

LITURGY – March 28 – April 5

SATURDAY **March 28**
5:30 p.m. All Members of the Parish

SUNDAY **March 29**
9:00 a.m. Our Mom Iva Bulic
by Bryan & Pamela Wilt

MONDAY **March 30**
8:30 a.m. Father Andrew Fontanella
by Carol Harclerode

TUESDAY **March 31**
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY **April 1**
8:30 a.m. Father Thomas Langan
by Carol Harclerode

HOLY
THURSDAY **April 2**
7:00 p.m. Gil Conklin
by Mr. & Mrs. John Purpura

GOOD
FRIDAY **April 3**
12:00 Noon **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

3:00 p.m. **SERVICE OF THE PASSION**

HOLY **EASTER VIGIL**

SATURDAY **April 4**
8:00 p.m. All Members of the Parish

EASTER **April 5**
SUNDAY Robert W. Black
9:00 a.m. by Carol Mearkle

PRAYER LIST: Don Butler, Anna Weber, Henry Haughey, John McKnight, Bob Will, Bob Stubler, Janet Noveske, Anne Jones, Billy Clapper, Bob Marko, Richard Heming, Harvey Bennett, Kyle Foust, James McDonnell, Adam Wright, Jim Buchanan, Jim Macy, Tim Kiser, Bob Myers, Ron and Sally Perrin, Mitch Durst, Judy Mardis, Janice Heming, Bill Wigfield, Dianne Hush, Danielle Henry, Suzanne Porsch, Chaddie Kidd, Nancy Pennel, Doreen Spargo, Mary Belle Zelanko, Rose Marie Stoeffler, James Bernarding, Shirley Smith, Linda Stubler, James Ford, Janine Anna, Caden Davis, Jane Cunard, Kathleen Yingling, River Troutman, Richard Koontz, Anne and Casmir Majcher, Joette Reid, Hope Burkett, J.B. Whisker, Pat Young, Rose Feight, Helen Snyder, and Nancy Stolarski .

* Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.

SUNDAY OFFERING

March 22, 2026

Weekly:	\$2,422.80
Interracial:	\$10.00
CMD Project:	\$500.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$180.00

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS: This week on **Holy Thurs.** is the collection for local needs to be given to **St. Vincent de Paul Society.** On **Good Friday** is the collection for the **Holy Lands.** This collection funds the care of the holy places and helps the Christians who live in the holy lands.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE (CMD) 2026: This year's theme, *Sent to Serve*, reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, each of us has been *Sent to Serve*, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. This drive supports 9 ministries in our diocese, under evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of priests and deacons. This year our diocesan goal is **\$9,200.** Everything over that will be used for our project of replace our entrance sign.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: **814-979-0272**
Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.
Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain. May you have a blessed Easter!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: By Bud Ozar
In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves."
Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *In today's scripture, as Jesus approached Jerusalem the crowds cried out saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."* Today the Church marks the beginning of the holiest of weeks, the week we call Holy. It is the week when we commemorate those events in the life of Our Lord that culminated in his death and resurrection for the salvation of the world. Unlike his followers, Jesus goes into Jerusalem, aware of the fate that awaits him. He does so in obedience to the will of the Father and for love of humanity. He could have chosen a different way to save the world. But because he is God, and his choice is perfect, there is no better way than to lay down his life for his friends.



NOTES FROM FATHER FAIRMAN

- To answer a question many ask: this week is **Palm Sunday**, and we will be receiving new palms-*so what do we do with the old blessed palms?* We need to bury them or burn them, not throw them in the trash, since they are blessed. I will have a receptacle for them in the vestibule this Sunday. That also applies to anything that is blessed: rosaries, scapulars, broken crucifixes, religious statues, etc.
- I encourage all parishioners to try to come to the special **Holy Week Liturgical Services**: On **Monday, March 30, at 11 AM**, the diocesan **Chrism Mass** will take place at the **Blessed Sacrament Cathedral** in Altoona - all are invited to attend. Here at St. John's, on **Holy Thursday**, the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** will be at **7 PM** followed by **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 PM** - if you can't come to the Mass at least try to come and spend some time in adoration of our Eucharistic Lord. On **Good Friday THERE WILL BE NO 8:30 AM MASS**. At **12 NOON** we will have **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** and the **celebration of the LORD'S PASSION at 3 PM**. On **Holy Saturday** the **Mass of the Easter Vigil** will be at **8:00 PM** and on **Easter Sunday Mass** will be at **9 AM**.
- Starting **Good Friday** is the annual **Novena to Our Lord's Divine Mercy**. It is a time of special graces. I will have pamphlets out in the vestibule, so that you can participate, which I hope you will. I will personally lead the special novena prayer and Divine Mercy Chaplet after the **3 PM service of the Passion on Good Friday**.

LADIES OF ST. JOHN: The next meeting will be Wednesday, **April 8 at 4 p.m.** in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RAFFLE TICKETS: RAFFLE 2026: A big thank you to those who purchased tickets last weekend. There will be two more 'before-mass' opportunities to purchase tickets before the raffle date, May 31. Don't miss out on your chance to support your church family and possibly win 1 of 16 cash prizes in the process. Tickets are always available by notifying Pat at 717-679-2081.

SINCERE THANKS: To all who contributed to making the Lenten Soup Supper series an inspirational and enjoyable experience: the speaker who provided information about the Backpack Food program, the attendees who contributed to the camaraderie and fellowship of the evenings, and those who made the meal preparation, set-up, and clean-up possible. *Soup is comfort, nourishment, and warmth for the soul.*

EASTER CANDY: The faithful candy makers have an array of delicious treats ready to fill your Easter baskets and brighten your celebrations. Candy is available in the vestibule after Masses.

TASTES OF TANZANIA: Hosted by the Bishop Guilfoyle National Honor Society, will be Friday, April 17, 4-7 PM at the school's Pleasant Valley campus. The evening will feature African cuisine, art, and jewelry. There will be student presentations, raffles and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit Selfless Solutions, a non-profit founded by BG graduate Patrick Irwin. It supports educational opportunities for Tanzania youth. Tickets are \$20 for adults and 15 for students and can be ordered at www.selflessolutions.org. With questions, contact Patrick Irwin at 814-207-8490.

POPE LEO XIV PALM SUNDAY MESSAGE

The Pope urges the faithful to be "children of light" by serving the poor, marginalized, and those suffering from war and injustice. He emphasized an alert, attentive and prophetic faith that brings the Gospel's light to a dark world through solidarity, peace, and charity. "Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves," he said. "Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities."

THE ST. MONICA CLUB: The next meeting is **Wed., April 8, at 1 p.m.** in the social hall. New participants are always welcome. Copies of the book are available.

