct, Nov, and Dec

We provide desserts & serve a catered meal

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~ Fr. Ray Atwood, Pastor ~

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

6th Sunday in Lent

April 10, 2022

"The Lord turned and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word of the Lord and how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times. And Peter went out and began to weep bitterly'" (Lk. 22:60-62).

In his Holy Land presentation, Deacon Jim pointed out the place in Jerusalem which contains a memorial of Peter, and a building with a rooster on top. In the silence of this place, you can almost hear the Lord's exchange with His disciple. And you can almost hear the rooster crow.

This incident is repeated in our day. You and I are like Peter. We want to follow the Lord. We want to be strong, but we are not. We talk the talk, but don't always walk the walk. We say, "O Lord, I will never deny you as Peter did." But then we deny Him by our sins and compromises, our shortcuts and shortfalls. The little white lies that get us temporarily out of trouble; curses and swearing when things don't go our way; anger at past hurts that stays in our hearts; the sinful habits that come with imprudent Internet use; the selfish habits like dumping trash on the road or throwing out junk from our car windows; the false gods of money and security we adore while neglecting prayer and weekly worship. Every time we disobey the Ten Commandments, every time we choose our will over God's will, every time we do what we want regardless of what God wants, we deny the Lord.

Every time we sin, we echo the words of Peter, "I do not know him. I do not know Jesus." The Gospel tells us what happened when Peter denied the Lord three times. The rooster crowed, he realized what he had done, and he began to weep. Do we weep over our sins? Is our contrition sincere and complete?

When was the last time we wept over our sins? When was the last time we admitted our guilt, our denial of Christ? When was the last time I felt bad about my sins? Most of the time we make excuses, blame others, and create alibis for our sinful behavior. We need more contrition and less denial, more humility and less prideful refusal, more tears and less stubbornness. "I have denied my God. I have done wrong. I have sinned." God wants to hear these words more often. Are we ready to say them and mean them?

In Jerusalem, on an old stone wall near the site of Peter's denial, there is reportedly a bronze plaque with the following words: "Jesus, once filled with sorrow because of Peter's sins, is now gazing at us." Jesus is gazing at us every moment. He longs for us to admit our guilt and shed tears of repentance for our sins. The more we weep in grievance for having offended Him, the more fervent our love will be.

It is a principle of the spiritual life that the closer we really get to God, the more we will recognize our sinfulness, our inadequacy, our dependence on God's grace. You can tell you are getting close to God by the sensitivity in your heart to the sins in your life.

Isn't it time to shed a few tears for having denied the Lord Jesus? The more you weep, the more you love. As we begin Holy Week, as we walk the long, lonely road to the Cross, let us mark our journey with tears, and listen to the gentle voice of the Savior, uttering those beautiful and life-changing words in return, "I forgive you. I love you. I'm here for you always." The more we weep in sorrow for having grieved Jesus by our sins, the more sincere our love for Him will be. How sincere will our love be? God bless you.

Father Ray Atwood dbq151@dbqarch.org

Homily Notes: What did I hear that I would like to remember or think about later?

Parish Financial Support

Apr 3-7

Budget	\$3389
Offertory	\$240
Building Fund	\$180
Easter	\$200
Jan thru March Can Redemption	
NCYC	\$1740.35



Thank you!



Palm Sunday – Maundy Thursday – Good Friday – Easter Sunday

As we enter Holy Week, we encourage you to write your prayers, intentions, needs, concerns, words of thanks or praise, on a slip of paper and drop it in the brass vase by the cross one last time before we celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. As an assembly of the faithful, we will offer these up at Mass, to our God of Love, Hope, and Mercy.

Bring your worries & cares and drop them in the 'well'.

April 2022

Bible study Tuesday April 12&19 Parish Hall 9AM or 6:30PM

Wed Apr 13 Mats for the Homeless 9:30AM Parish hall

Wed April 13 9:30AM Spring Cleaning Church

Men and Women invited/bring gloves/pails

Thurs Apr 14 Parish Life Mtg 9:30AM

Wed Apr 20 Monthly Community Potluck 11:30AM

Wed Apr 20 Pastoral/Finance Mtg 5:30PM

Wed Apr 20 Last CCD class/5th-8th grade, confirmation class

Sun Apr 24 **Colleen Pasnik- 8:30AM Mass**

Mary's Inn Maternity Home



Sun Apr 24 Last CCD class for K - 4th

Sun Apr 24 Donut Sunday featuring "Show and Tell Boards"

Created by each class showing what they learned over this year.

Please mark your calendars for this fun end of the year activity.

Sunday April 24 Election nomination forms!

Parish Elections are coming! Please consider serving IC Church by running for either the Pastoral Council or for the Faith Formation Commission.

If you have questions about either of these groups, please feel free to ask.

Tues Apr 26 Office closed Spring Pastoral Leadership Study

Wed Apr 27 Faith Formation Mtg 5:45PM

Thur Apr 28 Staff Mtg @ 2:00 office closes at 1:30PM

Blessings and Welcome into God's Family!

Baptized
with
the
Holy
Spirit

Aurora Kaejean Rausch

Daughter of Ryan & Alexis Rausch

She received the Sacrament of Baptism

Friday at IC Church!! Congratulations!!

EASTER BUNNY is making an important stop in Fairbank Saturday, April 16 in the Riverside Park Gazebo! 10 – 11AM 'Hopping' you'll be there!

Sponsored by Fairbank Community Club



Holy Week/Easter Sunday Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 14 - 7pm at IC Church

Good Friday - April 15 - 12 noon at IC Church

5:30pm at Sacred Heart

Holy Saturday - April 16 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday - April 17 - 8:30am at IC Church

10:30am at Sacred Heart

Confessions can be heard during Holy Week

Monday, April 11-5:30 to 6:30pm Immaculate Conception

Thursday, April 14 Following Holy Thursday Mass at IC

Friday, April 15 - Following 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 16 - 11-12am at Sacred Heart

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sun	Apr 10	8:30 AM	IC	For the People †
				M: Deacon Jim EM: Michelle Weepie
				Lector: Kevin Bodensteiner
Sun	Apr 10	10:30 AM	SH	Francis & Marguerite Kolb Loretta Kolb Grist †
Mon	Apr 11	8:30 AM	SH	Marguerite Kramert
Wed	Apr 13	8:30 AM	IC	Norbert Kleitsch †
Thurs	Apr 14	7:00 PM	IC	Carl Schneider †
Fri	Apr 15	12:00PM	IC	Good Friday Services
				M: Deacon Jim EM: Cheryl Kleitsch
				Lector: Jean Bellis
Fri	Apr 15	5:30PM	SH	Good Friday Services
Sat	Apr 16	8:30 PM	SH	Barbara Kauten-Claribel Gehrke †
Sun	Apr 17	8:30 AM	IC	Norbert Kleitsch †
				M: Deacon Jim EM: Kelly Galleger
				Lector: Lori Beierschmitt
Sun	Apr 17	10:30AM	SH	For the People †
				Sunday, April 24 at 8:30 AM Mass
				M: Deacon Jim EM: Diana Tagtow
				Lector: Dan Cutsforth



April Ushers and Greeters

Bob Bellis, Mitch Sauerbrei, Richard Rundle,
Mike Buenzow, Adam Kaufman, Jerry Shannon

If you wish to make a donation toward the **Easter flowers** please complete the form below and put it in the collection, mail, or bring to the office no later than **Wed. April 13.**

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Contact Name & PH: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

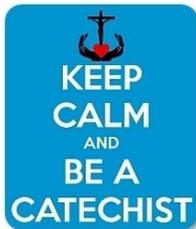




Faith Formation

Question of the Week: How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them? Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- During Holy Week we remember and celebrate the depth of God's love for us. Ask each member of the family to share how he or she can spread God's love at home this week.
- Display the new palm branches that each member of the family brings home from church in a prominent place where everyone can see them. The branches are a reminder of what Jesus did for us, his death and resurrection. Focus on welcoming Jesus as king in your home and in your hearts.
- What can you do this Holy Week to help make it special for you and your family? How will you take time out as a family to celebrate the upcoming Triduum? When you gather for dinner, light a candle and talk about the events in the last week of Jesus' life. Divide the reading of the passion into segments and read one part each evening this week.
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The Religious Education program

will have several catechist positions to fill next year. PLEASE consider sharing your time, talent, and faith with the youth of our parish. To inquire, please contact Dan by phone or stop into the office. We will be glad to discuss this ministry with you

April Congratulatory Celebrations



Celebrating 80+ Birthdays

April 5 John Woods

April 30 Roberta Clemons

April 30 Lenora Ott

Celebrating 50+ Anniversary

April 17 Brian & Teresa Corcoran

April 26 Bob & Kay Frame



Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 211 client visits in March and our volunteers gave 55 hours of their time including time switching from winter clothes to summer clothes. We have a good selection of scrubs for anyone that needs them for their job. Thank you for all of the great donations this month. As always our volunteers are the best; thank you for your time.



March Totals Oran Food Pantry
Families Served-80
Individuals Served-198
Food Distributed-6403 lbs.
Donation Suggestions-
Boxed Meals and Baking Mixes

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 11

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

APRIL 12

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

APRIL 13

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

APRIL 14

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday

APRIL 15

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

APRIL 16

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2

or 1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,

9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Lk 24:1-12

Sunday

APRIL 17

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

