

The Pastor's Corner

We've been a part of this liturgy for years. We come in, take a palm, sit down in the church, and stare in bewilderment when the priest starts the Mass in the back of the Church. He reads the Gospel, blesses the Palms, and Mass continues. But... why all this commotion with Palms? What exactly is the purpose of this symbol present to us in the liturgy of Palm Sunday?

The use of palms in our liturgy this Sunday hearkens back to the time when Jesus first entered Jerusalem triumphantly that week of His Passion. Crowds noticed Him and immediately gathered, waving palms to greet their king, shouting "Hosanna in the highest!" These palms were a symbol of their readiness to greet Christ as He entered their city- and they welcomed Him with open arms!

As we enter into this holiest of all weeks, though, how welcoming are we to Christ? We may be very warm towards Him when we think others are watching- but what if Christ want's us to hold up our palms to welcome Him more than that? What if He wants us to "hold up Palms" to welcome Him when we are in casual conversations at work? When we are at school- is Christ welcome in our classroom and when we play with our friends? When we go about the most mundane tasks of our life, and Jesus appears, are we going to stop what we are doing to greet Him? Do we greet Him, even when that requires us to inconvenience ourselves and our regularly scheduled sports practices and games, and whatever else may need our attention?

Christ is showing up at the gates of Jerusalem. He will not wait until we are ready- we should be waiting and ready for Him! May He find us faithfully there to eagerly greet Him, with our newly-blessed palms in hand!

-Fr. Belken

We now have free Wi-Fi available!

To use, please use these credentials:

Network: St. Lawrence Wi-Fi

Password:

Wi-Fi is available in the church, and will be expanding in the coming weeks.

Readings for Next Sunday

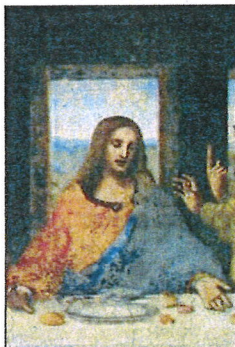


Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

March 31, 2024

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

2024 Holy Week Schedule

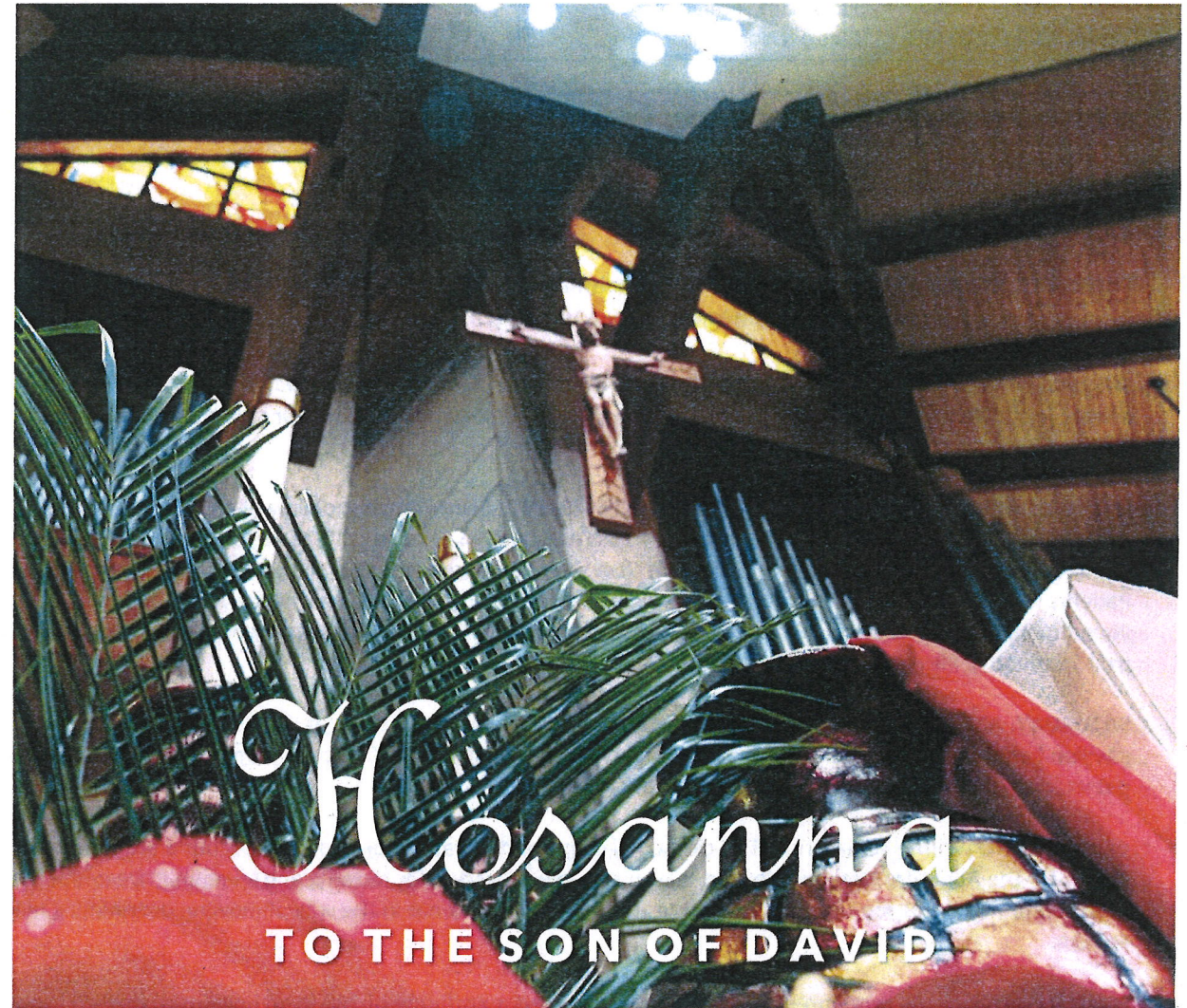
		
HOLY THURSDAY <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> 5:30pm at St. Lawrence 7:00pm at St. Denis <i>Adoration:</i> Until 10:30 at St. Denis Until 12:00am at St. Lawrence	GOOD FRIDAY <i>Stations</i> 1:00pm at St. Denis 3:00pm at St. Lawrence <i>Good Friday Service</i> 5:30pm at St. Lawrence 7:00pm at St. Denis	EASTER VIGIL 7:30pm at St. Denis EASTER SUNDAY 7:00am at St. Denis 8:30am at St. Lawrence 10:00am at St. Denis

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION · MARCH 24, 2024



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 24-30, 2024
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Mass Schedule					
Sat.	Mar	23	4PM	Jeff Steger	
Sun.	Mar	24	8:30AM	Parish Family	
Mon.	Mar	25	No Mass		
Tue.	Mar	26	6PM	Lefty & Ida Seyer	
Wed.	Mar	27	7AM	Cletus & Norma Gosche	
	Thu.	Mar	28	5:30PM	Andrew Essner
	Fri.	Mar	29	5:30PM	No Intention
	Sat.	Mar	30	No Mass	
	Sun.	Mar	31	8:30AM	Barney & Sylvia Steimle

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. MAR 24-Terri Stuckey, MAR 31-Norma Seyer.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

March 17, 2024: Loose \$293, Envelopes \$4041, Total: \$4334.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Brian & Lauren Heuring

Dean & Leonna Heuring, Jon & Crista Heuring, Shawn Heisserer.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24th, EASTER EGG HUNT. Following religion class, on the ballfield. If you would like to donate (eggs, items to fill the eggs, prizes, or money), leave in the back of church or contact Ashley Lasters, Amanda Glastetter, or Monica Burger.

MONDAY, APRIL 1st, ST. FRANCIS MOBILE WELLNESS EVENT. Saint Francis mobile wellness will be at Kelso C-7 school district to provide mobile mammograms from 8AM-3PM. Please call 573-339-3952 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins also welcome. Preventative screenings are covered by insurance, including Medicaid. Patients without insurance may qualify for a free screening through Dig for Life and the Saint Francis Foundation. Screenings are for those 40 years of age or older and who have not had a mammogram within the past 12 months. Please bring a photo ID to your appointment.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC. 11AM-Noon. \$12 shots at the New Hamburg ballpark pavilion behind the old school. Dr. Brian Heuring and Cape Small Animal Clinic will administer the discounted pet vaccines. Debit/credit cards accepted, cash, or check please.

CEMETERY NOTE. The cemetery will be cleared of all grave decorations placed on the ground around the graves for the April thru October mowing season to allow for access for mowing and trimming. Decorations attached to the top or the sides of gravestones off the ground and not in the way of mowing or trimming may remain.

EASTER FLOWERS. To remember someone this Easter, put an offering of \$10 in an envelope, write "Flowers in Memory ofby.....(one name or family per donation) and put in the collection basket.

Grounds Committee. We are looking for individuals who would like to help with the upkeep of our parish grounds, which would include meeting to help discuss potential projects and suggestions with Fr. Belken, as

Lector & Communion Distributor :	Thu. Mar 28 5:30PM	Shannon Schumer
Organist/Cantor:	Thu. Mar 28 5:30PM	Choir
Gift Bearers:	Thu. Mar 28 5:30PM	Volunteers
Servers:	Thu. Mar 28 5:30PM	Drew Essner/Tyler Jackson/Isabell Crook & Wyatt Farrow
Ushers:	Thu. Mar 28 5:30PM	Volunteers

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Fri. Mar 29 5:30PM	Frank Glueck/Gary Reischman
Organist/Cantor:	Fri. Mar 29 5:30PM	Choir
Gift Bearers:	Fri. Mar 29 5:30PM	Volunteers
Servers:	Fri. Mar 29 5:30PM	Drew Essner/Eli Holman
Ushers:	Fri. Mar 29 5:30PM	Volunteers

Lector & Communion Distributor :	Sun. Mar 31 8:30AM	Gary Reischman
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Mar 31 8:30AM	Volunteers/Choir
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Mar 31 8:30AM	Volunteers
Servers:	Sun. Mar 31 8:30AM	Ty & Callen Glastetter/Brady James/Tyler Morgan
Ushers:	Sun. Mar 31 8:30AM	Volunteers

well as working to help complete them. If you are interested, please contact the parish office to join the group as it is being formed.

PRINCIPAL OPENING. Principal and Educator Opening, elementary: Saint Denis School in Benton, Missouri is seeking a principal and teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Responsibilities: Responsibilities will include leadership in the school environment as a community of faith, as well as providing an instructional and professional leadership to the school faculty, as well being able to fill the capacity of a classroom teacher. Requirements: A qualified candidate must be an active and practicing Catholic, possess their Missouri certification, as well as possessing a master's degree in School Administration (or are working towards it). Administrative experience is preferred, and 3-5 years of Catholic school experience is desired as well. To request an application, please contact Fr. Daniel Belken at Saint Denis Parish, Benton, MO at 573-545-3864, or email frbelken@stdenisbenton.org.

THANK YOU. Thank you to everyone who donated goodies for the PSR Bake Sale at the KC Fish Fry. Your support is truly appreciated!! We made \$724. Thank you, Cindy.

SAVE THE DATE. Totus Tuus at St. Lawrence parish center June 9-13 for grades 7-12, 7-9PM. June 10-14 for grades 1-6, 8:30AM-2PM. More details to follow.