

# CATHEDRAL of the EPIPHANY

1000 Douglas St., Sioux City, IA 51105

April 2023

# WHAT A WEEK!

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There is a cartoon that comes around every Easter Sunday on social media. It depicts a priest telling someone else in the scene, "The Lord is risen, the pastor is dead." I think all priests can relate to that. Holy Week is a very busy time, yet also our favorite week of the year. Have you ever participated at all the Masses and other liturgies of Holy Week? If you have not, I would like to invite you to do it this year.

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday, when we commemorate the triumphal entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem. We do it as they did about two thousand years ago, holding branches in procession as we prepare to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week are days of anticipation and preparation for the Sacred Triduum. Here at the Cathedral we will have a special Mass on Monday, where the Bishop will bless the Oils of the Infirm and of the Catechumens, and consecrate the Chrism, that will be used for the celebration of different sacraments throughout the year. At this Mass all priests will also renew our priestly promises. On Tuesday we will have a "last chance" for confessions before the Holy Triduum.

Holy Thursday is a different day liturgically. We do not have regular Masses, but only the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. At this Mass we remember and celebrate the institution of the Priesthood and the Eucharist.

Good Friday is a somber day. This is the only day of the year where there is no consecration of the Eucharist. We instead celebrate the Lord's Passion and receive the Eucharist consecrated the night before.



Holy Saturday is another somber day. We are still mourning the death of Our Savior, but by sunset we start celebrating the joy of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil, one of the most beautiful celebrations of the Church.

Easter Sunday the priests may feel dead, but the whole Church rejoices because our Savior conquered death for us. What a week!

## HOW LENT GRADUALLY PRUNES THE LITURGY





We believe that the sacred liturgy, among other things, is catechesis in ritual — "lex orandi, lex credendi" — the law of prayer is the law of belief. In other words, the rituals and traditions we carry out are meant to teach us about our Faith. If we enter into them with intentionality, the rites and traditions of the Church help us experience the mysteries of Christ more fully.

These rite and traditions are often visual, as the liturgy often appeals to our five senses to draw us in more deeply. In order to feel the impact of penitence and fasting, Lent is a season where the liturgy is "pruned" in many ways. As we begin Lent, we obviously lose the singing of the Gloria and the Alleluia. The sanctuaries of all the churches in the Cathedral Parish become fairly bare and austere. Flowers and solo organ music (preludes and postludes) are forbidden during Lent, with the exception of Laetare Sunday, which is the fourth Sunday and midway point of Lent. In our parish, we even switch to using unbleached candles that are a tan color of natural beeswax. Even the candles no longer look fresh and glistening, and doing this is an intentional tradition of the Church that symbolizes penitence and restraint.

After we move beyond the rose vestments and joy of celebrating the nearness of Easter on the Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent, the liturgy takes a markedly different turn. Beginning with the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we enter into the final two weeks of the season, traditionally known as Passiontide. The readings and liturgical prayers at Mass become even more solemn, with a focus on the imminent death of our Lord. The church environment traditionally reflects this as well, as the Fifth Sunday of Lent is when we begin to see the veiling of images and statues. As we draw closer to Holy Week and the Triduum, this is an example of further liturgical pruning. Even art and statuary is taken away in order to help us concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of redemption.

Despite the shouts of "Hosanna!" on Palm Sunday and the beauty of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the liturgy remains somber and is pruned even further. The ringing of bells goes away after the Gloria on Holy Thursday, the sanctuary is stripped, and the Mass itself is taken from us on Good Friday — the only day of the year on which Mass cannot be celebrated. Everything is pruned down to the Cross, which stands in silence before the altar. Finally, on the Easter Vigil, the glory of the Resurrected Christ bursts into full array. The veil of darkness is lifted and the pruned liturgy blossoms forth once again in all its radiant glory, infusing our hearts with Easter joy!

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION Saturday, April 1

3 pm Confessions (St. Boniface)

4 pm Mass in English (St. Boniface)

5 pm Confessions (Cathedral)

6 pm Mass in Spanish (Cathedral)

Tacos served after 6pm Mass (Cathedral Hall)

#### Sunday, April 2

7:45 am Confessions (All churches)

8:30 am Mass in Spanish (Cathedral)

8:30 am Mass in English (St. Joseph)

8:30am Mass in Latin (St. Boniface)

9 am Parish meal server until 2 pm (Cathedral Hall)

10 am Mass in English (Cathedral)

10:30 am Mass in Spanish (St. Boniface)

12 pm Mass in Spanish (Cathedral)

12:30 pm Mass in Vietnamese (St. Joseph)

4 pm Solemn Sung Vespers (Cathedral)

# MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK Monday, April 3

12 pm Mass in English (Cathedral)

2 pm Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

4:30 pm Confessions (Cathedral)

5:30 pm Mass in Spanish (Cathedral)

#### Tuesday of Holy Week Tuesday, April 4

12 pm Mass in English (Cathedral)

4:30 pm Confessions (Cathedral)

5:30 pm Mass in Spanish (Cathedral)

6 pm Confessions (Cathedral)

#### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Wednesday, April 5

12 pm Mass in English (Cathedral)

12:30 pm Busy Person Lunch (Cathedral Hall)

4:30 pm Confessions (Cathedral)

5:30 pm Mass in Spanish (Cathedral)

6:15 pm Family of Faith Night (Cathedral)

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

#### Thursday, April 6

5 pm Adoration Chapel closes

5:30 pm Trilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper (Cathedral)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle until 10:00
pm

### GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

#### Friday, April 7

Day of fast and abstinence

Parish office closed

12pm Good Friday Service in English (Cathedral)

5:30pm Good Friday Service in Spanish (Cathedral)

6 pm Good Friday Service in Vietnamese (St. Joseph)

### HOLY SATURDAY

#### Saturday, April 8

12 pm Rehearsal for the Elect (Cathedral)

8 pm Easter Vigil (Cathedral)

#### EASTER SUNDAY

#### Sunday, April 9

8:30 am Mass in Spanish (Cathedral)

8:30 am Mass in English (St. Joseph)

8:30am Mass in Latin (St. Boniface)

10 am Mass in English (Cathedral)

10:30 am Mass in Spanish (St. Boniface)

12 pm Mass in Spanish (Cathedral)

12:30 pm Mass in Vietnamese (St. Joseph)

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# PARISH UPDATES

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

- Building Maintenance Fund, April 1 & 2.
- Holy Land, April 7
- Infirm and Retired Priests of the Diocese of Sioux City, April 8
   8
- Together As One [Spanish Only], April 15 & 16.

#### CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE

- April 1-9—Holy Week. Check schedule in page 2.
- Monday, April 10. Office closed. No confessions. Mass only at 9am in English.
- Tuesday, April 11. No confessions nor evening Mass in Spanish.
- Thursday, April 20. No Confessions nor Masses.

#### FAMILY OF FAITH (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

- Wednesday, April 5. 6:15 pm at Cathedral Family Night (parents and students).
- Wednesday, April 12. 6:15 pm Students with catechists.
- Saturday, April 22. First Communions at 6 pm Mass in Spanish.
- Sunday, April 23. First Communions at 8:30 am Mass in Spanish, and 10 am Mass in English.
- Registration for next year opens April 1.

#### **BUSY PERSONS LUNCH**

Join us for lunch on Wednesday, April 5, after the noon Mass. No cost, just a free-will offering. If you would like to volunteer to serve this or any future luncheon, please contact Julie Krogh at jkrogh@sccathedral.org.

#### PARISH MEAL

Our parish meal organized by the Knights of Columbus will take place the weekend of April 1 & 2 at the Cathedral Hall. Tacos will be served after 6pm Mass on Saturday. Breakfast will be served in the morning and tacos in the afternoon on Sunday, starting at 9 am and finishing serving at 2 pm.

#### **DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION**

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a preached holy hour, and the prayer of the chaplet, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm on Sunday, April 16. While confessions will be heard, you may participate in the sacrament anytime within 20 days if you would like to receive plenary indulgences.

#### **LADIES LUNCH**

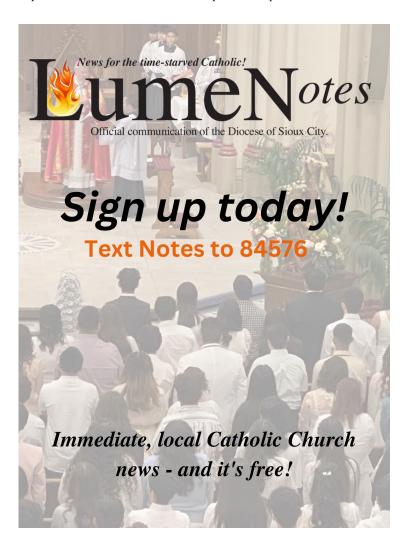
Thursday, April 20, at 1pm at The Wheelhouse.

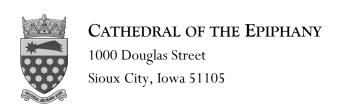
#### **CATHEDRAL SACRED MUSIC SERIES**

Join us for a a recital by the Rawlins Piano Trio at 3 pm on Sunday, April 23rd. This recital is free and open to the public.

## THE FINANCIAL CORNER

INCOME	January
Weekly Offerings	\$ 59,443.50
Loose Offerings	\$ 22,706.68
Prog. Support	\$ 8,373.00
Other income	\$ 22,973.76
Total Parish Income	\$ 113,496.94
EXPENSE	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 34,197.59
Administrative Expenses	\$ 10,361.72
Ministry Expenses	\$ 3,012.13
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$ 30,851.03
Assessments	\$ 7,832.00
Other Expenses	\$ 2,332.01
Total Expenses	\$ 88,586.48
NET INCOME	\$ 24,910.46





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Rev. Jeremy Wind, Parochial Vicar Rev. Travis Crotty, In Residence

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE** 

12 pm — Cathedral (*English*)

**MONDAY-FRIDAY** 

MASSES ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Check our website for Masses on Holidays and Holy Days of Obligation

**OFFICE HOURS** 

10 am - 2 pm

10 am - 2 pm

5:30 pm — Cathedral (Spanish)

SATURDAY MONDAY 12pm – Cathedral (English) 10 am - 1 pm

4 pm — St. Boniface (English)
6 pm — Cathedral (Spanish)

TUESDAY

SUNDAY 8:30 am — Cathedral (Spanish) WEDNESDAY

8:30 am – St. Joseph (*English*)

10 am - 1 pm & 2:30 - 4 pm

10 am - Cathedral (*English*)

10:30 am - St. Boniface (*Spanish*)

THURSDAY
10 am - 2 pm & 2-30 - 4 pm

12 pm — Cathedral (Spanish) 12:30 pm — St. Joseph (Vietnamese) FRIDAY SATURDAY

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3 - 3:45 pm — St. Boniface5 - 5:45 pm — Cathedral

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SUNDAY SUNG VESPERS

4 pm — Cathedral (*English*)

4:30 - 5:15 pm — Cathedral

11:15 - 11:45 am — Cathedral

**CONFESSIONS** 

MONDAY-FRIDAY

SUNDAY

7:45 - 8:15 am — Cathedral 7:45 - 8:15 am — St. Joseph 7:45 - 8:15 am — St. Boniface