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 Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am  
 March 29, 2026  
 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – Rosanna & Steve Ruhmann

Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Easter Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – For Peace

### STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$5,770.50; Loose \$687; Candles \$50; Mass Stipend \$20; 2026 Quilt Raffle \$40 – Thank You

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

#### Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Carol Reiter

**Minister: Body of Christ** Volunteer

**Minister: Blood of Christ** Volunteer

#### Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Judy Mueth

**Minister: Body of Christ** Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco

**Minister: Blood of Christ** Joan Killebrew & Susan Halt

**Servers:**

**Crossbearer:**

#### Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 p.m.

Pat Vogel

#### Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

Michelle Walls

Sandi Gerdes & Jennifer Neff

Vic Klein & Mary Anne Hopper

Kinzley Kurtz & Riley Neff

Anna Gerdes

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

No other Sunday in the liturgical year reflects such dramatic contrast as today. What begins with songs of triumph quickly shifts into remembrance of the Lord's passion. His royal entrance into the holy city of Jerusalem was also an entrance into the mystery of his suffering, death, and resurrection. As we enter this holiest of weeks with Christ, may our participation in each solemn liturgy draw us into deeper union with him and with one another. Today's liturgy "unites the royal splendor of Christ with the proclamation of his Passion".

On Palm Sunday, the Scripture readings invite us into the passion (that is, the suffering) of Jesus during his final week on earth. Jesus initially enters Jerusalem in joy. The crowd that has accompanied Jesus on his journey from Galilee into the holy city hails Jesus as the royal Son of David, using a line from Psalm 118. The city residents identify Jesus simply as a prophet, which is true but inadequate. Jesus is the king, promised by the prophet Zechariah, who comes to the city not on a warhorse but in peace, on a humble donkey.

Jesus' arrival as a gentle king, not a warrior-king, is echoed in the second and third readings. Jesus takes up the role of the "suffering servant" described in the prophet Isaiah, a servant who refuses to take vengeance on those who harm him. The apostle Paul shows even more clearly how Jesus renounces his power, rather than seizing his status and using it to his advantage. Jesus empties himself and is born as a slave – not only as a mortal human being, but a human on the lowest rung of the socioeconomic ladder. Jesus' self-emptying is completed when he submits himself to a painful and humiliating death, a public execution as a criminal.

The Gospel reading narrates this renunciation of power, this refusal to strike back against those who harm, beginning with the betrayal of Judas and the denial of Peter, continuing with Jesus' arrest and trials, and culminating in the crucifixion and Jesus' burial. The last line of the Matthew reading has a grim finality to it: the Roman soldiers, representatives of the mightiest empire on earth at the time, secure the tomb with a stone and their armed presence. With that, we enter into the long silence of Holy Saturday.

### 2026 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Mary Muskopf, February – Pat Ramsey. If you haven't turned in your tickets for the 2026 Quilt Raffle, please turn them in so that you will be entered in the remaining 10 drawings.

**St. Michael's Prayer Chain** – To request that someone be added to the Prayer Chain contact Karen Mueller at 473-3401. The person will be on the "prayer chain" for one (1) month, unless the person that requested the prayers asks for longer.

### CCW NEWS

The Ladies CCW Meeting will be on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> (corrected date) at noon in the parish hall. A light lunch will be served. All ladies of the parish are welcome!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council again this year needs donations of bottled water, Gatorade (individual bottles), Capri Sun (individual pouches) or similar drinks, individually packaged snacks, such as crackers, meat sticks, cookies, fruit cups/pudding etc. Items can be placed in the back of church.

### ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke's Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$12 for Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Buttered Noodles, Glazed Carrots, Cake, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water.

### HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Pope Leo XIV has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For additional information go to [mail@myfranciscan.com](mailto:mail@myfranciscan.com). Please be generous!

### CAMP ONDESSONK

Camp Ondessonk will hold its Spring Fling on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Spring Fling is a family-friendly event that invites students, parents, and community members to enjoy a day of outdoor adventure and connection at Camp Ondessonk. The day includes activities for all ages and interests: Morning – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ondessonk Trail Races: Half Marathon, Manchester Trail 10K, 5K, One-Mile Fun Run. Sign up at RunSignup. Afternoon – Camp Ondessonk Free Open House – Families are invited to explore Camp during our free Open House which includes: Guided tours or Camp facilities, Opportunities to visit popular Summer Camp activity areas, Time to meet and connect with Camp staff. Online registration for the Open House is optional but appreciated!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael's April collection; Laundry soap, bleach, stain removers, fabric softeners - Thank you!

### NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

**God First Loved Us – Retreats** Starting September 12, 2025 through May 1, 2026. Retreat begins on Friday at 4:00 pm through Sunday's at 1:00 pm - \$250 per person (includes lodging and meals)

**God First Loved Us – Men's Quiet Retreats:** May -1-3

**Nourishing Hope in Our Beautiful and Wounded World** – 7-Day Preached Retreat with Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND – Monday, July 13, 4:00 pm through Sunday July 19 at 10 am. Lodging \$643, Double Occupancy \$588, Commuter \$495. Call 618-397-0584.

Directed One Retreat – May 11-18

Directed Two Retreat – June 15-22

Call 618-397-0584 for more information

Days of Reflection & Spiritual Cinema: February-May

**Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God** – a 4-week spring video study Tuesday's April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 2026 10 am – Noon Cost \$20 for series; \$5 per session. Call 618-397-0584 for more information

**Day of Reflection: Seeking Our Archetypes: Richard Rohr, Carl Jung and the Energies that Move Us All** – Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 3 pm. Cost is \$60 (lunch included) To register call 618-397-0584 or [Snows.org](http://Snows.org).