



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**APRIL 10, 2022**

## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



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### **WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Weekday Masses:**

**Tuesday, and Wednesday- 8:30am - Main Church**

**NO Thursday Mass**

**At. St. Edmunds: Monday, Friday- 8:30am**

#### **Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm**

**Sunday Morning - 9:00 am**

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

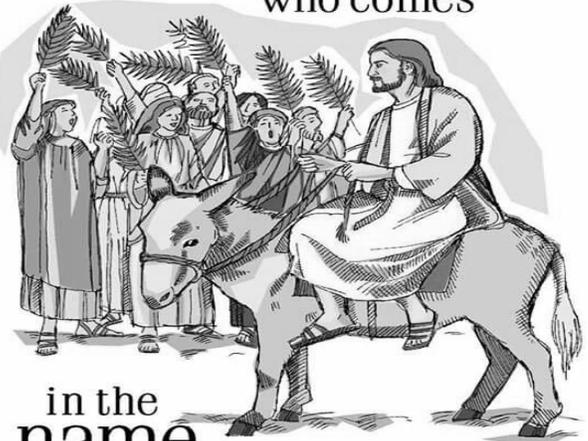
**Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.**

#### **Baptisms**

**Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony.**

**Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date. (cont'd in pg. 2)**

*“Blessed is the king  
who comes*



*in the  
name  
of the Lord!”*

**Luke 19:38**

## Thoughts From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

I have some thoughts that I'd like to share. I need to express upfront that you may find them incomplete or grasping after a truth that, ultimately, is beyond my/our ability to comprehend. Stick with me. Though I may get convoluted, I'll do my best to be clear, if not concise. Or you may end up thinking that I've gone off the deep end (and you wouldn't be alone in that assessment either).

I was ordained on May 18, 1991. A week before my ordination, I received my Master of Divinity degree. Most priests receive their M.Div., and some go on to advanced degrees. At the time of my ordination, I had also completed one-half of another degree, the S.T.L., or Licentiate of Sacred Theology. It required an additional year of studies on the seminary campus as well as the acceptance of a published thesis.

My thesis is entitled: "The Primacy of Eschatology in the Suffering God of Jürgen Moltmann." Moltmann is an important Protestant theologian from the prestigious Tübingen School in Germany.

For the purposes of my reflection today, this is not relevant. The notion that God suffers is controversial to many, certainly to Catholics. We believe that God is perfect, and suffering within the very person of God would indicate a lack of perfection. Nonetheless, there was something very persuasive to me in how Moltmann expressed the suffering of God, and it has compelled me to think for myself about the possibility, meaning and/or nature of divine suffering.

While I do not, of course, dispute God's perfection, who could argue that our imperfect or incomplete human understanding and the limits of language thwarts our ability to fully comprehend the totality of who God is.

Every Palm Sunday, we hear one of the Passion Narratives of our Lord, and the Second Reading is always from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (2.1-6). It is a beautiful, poetic statement of faith, really, and they are words which have haunted me in a most beautiful way. The passage follows:

*Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and found human in appearance, he humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,*

*of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.*

This notion that God "emptied himself" has always intrigued me. What is self-emptying? I suppose this question could be answered in many ways. Some of the ways that it makes sense to me is that, it is a deliberate hollowing out of oneself. It is a sacrifice of oneself in such a way that that which is removed is given for the edification or benefit of another.

When I try to understand God, the best that I can do is to express that God is Love. In fact, I'd go so far as to express that God is Love Itself, the very ground of Love. If, then, God is Love, then, naturally, God must seek to love and be loved. Therein lies the heart of our notion of a Triune God. Even this trinitarian activity of love, however, could not exhaust the desire for God to love outside of God's self, thus God loved creation into being. Creation, itself, then, is an act of self-emptying, as God must go out of God's self in order to love creation into being.

I have wondered, then, if God cannot help but to Love, and love naturally requires a self-emptying, then can the self-emptying love that is part of the very nature of God, somehow be considered a divine suffering that is innate to Love Itself, to God?

This beautiful passage from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians has been, in part, the impetus for the most stirring spiritual query that I have ever pondered. As I stated at the outset, it may seem convoluted to some, or simply, "off the deep end" to others, but I cannot seem to shake this notion that somehow, deep in the very being of God, is such a holy ache to share God's very self, that from such a divine desire, all of creation has been born. Moreover, emptying Godself to come "in human likeness," so elevates humanity to such a degree that we may share, become united, become a part of the very life of God.

Whatever language you may put to it, this is what we celebrate this Holy Week. God emptied himself and was born in our likeness. God lived among us and showed us the way to share his life and love forevermore. Not everyone accepted him, and so, God even chose to experience death, that God would experience everything that we experience, thereby allowing us to experience everything that God experiences, which, ultimately leads to resurrection and the eternal activity, the eternal dance of Love that is the very life of Father, Son and Spirit.

*Fr. John McGivern*

## Lenten Opportunity Easter Sunrise Shoeboxes

Shoeboxes collected will be donated to various Outreach Organizations including the Franciscan Outreach. Collection will be throughout Lent, ending Palm Sunday – **April 10, 2022**. Fill a shoebox or a comparable-size container (you provide the container) with a variety of the following suggested items:

<b>Tube Socks</b>	<b>Hotel Size – Soap and Shampoo</b>
<b>Kleenex (small packages)</b>	<b>Brush and/or Comb</b>
<b>Plastic rain poncho</b>	<b>Deodorant</b>
<b>Wash/Face Cloth</b>	<b>Disposable razor</b>
<b>Toothbrush/Toothpaste</b>	<b>Shaving gel/cream</b>
<b>Baby Powder</b>	<b>Hand Lotion</b>
<b>Small towel</b>	<b>Other small items</b>

**Gift Card from McDonald's, Burger King, etc. (not to exceed \$10.00)**

Please be sure to include these two items: Word Search or Crossword Puzzle Book with Pen or Pencil, Plastic Easter Egg filled with Candy. When your shoebox is filled, you can decorate it (if you choose to do so), put a rubber band around it and mark the box either “Man” or “Woman.”



Place your filled container in the box in the Gathering Area. During Holy Week all the Easter Sunrise Shoeboxes will be delivered to the various locations so that they can be distributed on Easter.

### EASTER ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Please consider making a donation to help support our always beautiful Easter altar flower display in honor of a loved one. Special envelopes are available in today's bulletin or at the doors of the church. Fill out the envelope and then drop it in the regular collection basket in the next few weeks.



### If you took a Rice Bowl Please bring it Back

Please bring your filled with unused change boxes by next weekend. You can also bring them to the Parish Office during hours of operation.

**The Lord God is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.**

— Isaiah 50:7a

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### St. Catherine—St. Lucy

#### Palm Sunday—April 10

9:00 AM ~ Palms Procession

#### Holy Thursday—April 14

7:00 PM ~ Mass of the Lord's  
Supper at St. Edmund's  
Parish

#### Good Friday— April 15

7:00 PM ~ Liturgy of The Passion  
of The Lord at  
St. Catherine—St. Lucy

#### Holy Saturday— April 16

7:00 ~ The Great Easter Vigil  
PM Mass at St. Catherine—  
St. Lucy

#### Easter Sunday —April 17

9:00 AM ~ Alleluia!

## TODAY



### Easter Flower Sale

The flowers will be sold after the masses **this weekend**.

**The Easter Flower Sale returns with your favorites that are sure to delight and excite!**

**We have Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths, Daffodils, Begonias and Green Plants.**

### Volunteers

Can you help? — We are calling for volunteers to help us decorate the Church on Holy Saturday, April 16th—10 AM. If interested, please contact Phil Kroker 773-491-6194 or Amanda at the Rectory, 708-386-8077. Thank you!

### How Much for the Easter Offering?

Sometimes people will ask, “What is a good Easter Offering when I go to church at Easter?”

What do people give?’ A fairly good guidepost from the past, similar to Christmas offering, is an offering equivalent to what you might put in the collection over the period of a month. So for example, if you usually offer ten dollars each week at Mass, a nice Easter offering is fifty dollars.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tue. April 12**

- † **Jim Marshall**  
By: Bob Nix
- † **Robert Proffitt**  
By: Liz Larson

**Wed. April 13**

- 8:30 † **Luke Podraza**  
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
- † **Marlene Polasek**  
By: Evie Stockinger

**Sat. April 16**

- 5:00 † **Sidney Poitier**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**EASTER Sun. April 17**

9:00 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**

### Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 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; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

### Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- Monday: Monday of Holy Week
- Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
- Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
- Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
- Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence; Income Tax Day; Passover begins
- Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

### Today's Readings

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

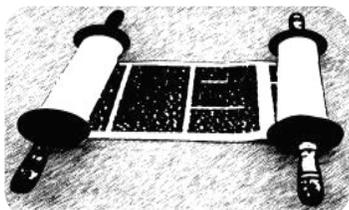
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### LITURGICAL MINISTERS — APRIL 2022

	Lector	Communion Minister
<b>April 9-10</b> Sat <i>Lector</i> <i>Narrator</i>	Frank Pond Christine Wedekind	Lessie Dean
<b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>Lector</i> <i>Narrator</i>	Mary Jane O'Brien Thom Schouten	Diana Cameron
<b>April 15</b> Good Friday <i>Lector &amp; Speaker</i> <i>Narrator</i>	Kevin Morgan Marci Morgan	Jeanne Visteen
<b>April 16-17</b> Sat VIGIL Sun EASTER	Renee Smith-Quinn Pat Nelson Jeanne Visteen Christine Wedekind Pat Nelson	Lessie Dean Jeanne Visteen
<b>April 23-24</b> Sat Sun	Paul Knight Marci Morgan	Pat Koko Kathy Mortell
<b>April 30/ May 1</b> Sat Sun	Christine Wedekind Mary Jane O'Brien	Lessie Dean Mary Howard

1st & 2nd Readings for the upcoming Sunday are offered to help all of us.



## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**First Reading: Acts 10: 34,37-43**

The Apostle Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. But one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to a Gentile — the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. Today’s passage is a portion of Peter’s sermon, which summarizes the life and ministry of Jesus.

**Second Reading: Col. 3:1-4**

The letter to the Colossians depicts Christ as the only mediator between God and the world. A previous message of the letter presented baptism as the way we are united with Christ. The author will today remind us of the heights to which Christ has raised us, and then call upon us to live up to this.

## Essential Reduction

*All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass: “Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.”*

—Archibald Alexander



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Confessions 4:00—4:30 PM Church**

Every Saturday from 4:00-4:30 PM St. Catherine of Siena —St. Lucy Parish offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly before the Saturday evening mass.

## Paschal Triduum

After Palm Sunday we enter Holy week that is most definitely a very scared time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last weeks’ of Jesus’ life on earth.

On Holy Thursday, we reenact the Lord’s last Supper, which He shared with His Apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year.



## Praying for the Sick In Our Parish



**Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Danita Bowie, Katherine Fisher, Carol Frank, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Patrick King, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Rosie Julion, Raul Perez, Nbil Sabeil, and Joann Taylor**

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the parish office during office hours. Thanks

## 2022 Mass Book Open

If you have a loved one who is ill or has passed away ... or any special occasion or petition you'd like to bring before the Lord ... consider this offering your prayers at a Mass.

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## School Scoop

- ..# Spring Break begins on April 15. Students return to class on April 25.
- ..# Summer Camp - The program will run from June 20-July 29, 2022. Classroom sessions are Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30-11:30am. Contact the School Office for more info.
- ..# If you have not yet **registered for next school year**, you will be getting a call soon from Mrs. Cooper. Let her know of any problems you may be having or anything we can do for you.

## Signs of Lent



### Palm Sunday

Today the priest wears red to symbolize God's love and martyrdom and the Christ's suffering and shedding of blood during his Passion and Death. Red is worn again on Good Friday. Red also symbolizes the Fire of the Holy Spirit which is why the priest wears this color in Pentecost again.

## Communion & Anointing of the Sick

Our Communion Ministers are ready to go into personal visits again after COVID restrictions have lifted.

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.

## Update Personal Info

Please **DO NOT FORGET** to update us with your new phone numbers, e-mail address, or any other change of status. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: [apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net)



**FAITH & FELLOWSHIP**

**“Intelligent”**

One of the Catechists not particularly adept at or fond of puzzles - was working on a charming 100-piecer featuring Snoopy atop his doghouse at twilight. A Partner was sitting across the table, watching. The Catechist asked if he'd like to help her, and his reply was something to the effect that *you are intelligent*, suggesting that he didn't think he was smart enough to do this. But as the Catechist proceeded, and not too successfully, the Partner picked up a piece and found its place! He continued to do it in fits and starts, with increasing accomplishment, until finally between the two of them completed the puzzle. The expression on both their faces: “Victory!” as they hi-fived each other. Clearly, they were both more “intelligent” than either of them knew. *Victory.*



We recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts -- whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections.

GiveCentral allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections. You can go directly to our website: [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) and under Steward and giving tab you will be able to find the link to GiveCentral



**The 500 Club Certificates**

This fundraiser continues through June 26th with weekly drawings involving all the certificates that have been purchased throughout the season, even those that have already won a prize. Certificates can be purchased at any time, raising funds for the parish and making an opportunity for you, or whoever you may choose to gift with a certificate, to win the weekly prize of \$35. We will have one more special drawing for \$500 instead of \$35 in June. There will be a fourth special drawing if we sell the remaining 108 certificates that are available.

500 Club information and purchase forms are available in the gathering area of church and in the Parish Office. Applications and payment using a check or cash may be mailed to the parish or put into the collection basket at Mass. To make a purchase with a credit card, use Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132>.

Thank you for your support of the parish through this fundraising program.

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~The Fundraising Committee

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**500 CLUB WINNER**  
 \$ 35.00  
 April 10, 2021  
**PERRE PRIESTLEY,**  
 # 162  
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Food for Thought  
**A Lesson in Humility**

*For Jesus' entry to Jerusalem,  
 he sat upon a pauper's throne:  
 A borrowed pony's sloping back.  
 In shadows lurked a group ad hominem.  
 The sunlit crowd's in chanting tone,  
 with Jesus on his life's last track.*

*During Holy Week we watch Jesus  
 stripped of human power,  
 as we're taught  
 humility, to us inspire.  
 His arrival began the last act script  
 of earthly ministry, which brought  
 his predicted baptism of fire.*

*Holy Week invites us to embark,  
 reviewing Sacred Journey highlights.  
 Start: the anointing of Jesus;  
 His abandonment anguish  
 question mark;  
 Judas' conspiracy ignites;  
 First communion catechesis.*

4/10/22. Tom Lynch  
 Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; Phil 2:10-11; Luke 22,23; 2:12.



**Stewardship Report**

Due to the bulletin early deadlines for the Easter Holiday, our stewardship reports for the weeks of April 3, 10, and 17, will be shown later within the April 24, 2022 bulletin.

## SHARED LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES 2022

### *Ascension, St. Catherine/St. Lucy, St. Edmund, & St. Giles Parishes*

### Last MONDAY OF LENT

**April 11                      7pm**  
**Night Prayer / Zoom**

The perfect way to end your day, this 15-minute prayer opportunity is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the prayer of the universal Church.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82657442780?pwd=RVN2UWJpRGdTeDcyWVJaQ2RkdWVzQT09>

*Meeting ID: 826 5744 2780 Passcode: 184570*

### Meeting Christ in Prayer

An 8-Week Life-Enriching Experience Based on  
 the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

- ..# Enrich your prayer life
- ..# Learn new ways of praying
- ..# Meet Christ anew through Scripture and reflection
- ..# Experience a prayer model based on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises
- ..# Feel supported in the Christian life in a new way
- ..# Become more aware of God's presence in your daily life.

Donna Ioppolo, a spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition, will facilitate this 8-week seminar at Ascension's Parish Center Dining Room from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm on the following dates: April 26; May 3, May 10, May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, and June 21. No Meeting on May 17.

Registration is required. There will be a \$25 fee to cover the cost of program materials. There is an understanding of commitment to attend all 8 sessions. To register, please email [llaaffc@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:llaaffc@ascensionoakpark.com) and put "Meeting Christ in Prayer" in Subject line.

This event is open to all Oak Park parishes.

### Prayer of the Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*Almighty ever-living God,  
 who as an example of humility  
 for the human race to follow  
 caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross,  
 graciously grant that we may heed  
 his lesson of patient suffering  
 and so merit a share in his Resurrection.  
 Who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God, for ever and ever.*



#### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

##### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,  
 Co-Chairs

##### **Liturgy Committee:**

Chair: Phil Kroker  
 Vice-Chair: Joyce Wade  
 Secretary: Andrea Legatzky  
 Celebration Choir: TBA  
 Praise Choir: Julius White  
 Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

##### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Juan Perez

##### **SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION**

**Faith & Fellowship:** Connie Rakitan

**Ministers of the Eucharist & Ministers of the Word:** Jeanne Visteen

**Servers:** Kathy Paoli

**Ministers of Care:** Rev. John McGivern

**Women's Ministry:** Shelby Boblick

**HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION**

**Peace & Justice Committee:**  
 Kevin Morgan

##### **ADULT EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Baptism Com.: Rev. John McGivern

**St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:**

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

**Fundraising Committee:**

Pat Nelson, and Cynthia Weaver

**Weddings:** Please contact Fr. John McGivern to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months in advance for preparation.

**Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins**

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

##### **Funerals:**

Please call the Rectory to set-up arrangements with the Christian Burial Mass.

**Newcomers:** Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Parish Office during the week