

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Servers: Mason Davenport, Calvin Haverkamp,
Elizabeth Graveman, Emma Coit

Lector: Peggy DeHoff

Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Zishka,
Bill Graveman, Wilma Plake,

Greeters: Russ & Charlene Kimberlin

Mass will be followed by the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the 3rd & 4th-grade classroom and Adoration until midnight for those who wish to stay or come back later.

Good Friday, April 14, 3 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Liturgical service: reading of the Passion, general intercessions, veneration of the cross, and holy Communion

Servers: Lucy Somers, Dylan Deters

Lectors: Mike Akulow (1st Reading & Voice) &
Wilma Plake (2nd Reading & Narrator)

Eucharistic Minister: Donna Somers

Ushers: Andy Gilner, Gene Becker, Wilbur Wagner

***Collection will be taken up for the Holy Land**

Greeters: Wilma Plake, Mike Akulow

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2:30 p.m., Blessing of Food

This is a custom that Father Mark grew up with on Strawberry Hill in Kansas City, Kan. Parishioners are invited to come for this very brief service (about 15 minutes) and bring food and drink that will be used at your family meal either on Holy Saturday evening or Easter Sunday. The festive food is blessed as a sign that the fasting of Lent has ended and the time of Easter feasting has begun.

Holy Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. (Service of the Light) Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Servers: Jarrett Breuer, Rebekah Martin, Michael Mast, Mark Mast

Lectors: 1st Reading & Epistle—Pat Johnson; 3rd Reading—Bill Graveman;
5th Reading & Petitions—Joanne Acinger-Vancas

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol McCreary, Pat Walker, Delores Cook

Offertory Gifts: New Catholics

Ushers: Alan Kirchoff, Rick Reischman, Andrew Breuer

Greeters: Gloria Reischman, Connie Putthoff

Easter Sunday, April 16, 8 a.m., Commemoration of the Lord's Resurrection

Servers: Sierra Staatz, Jenna Trull

Lector: Ron Zishka

Eucharistic Ministers: Gene & Debbie Becker, Alicia Hayes

Ushers: Wilbur Wagner, Brad Reischman, Jim McCaffrey

Greeters: Larry & Jenny Gray

Easter Sunday, April 16, 10:30 a.m., Commemoration of the Lord's Resurrection

Servers: Andrew Willson, Owen Welsh

Lector: Carolyn Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Drost, Charlene Kimberlin, Mike Saunders

Ushers: Matt Ross, Matt VanderVelde, Ron Moore

Greeters: Gerald Denk, Cathy Cline

SERVERS NEED TO BE HERE 30 MINS. BEFORE MASS SO FATHER CAN REVIEW WITH YOU!

The Word of God

Jesus is the Word of God. When we read the scriptures, then, we are literally having a personal encounter with Jesus. That's why spending time with the Word of God is such a wonderful way to pray. Today's Gospel, the Passion of Christ according to Saint Matthew, encourages us to spend time with our Lord in his most difficult moments. As we read and pray, we can imagine Jesus sitting beside us. We can speak to him as our wise and treasured friend. Jesus is fascinated by our lives and loves to hear us joining our own experiences to his.

Jesus gathers his friends around the table for supper. We think of our own experiences with friends and family around dinner tables, or times when we went without either food or companionship.

- *Your Last Supper reminds me of a time . . . [continue in your own words]*
- *What was that evening like for you, Lord?*

Jesus knows his closest friends will betray, abandon, and deny him. We recall lonely times in our own lives, or times we sinned against friends.

- *Your story brings back hurtful memories, Lord . . .*
- *Speak to my heart, Jesus. Share with me your agony.*

Jesus listens to the crowd clamor for Barabbas. We think of people who have been preferred over us, or times we have maneuvered to be first among many.

- *There are dark places in my heart, Lord . . .*
- *You knew the hearts of those who scourged you, Jesus. What was it like to forgive them?*

Beaten, exhausted, and hanging between two criminals, Jesus dies. We remember times we have suffered or accompanied others in their pain.

- *I feel sad, Lord . . .*
- *You prayed for me personally in your final moments, Jesus. How can I thank you?*

Today's Readings: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66 [27:11-54]