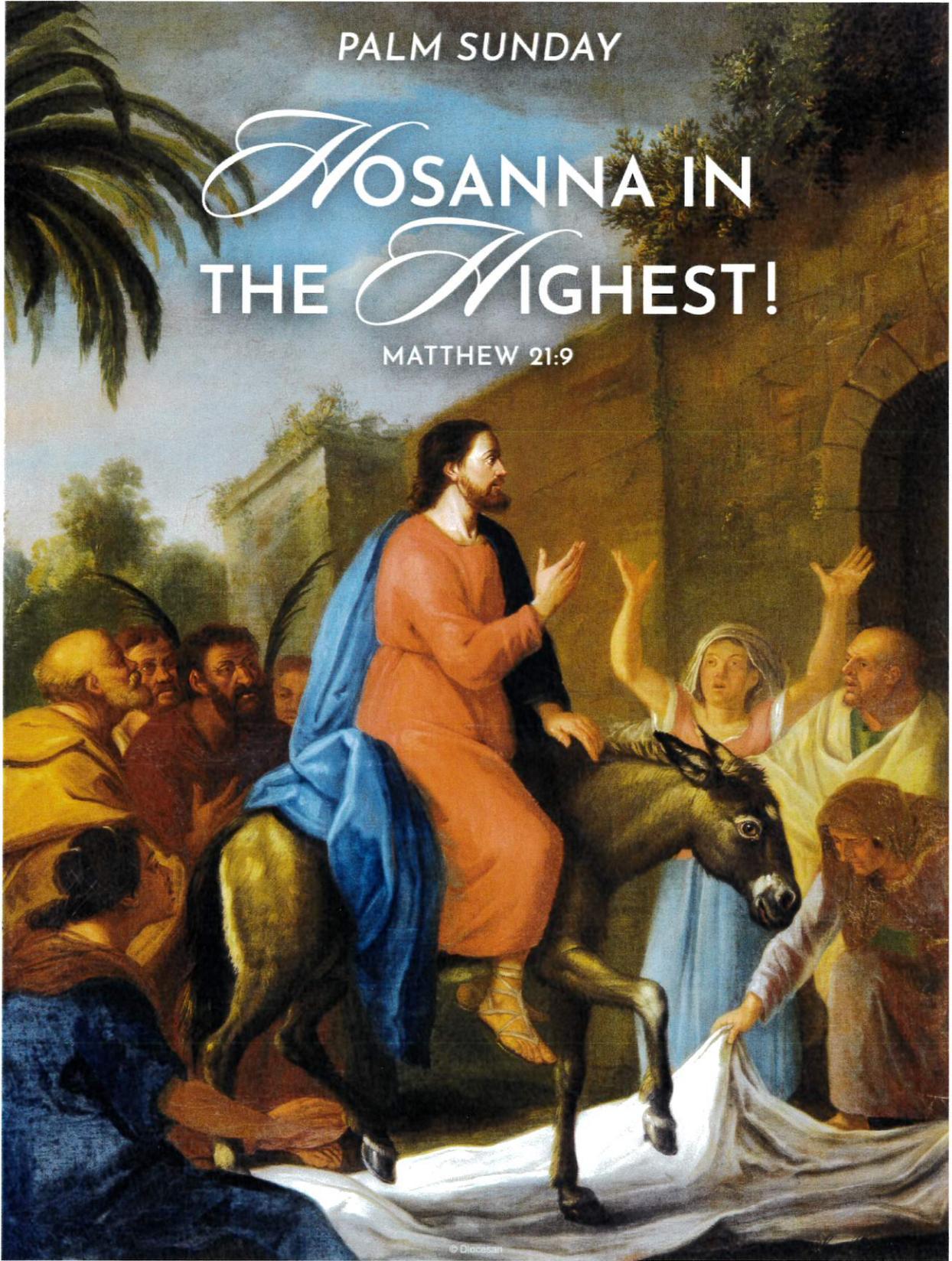


PALM SUNDAY

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Masses for the Week

Sunday, March 29 *Palm Sunday*
7:30am *Special intention:* Paul & Ingrid Nicholson
10:00am For St. Patrick's Parishioners

Monday, March 30
NO MASS

Tuesday, March 31
8:00am Phil Strack

Wednesday, April 1
8:00am Don Cochran

Thursday, April 2 *Holy Thursday*
7:00pm Living & deceased parishioners

Friday, April 3 *Good Friday*
8:00am **Stations of the Cross**
1:00pm **Good Friday Service**

Saturday, April 4 *Easter Vigil*
8:30pm For Catechumens & Candidates

Sunday, April 5 *Easter Sunday*
8:00am For St. Patrick Parishioners
10:00am For St. Patrick Parishioners

Liturgical Ministries

April 4 & 5

Lectors

8:30pm Keith Lipke, Raylene Rospond
8:00am Roberta Davis
10:00am John Lushis

Eucharistic Ministries

8:30pm K. Lipke, S. Swangin, B. Harber, Volunteer
8:00am M. Korte, T. Schortgen, Z. Schortgen, Volunteer
10:00am S. Miller, K. Miller, M. McGrew, A. Lushis

Gifts

8:30pm Catechumens and Candidates
8:00am Volunteers
10:00am Volunteers

Ushers

8:30pm Volunteers (4)
8:00am D. Davis, Volunteers (3)
10:00am T. Wilhelm, S. Wilhelm, Volunteers (2)

Servers

8:30pm James G, others yet to be scheduled
8:00am Caleb G, Jonah G, Lincon, Peter, Andy S
10:00am Isaac F, Harrison F, Volunteers (2)

Church Cleaning

April 4 H. Parish, P Denihan, C. Zorger

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PALM SUNDAY: TOTAL GIFT OF SELF

Our celebration this week recalls the profound way Jesus Christ gave Himself for and to all humanity. On this Palm Sunday, we celebrate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem humbly riding on a donkey, the people were chanting and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." 'Hosanna' simply means "Save us." They were acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah, but few days after precisely on Good Friday many of them will call for Him to be crucified but thank God that evil and the wicked were not allowed to have the final word, because three days after Jesus Christ rose triumphantly from the grave. In the face of so much evil and wickedness in our world today, the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, invites us to take courage and be assured that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Please spend some time this week reading and reflecting on the Passion of the Lord.

P.S. Here are important liturgies for everyone to attend and re-experience the mysteries of our Salvation: **Holy Thursday:**-The Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7:00pm**; **Good Friday:** -The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at **1:00pm** and **Holy Saturday: -Easter Vigil** at **8:30pm**. **Easter Sunday Masses:** - April 5th at **8am and 10am**.

Keep in mind that on **Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00pm** there will be a Chrism Mass at Immaculate Conception Cathedral Fort Wayne, during this Mass, the Bishop will consecrate all the Holy Oils that will be used in our Diocese throughout the year, and all the Priests present shall renew their promises of ordination. All Christ's faithful are encouraged to attend and be part of these important celebrations.

Don't forget that Friday, April 3 is Good Friday, a day Catholics observe a **Paschal Fast from food and meat** to honor the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We will be offering more **opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 31st 8:30—9:30 AM, Wednesday, April 1st 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Thursday, April 2nd, 8:30 – 9:30 PM, Friday, April 3rd, 3:00 – 5 PM.** May God help us to empty ourselves and so die to sin, that we may rise with Christ to a newness of life at Easter.

There will be **NO 3:30PM Adoration/Confessions or 5:00 PM Mass on Holy Saturday.** Our daily Eucharistic Adoration will not also hold during the Triduum.

-Fr. John Eze

March 29, 2026



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – 7pm (Incense)

Good Friday Stations – 8am

Good Friday Service – 1pm

Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Easter Vigil – 8:30 pm (Incense)

Easter Sunday Masses – 8am and 10 am

Confessions

Wednesday, April 1/8:30-9:30am

Thursday, April 2/8:30-9:30pm

Friday, April 3/3:00-5:00pm

Chrism Mass will be held on **Tuesday, March 31 at 7pm** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Rhoades has invited all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay people of the diocese to attend. At the Chrism Mass, the Holy Chrism is consecrated, and the oil of catechumens and oil of the sick are blessed. This beautiful Mass manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop in the same priesthood and ministry of Christ. All are welcome! Fr. John will have morning mass at **8am**. (No Tuesday evening mass)

Pontifical Good Friday Collection will be held on Good Friday for the care of the Holy Land.

Pro-Life: Life is a sacred gift of God and should be treated as such.

No Religious Education Classes on Easter Sunday! Have a blessed Easter.

Young Adult Bible Study on Monday Evening (18–35-year-olds) will be held on **Monday, March 30 from 6-8 pm** in the Conference Room.

Life Teen! Leading Teens Closer to Christ! All 8th – 12th grade on **Saturday, April 11 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm** in the old school building.

Encounter Youth Group for all 6th and 7th grade students on **Saturday, April 4 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm** in the old school building.

Congratulations to Matt and Julie Rupp whose son, Logan Michael was baptized on March 22, 2026, at St. Patrick's. May the Lord bless Logan and his family!

Life Defenders Summer Camp June 11 – 13 at University of Saint Francis. Register at www.ichooselife.org/camp. This 3-day event, open to high school and college-aged students, equips young people to speak confidently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time—abortion.

Art Camp Children ages 7-13, weekly session available from June 1-19 from 9am -11:45am. **Contact Mary Hilger at 260-438-8356** for more information. Need helpers' students aged 12 and over. (Location: 12903 Washington Center Rd)

Holy Thursday Seven Churches Visitation At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass, the Eucharist is placed on a temporary "altar of repose" away from the sanctuary so that the faithful can engage in quiet prayer and adoration. The Seven Churches Visitation is a tradition that grew out of this. Find more information, including altar times, and a route planner at diocesefwsb.org/holy-thursday.

Tuesday evening Mass Time will change to **7pm on Tuesday, April 7** with adoration one hour prior to mass.

Job Opening at Good Shephard Books & Gifts for a part-time Bookstore Assistant. If you are interested please go to the attached diocese page where those interested can apply:
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Bishop Luers NEW Freshman Registration is NOW OPEN! Application can be submitted online at www.bishopluers.org or contact Jenny Andorfer at 260.456.1261 ext 3051.

Queen of Angels hosting video series "The Perfect Prayer: The Mass", the study group will meet in the school 9 consecutive Mondays, beginning the first Monday of Lent, **February 23 thru Monday, April 20 at 6pm**. Free series.

40 Days for Life – Spring Campaign Feb 18 – March 29 (2930 Lake Ave). Pray for the end of Abortion! **Sunday, March 29 40 Days for Life Closing Rally at 2pm** outside of Planned Parenthood at Lake Ave.

5th Annual Spring Right to Life Banquet on Monday, April 13 at Kruse Plaza. Featuring Seth Gruber. Register at www.ichooselife.org/banquet.

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