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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.

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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

Secretary  
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Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday  
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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**

**Lectors**  
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 Tomascini  
#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

Table with 4 columns: Day, Date, Time, and Intention/Officiant. Rows include Monday through Sunday with specific mass times and officiants.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Host Site Location:

St. Michael Catholic High School, 8699 McLeod Road, Niagara Falls

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

Cost: FREE

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 6/7

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Sunday Offertory, Loose, Development & Peace, Hall Rental, Bulletin Ad, Missal, Memorial Donation.

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