
March 24, 2024 • Palm Sunday



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Welcome to Our Cluster of Catholic Churches • Bienvenido Nuestro rupo Iglesias Católicas

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Monday & Wednesday.....8:00-4:00PM
Closed Friday

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Office Hours

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Closed Friday

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 23

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM SFX
 4:00 PM † George VanDyke by Barb & Family SFX
 5:30 PM † Mary Ellen Courtade by Lou & Connie Armock SJ

Sunday, March 24

9:00 AM † Chris Stepping by Family SC
 11:00 AM ~ Members of the Cluster SJ
 12:00 PM Confessions until 1:00 PM SJ

Monday, March 25

8:00 AM Rosary SFX
 8:30 AM ~ Fr. Andrew's Birthday by Edna & Jim May SFX
 5:15 PM Confession /Adoration until 6:15 PM SFX

Tuesday, March 26

8:30 AM † Frank Knauf by M/M Norm Rohen SJ
 2:45 PM Adoration until 3:00 PM SJ

Wednesday, March 27

No Daily Mass

Thursday, March 28

7:00 PM ~ Members of the Cluster SC
 8:30 PM Confessions until 9:30 PM SC

Friday, March 29

3:00 PM ~ Members of the Cluster SC
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross SFX

Saturday, March 30

9:00 AM Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Foods SJ
 3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM SJ
 9:00 PM ~ Members of the Cluster SJ

Sunday, March 31

7:00 AM ~ Members of the Cluster SFX
 9:00 AM ~ Intentions of the Kroll Family SC
 11:00 AM ~ Members of the Cluster SJ

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Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 28

7:00 PM Holy Thursday SC
 8:30 PM Confessions until
 9:30 PM SC

Friday, March 29

3:00 PM Good Friday SC
 7:00 PM Stations of The Cross SFX

Saturday, March 30

9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Blessing
 of Easter Foods SJ
 3:00 PM Confessions until
 3:45 PM SJ
 9:00 PM Holy Saturday SJ

Sunday, March 31

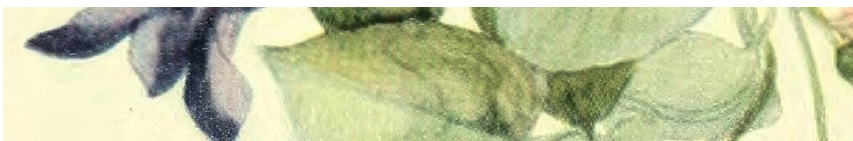
7:00 AM Easter Sunday SFX
 9:00 AM Easter Sunday SC
 11:00 AM Easter Sunday SJ

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Spring Break Office Hours

Our Cluster parish offices will be closed **April 1st — April 7th** and reopening **April 8th**.

Father Andrew will be on vacation from **April 8th—April 19th**. For pastoral emergencies, please call his after hours emergency number—(616) 320-4234.



A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

Rosary Intention for March

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Ministry Schedules

Holy Thursday, March 28

St. Catherine • 7:00 PM

Sacristan Joani Waller
Lector Florence Postema
EMHC..... Brenda Goodno &
..... Kathy Sabo-Bensinger
Ushers John Helsen, Matthew Grover,
..... Greg Grover, & Herb Schoenborn
Servers..... Andy & Olivia Wiltenburg,
..... Roran & Oliver Hackenberg

Good Friday, March 29

St. Catherine • 3:00 PM

Sacristan Brenda Goodno
Lector Kathy Morey & George Herman
EMHC..... Annie Kubasiak
Ushers John Helsen, Matthew Grover,
..... Greg Grover, & Herb Schoenborn
Servers..... Lydia, Frannie & Luke Morey

Holy Saturday, March 30

St. Joseph • 9:00 PM

Sacristan Marty Brown
Lector Jeannie Sokolowski, Bill May &
..... Brenda Goodno
EMHC..... Mike Host
EMHC Precious Blood..... Deb Clelland
Ushers Anyone Available
Servers..... Liam & Esme Beuschel, Johnathan
..... Dietrich & Therese Sokolowski

Easter Sunday, March 31

St. Francis Xavier • 7:00 AM

Sacristan/EM Sharon Denhof
Lector Bill May
Usher Anyone Available
Server Anyone Available

St. Catherine • 9:00 AM

Sacristan Nancy Adams
Lector Rich Grover
EMHC..... Jill Nutt, Vicki Woodard & Ethel Nutt
Ushers John Helsen, Matthew Grover,
..... Greg Grover, & Herb Schoenborn
Servers..... Jane Klein & Everleigh, Oliver &
..... Roran Hackenberg

St. Joseph • 11:00 AM

Sacristan Ben Benefiel
Lector Helen Dietrich
EMHC..... Tonya Fritz
Ushers Joe Armock & Son & Joe Fritz
Servers..... Riley Kober & Kylie Lipski

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 24, 2024

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Holy Thursday

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the 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

Good 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

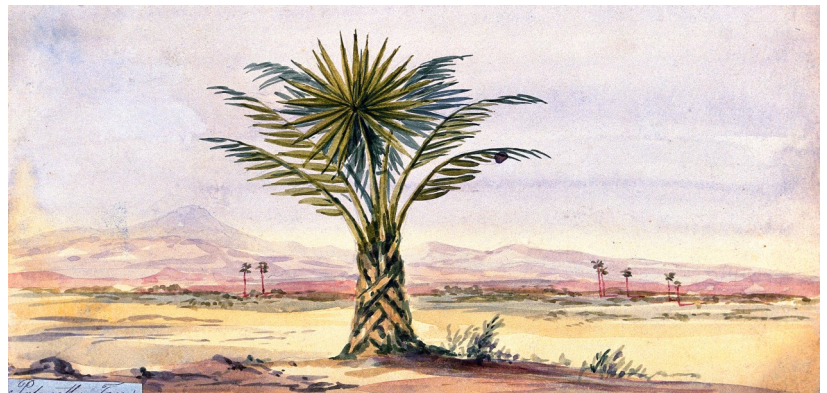
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gn1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

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



St. Catherine's News

Men's Club News

Next Men's Club meeting is **Wednesday, March 27th** at 7:30pm in the parish hall. All men of the parish are invited.

Divorced? Separated? You don't need to go through it alone. A 13 week, confidential support group begins **April 8th** from 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Catherine's school. For more information, contact Maureen Russell—Schoenborn at (231) 740-8466.

St. Francis Xavier News

Beef up your Lenten Resolutions.

A scriptural study on the book by Bishop Robert Barron "This is My Body". This is a 6 week series starting Wednesday, **April 23rd** at 9:00 AM at Esther Finkler's home. Study includes video, workbook and discussion. For more information and to join, call Esther Finkler—(616) 899-2247, Bill May—(616) 899-2292 or Anne Klein—(616) 450-0597.

Want to be part of the prayer line? St. Francis is looking for more people to join the prayer line. Call Pat Sanford—231-853-5909 to join.

St. Joseph's News

Happy Birthday to Agatha Kluting! Agatha will be 99 years old on **Sunday, March 24th**.

If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 2074 Roosevelt St. Coopersville, MI 49404.

Ministry of Funeral Hospitality

St. Joseph Parish is in need of volunteers! If you would like to join the work of this important ministry, each section is looking for individuals. Responsibilities include: help call for salads and desserts, and to help serve at the luncheon. If you are interested in joining, contact Faith Umlor - (616) 914-4359.

Senior Euchre

Will be at St. Joseph's Hall from 1:30-3:30pm. Barrier free entrance, lower side south doors. \$1 gets you an afternoon of fun! Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The next date is **March 26th**.

The Cluster News

40 Days of Life

Our Cluster will be praying in front of the Planned Parenthood facility, 425 Cherry St. SE Grand Rapids, on Wednesday **March 27th**. They now offer surgical abortions at this location. Please make a commitment to pray for one hour at this center for all victims of abortion. Take a friend or two and go anytime from 7:00 AM—7:00 PM. If you need a ride, please call or text Larry and Marj Williams—(616) 899-5596.

Cluster Directory

We finally received the proof of the Cluster Directory. This will take time to go through to make edits and changes. We will announce when the official directories are available for everyone interested in having one.

Knights of Columbus, Council #4404 Pancake Breakfast

Join us for our last **Sunday** breakfast from 8:30AM -1:00PM at the St. Vincent DePaul Hall. Same great food and great fellowship. If you're a member or would like to help, contact Randy Graftema at (616) 327-9839.

Walking With Moms In Need Ministry is again seeking donations for our Clusters pantry. The baby shower boxes will be in back of each church during the weeks of Lent, and again in October. We are collecting baby and toddler clothing, ointments, formula coupons, etc. The pantry is open to any mom in need in our surrounding communities, on the **2nd** and **4th** Saturday each month, **9-11AM**. If you want to make a monetary donation, please write the check to WWMIN and drop into the weekly collection.

Catholic Services Appeal

Many have already received a letter from **Bishop Walkowiak** asking you to make your commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries through the Catholic Services Appeal. These are ministries that benefit us all but are difficult for any one parish to provide on its own. Your gift to the CSA enables the Catholic Church to reach out to people in our 11 counties in a variety of ways, including through seminarian and deacon formation; youth programming; support for the homebound and incarcerated; families who are struggling; the hungry and the homeless.

Our goal for 2024 at St. Francis is **\$18,397** and 100% participation.
Our goal for 2024 at St. Joseph is **\$46,311** and 100% participation.
Our goal for 2024 at St. Catherine is **\$28,869** and 100% participation.

Divine Providence Academy

"Giving Drink to the Thirsty"

DPA's Lenten Project of the year is to continue the Corporal Works of Mercy by raising money to have a well dug in Nigeria to provide fresh drinking water for families.

Students will be working together with the parish communities of Our Cluster to help raise awareness for this important cause.

If you would like to donate, please make checks out to either St. Joseph or St. Catherine Parish and write on the memo line "Lent Well Project". We will be accepting donations until **March 28th**. For more information, check out the flyer posted on the bulletin board at the back of the churches.

Religious Education News

Please pray for our catechumens, Taylor McGough and Brian Grimm, who will be received into full communion with the Church on **Holy Saturday**.

Cluster Youth Group Ministry

Youth Bake Sale

The youth ministry bake sale has been rescheduled to **April 20th-21st** to be during the Easter season rather than Lent. Bring your pocketbooks after Mass those days and help support the many wonderful opportunities on offer for the youth of our parishes.

Chicago Pilgrimage

Join the youth ministry on Saturday, **May 4th**, for a day in Chicago as we explore the city's most beautiful churches and catch a game at Wrigley Field. Cost to attend is \$100.

More Cluster News

End of Life Presentation

Join us **April 30th** at 7:00 PM for an **End of Life presentation** at St. Catherine's hall. **Father Andrew** and guest speakers will be talking about end of life issues from a Catholic prospective and leaving charitable gifts as part of your legacy. For more information, call the parish office.

Community Blood Drive

St. Vincent de Paul is holding a community blood drive Sunday, **March 24th** from 8:30 AM—1:00 PM at St. Vincent de Paul hall. All donors will receive a free breakfast!

Offertory for March 17

St. Catherine\$5,185.55
St. Francis Xavier\$1,228.00
St. Joseph\$5,177.27

St Joseph only. Text (616) 377-2855, enter the dollar amount, Enter your info.
Questions? (616) 899-2286

Online Giving

St Catherine tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n
St Joseph tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya
St Francis Xavier tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya

CSA 2024 Contributions

St Catherine \$28,869
(Pledged, \$13,065..... Still Needed \$15,804)

St. Francis Xavier \$18,397
(Pledged, \$4,015..... Still Needed \$14,382)

St. Joseph \$46,311
(Pledged, \$11,175.....Still Needed \$35,136)