

April 9, 2006

Palm Sunday

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MINISTRIES OF EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION:

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Rachel Sistrunk & Jerry O'Conner

(4/16) Denson & Mary Etta Robinson

LECTORS: Denson Robinson & Mona Cobb

(4/16) Louise Andy & Germaine Pruden

SERVERS: Alex McMillan & Julie Kraft

(4/16) Thomas Clap & Maddy Cook

HOSPITALITY: John C. & Jennifer Minninger

(4/16) David & Connie Haynes

VOCATION PRAYERS: Denson & Mary Etta Robinson

(4/16) Mary Crocker

COLLECTION: April 2:

Gen. Fund: \$2412.00

Building Fund: \$145.00

Stewpot: \$124.00

PLEASE PRAY for members of our parish, our families and friends who are ill, especially Susan Papp, Paula Craft, Lenora Aulenbrock, Ava Nell Hunt, Mildred Morvant, Kevin Wilkinson, Maxine Klaas, Mary Schmidt, Scott Cheatwood, Nathan Minyard, Mary Helen Hilliard, Debbie Killebrew, Carolyn Waller, Dwight Keady, Germaine Pruden, Virginia Lethgo, Howard Brister, Kristen Campbell, Lamar Craft, Beverly Patterson, Allen Martel, Diane Bordelon, Bill Taylor, Humberto Alexander, David Dodds, Frances Irby, Thomas Penn, and Robert Endris.

If you would like to be put on the prayer list, please notify the Church office!!

REMINDERS: SCRIPTURE STUDY: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

MASS OF THE CHRISM: Tuesday, 5:45, Cathedral of St. Peter

SEDER SUPPER: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. (bring a bottle of wine-soup is provided)

HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION: Friday, 6:30 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL: Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: Education of Future Priests

HOLY WEEK: *Beginning today, Christians around the world will gather to remember and re-enact the paschal events of Jesus' life. The beautiful rituals this week complete our Lenten pilgrimage and lead us to the joy of Easter's new life. The schedule of our services is at the bottom of the previous page. Please keep your schedule handy and try to be present as a family at these special services.*

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to help provide the lilies for the altar at Easter in memory of a deceased loved one, please place your donation in an envelope marked with your name and that of the person(s) to be remembered and give to Pam Minninger or Mary Etta Robinson.

SEDER SUPPER: On Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. we will participate in a Seder Supper in our Parish Hall. This supper is a re-enactment and remembrance of the Passover Supper which members of the Jewish Faith celebrate each year and which Jesus and his disciples were celebrating at the Last Supper. Please come as a family, bring a bottle of wine to share, and join us in this special meal. Soup, bread and grape juice will be provided.

EASTER SUNDAY EVENTS: After the 8:30 a.m. Mass there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children - toddlers to age 9. Please leave your child's Easter basket in the car until after Mass. Everyone is then invited to a **Reception** in the hall. We will have many guests so please help to supply the table with fruit, baked goods, finger sandwiches and goodies of all kinds. Let EASTER JOY abound at this celebration!!

MASS OF CHRISM will be Tuesday, April 11 at 5:45 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle. The priests of the Diocese will renew their sacred vows at this Mass and the Bishop will bless and distribute the Holy Oils used during Sacramental celebrations at all churches in the Diocese during the coming year. This is a beautiful celebration and I encourage you all to attend.

RICE BOWLS: The story of the anointing of Jesus is one of the few stories that appears in all four Gospels. As people begin to grumble about the cost and waste of the perfume, Jesus responds: "You always have the poor with you and any time you want to you can do something good for them." As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey, let us remember in **prayer** that as a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. The Gospel specifically calls us to take action on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society. May our **fasting** move us to action on behalf of the poor. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services' programming in the United States. **Please turn in your Rice Bowls this week. You can place them on the back table.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK for the Education of Future Priests. Also, on Good Friday a collection will be taken up for the Holy Land.

OUR SEMINARIANS, RETIRED PRIESTS AND THE CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL: In less than two months, with God's blessings, three of our seminarians will be ordained to the priesthood. What a bright light this is for our diocese! Your pledges and gifts to the Catholic Service Appeal helped make this possible. The CSA also defrays the rising costs of retirement and health care of our priests. This week Bishop Joseph Latino's letter to you will ask you to open your heart in prayer and sacrificial giving. With Bishop Latino, Father and I ask our parish to continue our support to recruit and educate our seminarians and to do our part for the retirement and welfare of our priests.

OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS BOB SOUKUP: Contact Bob with your prayers and best wishes at Sacred Heart Seminary, P. O. Box 61, Hales Corners, WI 53130-0061 or e-mail him at bob_soukup1@netzero.com. Our seminarians need your continued prayers!!

NEWCOMERS: Please pick up a Registration Card in the back of the Church. Also, please join us in the hall after Mass for coffee. We would love the opportunity to introduce ourselves to you and get to know you better.

PARKING: If you park in front of the Church or hall, please pull all the way up. If you would rather not get blocked in, please park in front of the Education Building. Thank you for your cooperation!