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WILL YOU STAY NEAR?

We now enter a week in our liturgical year that is like no other - Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Let us do our best to live this week closely connected to our Lord whose passionate love for us knows no bounds - culminating in His death on the cross and His triumph over death - all for us.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

Still unconvinced? Let the words of this Sunday's Gospel this week speak to you personally: "The chief priests and scribes... stood by accusing him harshly" and He did not defend Himself, for love of me. "Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him" and He stayed quiet, for love of me. The crowd shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us" and He let Himself be led away, for love of me. "With loud shouts they persisted in calling for his crucifixion" and He did not object, for love of me. "Even the soldiers jeered at Him" and He endured it patiently, for love of me. "They crucified Him and the criminals there" and He died, for love of me.

Stay near to Christ this Holy Week - attend the Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, pray the Stations of the Cross, increase your fasting just a bit - and allow yourself to be transformed by His passionate love, so that this week indeed becomes a week like no other. www.TheCatholicSteward.com

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> Sunday Masses Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament See bulletin for schedule

Reconciliation/Confessions Sat 4:00—4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism

Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick Please call the office

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Ministry Schedule - April 18 - 21

Hospitality Ministers

7:30 pm - Gilles Arguin 3:00 pm - Elaine & Chuck Parry

8:15 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich 10:00 am - Elaine & Chuck Parry

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers 7:30 pm - Vern, Dick & Mike

3:00 pm - Caroline & Andrew

8:15 pm - Helen, Tom & Dick 10:00 am - Nick, Paula & Bianca

Children's Liturgy

Alicia Tompkins

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 pm - #1 - Caroline Steger #2 - Katrina Shields

3:00 pm - #1 - Sue Armstrong

#2 - Lisa Poort

8:15 pm #1 - Marg Van Geest #2 - Heather Tomascin

#3 - Caroline Steger

#4 - Andrew Steger

10:00 am #1 - Lisa Poort #2 - Mary Pikula

Stewardship Counting

Cheryl Dell & Elaine Parry

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Holy	Week
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Monday	Apr 15	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Ted Wisniewski	by Joan & Bob Hignett
Tuesday	Apr 16	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula	by Mike & Mary Hornak
•	1	7:30 pm Chrism Mass at St. Alfred's Parish St. Catharines due to	Cathedral Restoration
Wednesda	y Apr 17	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Teenie Moreale	by Jake & Judy Sulyma
		For the health and healing of Sumy Antony	by Koshy Alex

Thursday April 18 Holy Thursday

7:30 pm For the special intentions of Sherrie deWilde by Sherri deWilde All deceased members of our parish since this time last year by Father Christopher Adoration and time for Silent Prayer - Altar of Repose until 9:45 pm.

Friday April 19 Good Friday

3:00 pm Commemoration of the Lord, Passion and Death.

Easter Vigil - With a special welcome to our Youth Ministry Group and Keira. Saturday April 20

(REMEMBER! NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS AT 5: OO PM and NO CONFESSIONS)

8:15 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord Sunday Apr 21

10:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth

by Sherri deWilde + All deceased members of our parish since this time last year by Father Christopher

For the special intentions of the Tomascin children as they

celebrate their mother's 60th Birthday. by Heather Tomascin

UPCOMING IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS

- Holy Week April 14- 20
- **Easter Triduum Celebrations- April 18-21**
- Easter Vigil at 8:15 pm (after sunset)
- First Holy Communion (2) April 28, May 5 both at 1:00 pm
- Wedding Celebration May 25, 2:00pm
- Acts19 Women's Retreat May 2nd- May 5
- Acts19 Men's Retreat May 30 June 2

(NEW) YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST.MARTIN'S **Youth Group Ages 12-14**

Group will meet bi-weekly centered around the 5:00pm Mass and engage in a number of activities following Mass in the parish hall and in the community. One member of the group makes a Profession of the Faith, Received into the Church, and makes First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Welcome Keira April Milburn.

Next Gatherings:

April 27	Mass, Pizza, Craft
May 4	Kids Care Food Drive, BBQ
May 25	Hike, Pizza, Activity Planning

LENTEN FOOD DRIVES

Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus and St. Martin's Catholic Elementary School Lenten Food Drives. Another successful appeal on behalf of others. Catholic Social Justice is extremely active in Smithville and West Lincoln.

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD DINNER

This year's scheduled program at St. Martin's came to a close at the end of March. (We hosted also in January). The program continues at the Smithville Canadian Reform Church. It was truly a wonderful experience to serve and be served. A wonderful atmosphere in our church hall was experienced with music performances and delicious meals being served and enjoyed. Our numbers were less than in previous years for most Thursdays, but our last Thursday's dinner, we had a considerable increase in the number of our guests. Thank you, and to all who made this program happen; and for those that joined us for the first time. "A Big Thank You!" God bless you all for your generous hearts.

Loaf of Bread Committee

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION OF GOOD FRIDAY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOLY LAND **April 19, 2019**

The pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday April 19, 2019. Each year on Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land, Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

BE INSPIRED AT THE NEW **EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2019**

Special Invitation to our Parish Discernment Team , Youth Ministry, Catholic Women's League. Knights of Columbus and Parish Events Group. A rep or 2 from each group.

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Sat. May 4, 2019 8:45 am - 4:30 pm When:

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Registration: go to www.newevangelization.ca

If members wish to register online please inform the parish office immediately, as we do need to finalize numbers for the diocese. Please consider making time, and showing intent in attending this wonderful event. Thank you.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP April 6/7 Sunday Offertory (77 Env): \$ 1,725.00 356.25 **Development & Peace (38 Env):** 892.00 42.15 Hall Rental (Wisniewski Funeral): 150.00 **Bulletin Ad:** 200.00 Missal: 5.00 **Memorial Donation (Henry Pikula):** 50.00 2019 Weekly Budget \$ 2,100.00 **\$** 4,711.20 **Snow Removal/Salt to date:** Unfortunately, a running toilet in basement has given us a hefty water bill. 1,578.66 **Parish Debt** \$ 23,774.25

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During this month long free-preview, in addition to Holy Week and Easter live Vatican events, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation is pleased to announce the premier of their new documentary, The Francis Impact on May 5, 2019 8pm EST/5pm PST. Please see this link for more details:

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DEVELOPMENT & PEACE SHARE LENT COLLECTION.

This annual collection begins today, and will remain open for the entire month of April. Special envelopes are contained in the offertory envelope box. If you don't use offertory envelopes then kindly pick up the special envelopes that are available at front foyer. A good guide is to give \$1.00 per day for the 40 Days of Lent. Thankfully, many will give so much more.