

**March 29, 2020**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

St. Francis, Francesville; St. Joseph, Pulaski; St. Peter, Winamac

Part of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, March 30**

9:00 A.M. +Albert Van Dyke by James Wilfinger

**Tuesday, March 31**

6:00 P.M. +Wanda Buczek by the St. Theresa Study Club

**Wednesday April 1**

9:00 A.M. +Joe Pesaresi by Dave & Heather Pugh Family

**Thursday, April 2**

9:00 A.M. +Howard Loehmer by Kevin & Monica Whiteman

**Friday, April 3**

9:00 A.M. +Jo Russell by Terry Pesaresi

**Saturday, April 4**

4:00 P.M.  
+Ralph Kiser by Ron Roth Family

**Sunday, April 5**

9:00 A.M.  
+Our Cluster Family

**Prayer to Mary During the  
Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

*Oh, by the way,*

Beginning next week-end, we journey the holiest week of our liturgical year: 5 April-12 April.

Join the pilgrimage!

Needless to say, this will be the most unique Holy Week any of us have ever experienced! There are so many directives coming to priests...and some change daily. I hope to have the final dates and times next week-end. PLEASE consult the Cluster web page. For those who have the FaceBook, there will be the daily and Holy Week liturgies posted along with church notices. Liturgies will be posted on our web page 30-45 minutes after starting time of a liturgy.

During this challenging time, many forms of communication have become crucial. Thanks to Rachel, she arranged for daily Mass to be broadcast in real time via FaceBook. We have been averaging 35-55 at daily Mass! (Your 'hearts', 'thumbs up' and comments mean a lot.) Comments came in from those who do not have FaceBook. She found a way to incorporate the Mass onto our web page within 45 minutes after a Liturgy. She has also streamed *The Way of the Cross* link for you to pray anytime! Word got out quickly! It was interesting how some called with their e-mail addresses and phone numbers. Still, some do not have internet access. Rachel found a web page to make phone calls to all households! And we've done that. Recently she found a unique place to light a virtual candle for your prayers. And all this is on our Cluster web page.

Financially, some have been mailing in their contributions. Thank you! Rachel also contacted the Diocese to set up *Faith Direct* where your monetary contributions may be made to **your** parish. Again, go to our Cluster web page. There is a link to *Faith Direct*. Left click on your 'home' parish, you will find a link to online giving. The rest is self-explanatory. Thank you for your continued support during this unique time in our Church and Country.

***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion***, 4-5 April, is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful receive palm which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbols of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.



## Abstinence: So why aren't you eating pepperoni pizza on Friday?

You love pepperoni pizza. You eat it all the time. Suddenly, you can't have it on Fridays?! What could possibly be going on? It must be that Catholic thing, again. Absolutely! On Fridays during Lent and Good Friday, we particularly remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In memory of this great sacrifice, we continue the tradition of penance and sacrifice – abstaining from meat on Fridays is an outward manifestation of an interior reality: the conversion of our hearts. As Pope John Paul II has said, "In fact, the external aspects of fasting, though important, do not convey the full measure of the practice. Joined to the practice should be a sincere desire for inner purification, readiness to obey the divine will and thoughtful solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the very poor." Christ himself fasted and prayed in the desert. Through fasting and praying, we unite ourselves with the sacrifice of Christ and offer him reparation for our sins and failings. It's a little thing to give him in the face of his ultimate sacrifice, but what a grace that our God accepts and loves little gifts!



## Religious Education K-8:

Recognizing the chaos COVID-19 has created with Religious Education, our book published is offering free material for our students. Parents, **PLEASE** use the following link: <https://www.livingfaith.com/sample/LFK151MarchFREE.pdf>

### Exercising Good Stewardship of Prayer during a Crisis:

As good stewards of God's grace during this Lenten season, let us be united in prayer and hope during these stressful times.

- We pray for all those who have been affected by COVID-19 (Coronavirus), for their healing and comfort, and for strength and peace for their families.
- We pray for those who have passed away because of the virus and those who mourn for them.
- We pray for health care workers, first responders, all who are and will offer compassionate service and healing in the days and weeks to come.
- We pray for those who are working to contain the spread of the virus.
- We pray for our local and national health care and government officials as we continue to rely on their prudence and good judgement.

- We pray for those who face economic adversity due to the virus, especially those who may lose much-needed pay or even lose a job.
- And, we pray for those who suffer anxiety, fear and loneliness. May they feel God's embrace! Accompanying this message is a small collection of prayers you may find helpful.

## Gospel thought for the this week-end

We are not in the flesh. We are in the Spirit. How do I know that I belong to Christ? How do I let others know they are also?

*Meanwhile, back at the ranch...fr. K*

### Quick one-liners for you:

- Because of the current COVID-19 crisis, the third part of *Uniting in Heart* will appear 26 April.
- Do we have your email address? We have been sending Daily Reflections via email to members who we have a current email address for. We also have been sharing them via our website. If you have not shared your email address, please contact the office so that we can add you. Thanks!!!

### St. Francis

**March 22, 2020**

General Offerings: \$50.00  
CRS Collection: \$25.00

### St. Joseph

**March 22, 2020**

General Offerings: \$3,410.00  
CRS Collection: \$25.00

### St. Peter

**March 22, 2020**

General Offering: \$4,642.00  
Easter Offering: \$125.00  
Children's Offering: \$19.00  
Votive: \$7.00  
CRS: \$195.00

### Weekly Cluster Activities: *No Activities this week*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please keep the following individuals in your prayers: Dick Alber, Randy Baker, Helen Barker, Matt Boos, Shelia Buczek, Deb Coble, Cathy Disinger, Helen Ford, Haley Fox, Diane Hopkins, Frances Hoover, Mary Ann Johnson, Joseph Knouff, Carole Kuhn, Sarah Leman (Mary Johnson's granddaughter), Ethel & Ralph Loehmer, Greg Loehmer, Kay (Chapman) Martinez, Adrian Miller, Rosalia Najera, Lucy Nuckols (Jane Rausch's great-niece), Patricia O'Donnell, Ray Paige (Pat O'Donnell's brother), Sarah Perry (Rich Hopkin's Sister), Rankin Reinholt (Shelley Werner's brother), Judy Stevens (Joanne Steven's mother-in-law), Kate (Bennett) Sullivan, Don Terry & Graham Volmer



***Please notify the Cluster Office at 574.946.4906, if a loved one is admitted to the hospital, rehab center, nursing home, or is homebound. fr. K CANNOT make calls to people that he is NOT AWARE OF. Thank you!***

### Fruitful Harvest Update: As of February 28, 2020

Parish:	Goal:	Pledge:	Over by:	Paid:
St. Francis	\$4,981.39	\$5,400.00	\$418.61	\$4,900.00
St. Joseph	\$21,201.52	\$24,634.00	\$3,432.48	\$21,859.00
St. Peter	\$41,056.23	\$62,540.00	\$21,483.77	\$54,142.50

*Thank you for your continued support! May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes and Diocese!*