



# St. Joseph Church

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March 28, 2021  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Mass Intentions for the Week  
Mon & Tues NO MASS @ SJ  
Wed 8:15 AM + Jesse Wolf  
Holy Thursday 7:00 PM – MASS AT STUART  
Good Friday 7:00 PM — Liturgical Service  
Holy Saturday 8:30 PM — MASS AT STUART  
Easter Sunday 7:00 AM + Elmer Borer  
8:30 AM + Jeremiah Callahan  
10:30 AM —MASS AT STUART

*A BIG Thank You....*to all who save aluminum cans for our school. Recent revenue was \$228.00

*If You Are Able,..* please remain after church following the Good Friday service to decorate for Easter.

*Attached To The Bulletin ...*you will find an envelope titled “Holy Land Collection.” If you wish to contribute, please return your donation on Good Friday. Thank you!

  
**for the family**  
*The Harvest is Great, Laborers Are Few... Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Pat & Sandy Kennedy.*  
The week of April 4—Kelly Jelinek Family.

**WE REMEMBER...**those in need of special prayers:  
Emma Lou Gunther, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, David Leiding, Judy Steimle & Carolyn Anderson

*Waiting For Your Call..*EMHCs & Lectors—If you would like to share your time once again @ Sunday Mass, please contact the parish office.



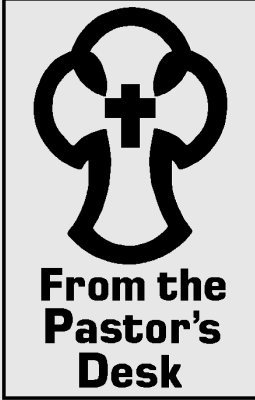
Wed., Mar. 31—Adoration, 9am—3pm, CCD  
Fri., April 2—Stations of the Cross @ Stuart, 3pm  
Sat., Apr. 24—Stuart’s Prom...Mass in Stuart, 5pm

Confession Schedule  
**St. Boniface—Stuart**  
Tue., Mar. 30 from 6 —7pm

You are welcome to donate a lily or spring plant to adorn the altar in memory of your loved ones during this holiest of seasons.

*Good Friday Liturgical Service...7pm*  
**LECTORS: Patti Skrdla & Kenny Tunender**  
**EMHC: Joe Skrdla**  
**I LOOKED FOR ONE WHO WOULD COMFORT ME, AND I FOUND NONE...**





**From the  
Pastor's  
Desk**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties,

If the gospel accounts stopped just after Jesus's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, how would you imagine the next few days playing out? The scene could easily be imagined as a hero's entry in advance of his great triumph soon to follow.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, his disciples must have felt the same weight of expectations, the portent of what Jesus's entry meant, not just for themselves, but for everyone. If Jesus was the promised Messiah, the events to come were not just concerned with the realities of one Passover in Jerusalem or the fate of the people of Judah but with the world and, yes, the world to come. What could one do but wait with sharp expectancy for events to unfold?

And yet one unnamed woman does more than wait. Her actions interpret not only Jesus's entry as the expected king, but the sort of king Jesus must be. After his entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus went to Bethany. In Bethany, "a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head." In this action, she simply supports the reception accorded Jesus as he entered Jerusalem as the king. The *mashiach* (Greek, *christos*) is the "anointed one," and her actions tell us that she not only understands that Jesus is the anointed one but that she has a need or responsibility to anoint him. But who is she to anoint a king?

The people gathered around Jesus, however, ask a different question: "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor.' They were infuriated with her." Their question is not without merit, for in scolding her they probably were attempting to voice Jesus's concern for the poor seen throughout his ministry. Jesus asks another question, "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her?"

Somehow the concerned disciples have missed something. "She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me." Jesus's response is not an attempt to mark out the permanence of poverty as a social problem but to note that her "good thing for me" has focused proper attention on him. Whether or not she knows the full implications of what she has done, she has directed those present to see Jesus as the Messiah, to grasp his christological identity.

Her identification of Jesus as the Christ by anointing went deeper, however, than even she knew, for she could not have known that she had "anticipated anointing Jesus's body for burial." Faithful women will later seek to care for Jesus's broken body after his death in order to anoint it with burial spices, but they would not find a body. The unnamed woman, though, already had anointed Jesus not only as a king but as the humble King who emptied himself out in death.

The humility of Jesus is reflected by the generosity of this woman, who pours out all that she has as a witness for him. Who is she to anoint a king? Given the universal significance of Jesus's passion week, her anointing might seem a little thing, but it is the most any of us can do she recognizes Jesus, and gives all she has for him, not understanding completely that her actions helped to prepare the King, first for his death and then for his triumph, but knowing somehow he is the Messiah.

The significance of her actions is felt when Jesus says, "Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." We, too, are called to recognize Jesus the Messiah in faith, not simply as a conquering hero but as a servant willing to give himself up to death for us.

I hope all of you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman

**THE LORD'S PORTION—03.21.21**

Adult Env. (22)	1,094.00
Loose Checks (3)	425.00
Loose Cash	40.00
Energy (2)	100.00
Catholic Relief (2)	35.00
Initial Offering (1)	100.00
Easter (1)	100.00
Online Giving (7)	1,030.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,924.27</b>

*LITURGICAL MINISTERS —April 4*

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:00</b>	<b>SUNDAY 8:30</b>
EMHCs	Andrea Borer	Brian Mlady
LECTORS	Harry Morgan	Landyn Mlady
GIFTS		
ORGANIST		
SERVERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
USHERS		

**JESUS.....IT IS BETTER TO KNOW HIM BEFORE  
YOU MEET HIM  
STOP DROP ROLL  
DOESN'T WORK WELL IN HELL...**