

# PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

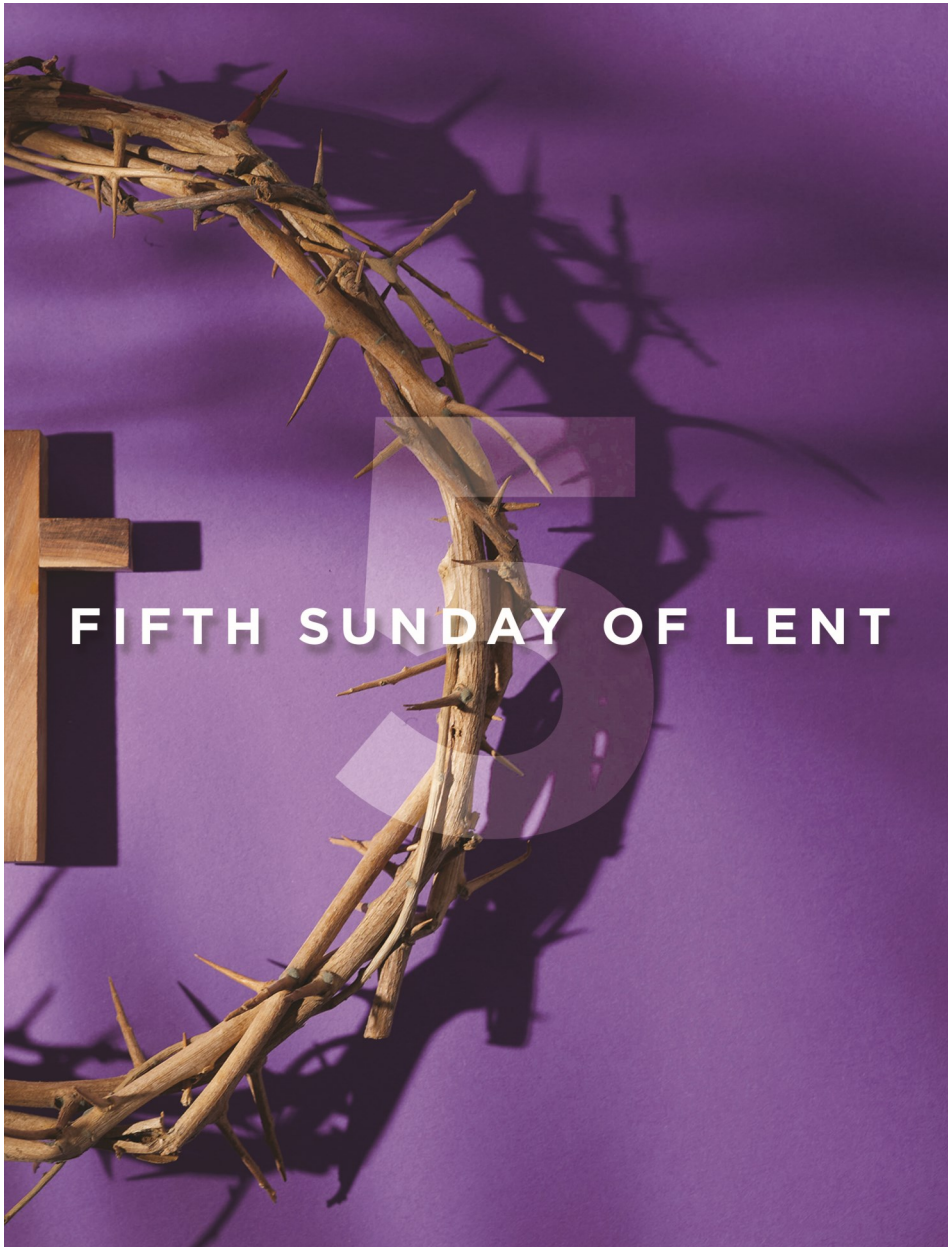
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Visit our website: [www.popgb.org](http://www.popgb.org)

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8am-4pm and Friday 8am-Noon

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Prince of Peace is a welcoming and engaged Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through prayerful worship and sharing our gifts of charity, compassion and service.*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6, 2025

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PARISH CUSTODIANS

## Deacon Jeff's Corner

My friends, the Lenten season is quickly passing by. If you haven't done so by now, it is time to prepare your heart and soul for what is to come: Palm Sunday, Holy Week including the Last Supper, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and of course, Easter Sunday. Let's reflect on this for just a moment.

As Christians, we need to prepare for these events. I know that every one of us has a busy life. Life by design is busy, but especially as Catholic Christians, these events are the crux of our faith. I hope this last full week of the Lenten season is one where you can set some time aside for Jesus. Please allow me to offer some suggestions to help:

First and foremost: Pray. This may seem hard but taking a few minutes out of every day for the next two weeks will make Easter Sunday so much more meaningful. Prayer always sounds complicated, but it is simply talking to Jesus. Tell him what's on your mind as you get ready in the morning, when you are going home, or when you are able to just take a few minutes. If you are really bold, come to your church, which is open from 7am through the early evening most every day. Come to the quiet and serenity of the church to maybe shut your mind down and let Jesus do the rest!

Second: What can you do to help others, or sacrifice to change others' lives? We have a blood drive on April 8 from noon-5pm; there's one example right there. If that's not possible, think of what else you might do.

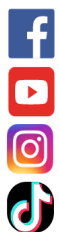
Ultimately, just think of something that might turn your heart more toward Jesus. As someone who worked in the business world for 37 years, I know how it can be ignored, but I also know how it can be so very beneficial not just to you, but to those around you who love you most. Think about it!

*Deacon Jeff*



<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 7- No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 am	<b>April 8</b> † Mary Ellen Dettmann
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 am	<b>April 9</b> -Prince of Peace Parish Family
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 am	<b>April 10</b> † George Balza
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 11- No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>April 12</b> † Kelly & Larry VanEss & Jim Keehan <b>Lector:</b> Paula Peterson <b>Servers:</b> Deacons <b>Ushers:</b> Mary Edmondson, Pat OLeary Mike Campbell, Carla DeGrave 1 Volunteer
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am	<b>April 13-Palm Sunday</b> † Ralph Allen † Carol & Gilbert VandenBush <b>Lector:</b> Carol Fredrickson Mary Kollross <b>Servers:</b> Wyatt & Austin VandenBush <b>Ushers:</b> Tony & Jessica Kaufman Lee & Sue Dequaine Joann Miller
10:00 am	-Prince of Peace Parish Family <b>Lector:</b> Laurie Martinez <b>Servers:</b> Rayna DeGrave, Evelyn Froelich <b>Ushers:</b> James & Karen Czechanski Pete Birdsall, Mike Belongea Sammy Grochowski
6:00 pm	† Norma Doering <b>Lector:</b> Sharon Basten <b>Servers:</b> Deacons <b>Ushers:</b> Tom & Amy Kawula Scott Sievert, 2 Volunteers

**LIVESTREAM MASS**  
SATURDAYS @ 4:30PM  
TUESDAY-THURSDAY @ 7:30AM



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**#WEAREPOPGB**

### PRAYER NETWORK

For prayer requests please call:

Rita Boucher: 920-468-7060  
Judy Burkel: 920-615-7810



We can use e-mail or direct phone calls to carry out the message. Anyone interested in being a member of the Prayer Network either by phone or e-mail, please contact one of the leaders. **Looking to update all e-mail addresses for the members of the Prayer Network. PLEASE e-mail updates to Judy Burkel at [judyburkel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judyburkel@sbcglobal.net)**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**For the most current Mass Times...  
See our online calendar at: [www.poggb.org](http://www.poggb.org)**

<b><u>Mass Times</u></b>	<b><u>Rosary</u></b>
Tues, Wed, Thurs -7:30am	Tues, Wed, Thurs -7:05am
1st Friday 11:00am (Oct -May)	
Saturday 4:30pm	
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am & 6:00pm	

<b><u>Reconciliation</u></b>	<b><u>Holy Day Masses</u></b>
Saturday 3:30pm-4:00pm	(see below)

**Diocesan Holy Hour**  
1st Friday 10:00am (Oct-May) & 9am (June-Sept)

**Events and times may have changed.  
Please see our online calendar at: [www.poggb.org](http://www.poggb.org)  
for the most current and up to date information,  
or call our Parish Office at 920-468-5718.**

<b>April</b>	6	8:00am	Denmark Knights of Columbus Booyah for Vocations
	6	8:00am	RCIA/OCIA Dismissal
	6		Coffee & Rolls after AM Masses
	6	11:30am	Rise & Sing Choir Practice
	7	6:30pm	Breaking Open Sunday Scripture
	8	5:45am	Connect- Men's Group
	8	8:15am	33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Book Study
	8	12:00pm	Blood Drive
	8	6:15pm	Praise Choir Practice
	8	6:15pm	Lenten Yoga
	8	6:30pm	33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Book Study
	9	8:00am	Community Breakfast- after mass -all are welcome
	9	6:00pm	Together in Faith
	10	9:00am	Coffee & Connect Bereavement
	10	6:00pm	Vocations Committee Meeting
	10	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	11	9:00am	Decorations/set up for Palm Sunday
	12/13		Welcome Weekend- register new members -After all masses
	13	8:00am	RCIA/OCIA Dismissal
	13	11:00am	Palm Sunday Celebration
	14	6:30pm	Finance Council Meeting
	14	6:30pm	Breaking Open Sunday Scripture
	15	5:45am	Connect- Men's Group
	15	8:15am	33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Book Study
	15	6:15pm	Praise Choir Practice
	15	6:30pm	33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Book Study

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

### Prince of Peace Parish

#### Parish Support

March 22 —March 28, 2025

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Envelopes	\$ 9,501.00
Direct Deposits	\$ -
Faith Direct	\$ 5,017.74
Loose Collection	\$ 1,609.63
Fish Dinner	\$ -
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,310.00
Mission Trip Donations	\$ 887.00
Long Range Needs	\$ 260.00
RE Tuition	\$ 50.00
Estate & Trust Donations	\$ 2,820.04
Investment Interest	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 553.22
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 22,008.63</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED</b>	<b>\$ 25,950.00</b>
<b>YTD BUDGETED NEED</b>	<b>\$1,012,050.00</b>
<b>YTD ACTUAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 1,090,311.10</b>
<b>FISCAL YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ 78,261.10</b>
<b>YTD ACTUAL NET PICNIC PROCEEDS</b>	<b>\$ 109,382.85</b>
<b>FISCAL YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ (31,121.75)</b>
<b>NOT INCLUDING PICNIC FUNDS</b>	

### IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family  
and friends of Daniel De Keyser, Adam Wavrunek  
and John Gezella.

Please keep Daniel, Adam and John and their  
families in your prayers.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 10th

**The Stations will be held at  
6:00pm on Thursdays.**



#### Readings for the week of April 6 2025

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/  
Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/  
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a,  
3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56  
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
(2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-4

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**Our 2025 Prince of Peace Parish**

**Assessment is:**

\$96,704.00  
 -\$101,996.00 (105% of our goal)  
 \$0.00 (remaining amount)



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Through your generosity, we have met our Bishop's Appeal assessment.

**Deacon Jeff**



The Sanctuary Candle will burn April 6-April 12th in memory of:  
**Ambrose Loritz**

The Marian Candle will burn April 6-April 12th in memory of:  
**Dean Fidler**

The St. Michael Candle will burn April 6-April 12th in memory of:  
**Roy and Dolores (Roffers) Holl**

The St. Joseph Candle will burn April 6-April 12th in memory of:  
**Ken Kraynik**

If you would like to schedule the Sanctuary Candle, Marian Candle, St. Michael Candle or St. Joseph Candle, please contact the Parish Office at 920-468-5718.

there's a seat for **you** at the table

everyone welcome  
 what do you think?

Tuesday, May 6  
 6:00pm  
 Prince of Peace  
 alphausa.org

**Curious about faith?**

At Alpha, you can ask anything - it's a safe space to question life, faith, and meaning. Everyone is welcome.



**SCRIP**

Two weeks until Easter. Looking for basket gifts?



**In-stock gift card ideas:**

- Amazon
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- Marcus Theaters
- Seroogy's
- Starbucks
- Kwik Trip
- Mackinaw's
- VISA \$25 or \$50

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- Michael's & MORE!!



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**SCRIP SALE HOURS in the office.**

- Monday -10 am-noon;
- Wednesday -8:30-11 am;
- Friday - 8:30 am-noon;

After weekend Masses in the reception area.

**NEXT \$SCRIP ORDER DATES: APRIL 14.**

**SPECIAL ORDERS PLACED ON THE 14, WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**AFTER 2 PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.**

**JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER!**

**Grieving with Great HOPE**

**Grief Support Workshop**  
 FIVE-WEEK VIDEO SERIES  
 With Grief Peer Group Discussions

Prince of Peace Catholic Community  
 3425 Willow Rd | Green Bay, WI 54311  
 www.pogpb.org | (920-468-5718)

The series is held on Thursday afternoons in May from 1 - 3 PM

**Dates are:**

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

*Grieving with Great HOPE is a five-week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate.*

**Registration is \$10**

Register by contacting the Parish Office  
 920-468-5718 | [parish@pogpb.org](mailto:parish@pogpb.org)

For more information contact Deb Wegner-Hohensee:  
[dohohensee@pogpb.org](mailto:dohohensee@pogpb.org)



# Prince of Peace Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

12:00-5:00 p.m.

Appointments are preferred but walk in's are welcome. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS Or scan the code to sign up:



Questions? Please reach Jenny VandenLangenberg at 920-676-9363 or jennyvan14@gmail.com

Our Helping Hands Ministry is searching for a new gardener(s). Our long-time planter, grower, weeder and waterer, Bernie Skaletski, is retiring from our Garden of Goodness.

If interested contact Mary Kollross 920-655-3728



# End of Life Series "The Gift of Dying Well"

Prince of Peace Parish 3425 Willow Rd. Green Bay, WI

Tuesday, May 6 & 13 from 6-8 pm

Wed., May 21 9:30-11:30am and 6-8pm



**Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, P.D.**  
Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia



**Bob Walczyk Jr.**  
Owner and Director of Proko-Wall Funeral Home



**Christy Brozak**  
Marketing Director for Unity

- May 6** Join us for a video presentation by Fr. Tad drawing on the rich tradition of our Catholic teachings on dying well
- May 13** Area experts will share on pre-planning home or assisted care and funeral pre-arrangements
- May 21** Talks on financial planning by Attorney Corey Kimps and the Diocesan Catholic Foundation

**End of life decisions can be challenging!**

What do you know about proportionate treatment in making health care decisions **for yourself OR your parents?** Should I have a Proxy, a Living Will, a DNR? What about morphine? Is a ventilator required? Are there benefits of funeral pre-planning? What type of legacy will I leave for my family, church and community?



**Corey Kimps**  
Attorney at Law Office of Kimps & Weiss, S.C.

**Go and Sin No More...**

*By: Theresa Williams*

*In partnership with parents, guardians, and the parish, we seek to help children deepen their relationship with Jesus, understand their Catholic faith, and participate in our Prince of Peace Catholic Community.*

**Online! REGISTRATION**  **Religious Education registration for the 2025-2026 year is now open.**

The Prince of Peace Faith Formation Program is open for all students entering 1st through 11th grade (Confirmation) for the 2025-2026 school year.

Registration information was emailed to all families currently in RE and is also available on the Prince of Peace website under Faith. Parish members will have priority enrollment. We are very blessed that our parish understands the importance of faith formation for our families!

To register your family, you can simply scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our Faith Direct registration site. Tuition payments can be made online at the time of registration.



**WE'RE HOSTING** **Vacation Bible School Registration**



**Where:** Prince of Peace  
**When:** July 21-25, 9 am - Noon  
**Who:** Kids entering K-6th Grade  
**Cost:** \$40 per child  
**Cost includes:** T-Shirt, Snacks, and Activities



**Volunteers Needed:** Adults and kids entering 7-12th grade. Please email re@popgb.org if interested.

**Faith Formation Upcoming Dates**

**April 9** - Together in Faith 6:00-7:15PM Seder Meal for Gr. 1-11 Students & Families with **Last Names L-Z**

**April 16** - Last Class for RE Grades 1-6 from 5:30-6:30 PM and Grades 7-11 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Use north entrance.

**May 4** - First Communion 1:00 Mass

**Upcoming Gospel Time Topics (10:00 Mass)**

Children ages 3 and up may attend. No registration required.

April 13 - Palm Sunday  
**No Gospel Time**  
 April 20 - Easter Sunday  
**No Gospel Time**



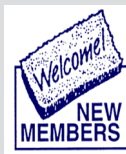
**You are welcome to drop off your old palms and place them in the basket located in the gathering space.**

As Lent began on March 5<sup>th</sup> and we received ashes on our forehead, we heard the words, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Thus began the 40-day journey of Lent 2025. Were you ready to be changed? Were you open to being transformed during this Lenten season? This is a question that each of us, you and me alike, could only answer after an honest conversation with God.

Now, just over a month since Lent began, we hear Jesus in today's Gospel say to the woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." Amazingly, Jesus again says this to each one of us as well. He asks only that we repent from our sins, make necessary changes in our lives, and do our best to avoid sin. As with so many of the Gospel stories, this reading contains so many other messages that Jesus wants us to hear and take to heart. Additionally, Jesus reminds us not to judge others or have a self-righteous attitude towards other people and their sins. (There's another Lent challenge - It's never too late!) The scribes and pharisees not only judged the woman and were ready to stone her but tried to trap Jesus in His response to her predicament. In His response, Jesus said, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." Jesus is calling us to put down our stones and to stop condemning others. He wants us to feel the immense mercy and forgiveness that God the Father bestows on us. He wants us to forgive others and, yes, even to forgive ourselves. God's love is beyond anything we can fathom. Go and sin no more...

**SPECIAL INTENTION**

That our baptized, their parents and godparents live the promise of raising their children in faith, fostered by our love and care for them, we pray.



**NEW PARISHIONER SIGN-UP**

A member of the Welcoming Committee will be available in the Gathering Space, by the fireplace, after all Masses on **April 12th/13th.**

## Attention Rural Entrepreneurs & Production Farmers

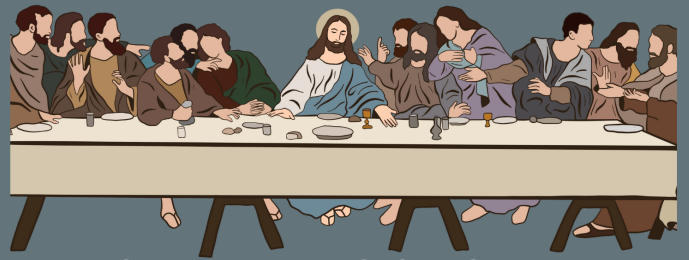
As part of the Rural Life Mass at POP on Thursday, May 15 from 10am-1pm, plans are being made for entrepreneurs and production farms to showcase their products.

The planners of this event are seeking to secure 8-12 entrepreneurs/farmers to showcase their products such as honey producers, Alpaca products, goat milk lotions & products, artisan and small batch products, dairy farmers, and other agricultural producers during the event.

Use the QR code for more info and to access the application which is due on April 1 to the POP office.



### Country Creators Expo



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

## *Holy Thursday*

Thursday, April 17 at 5:30 PM

Sign up  
by  
April 13th

### FOR A POTLUCK DINNER

The night will begin with scripture, candle lighting, breaking of the bread and sharing of wine or grape juice. Followed by a potluck and social. Sliced ham w/rolls will be provided.

**Bring your favorite hot dish (hot or cold),  
salad or dessert to share!**

Holy Thursday Mass follows as 7:30 PM



## RURAL LIFE DAY MAY 15, 2025: MASS WITH BISHOP RICKEN

### EVENT DETAILS

**Thursday, May 15, 2025**  
Prince of Peace Parish  
3425 Willow Rd., Green Bay

**10:00 a.m.** - Mass and blessing  
**11:30 a.m.** - Lunch and after-lunch speaker

**Meal Tickets:** Lunch tickets (\$20) must be purchased online by May 1, 2025. Visit the link below or scan the QR code:  
[popgb.org/events-1/2025-rural-life-days](http://popgb.org/events-1/2025-rural-life-days)



**QUESTIONS & INFO**  
Please contact the Prince of Peace parish office:  
(920) 468-5718  
[parish@popgb.org](mailto:parish@popgb.org)



### THE SPEAKER

**Fr. Mark Mleziva**  
Vocation Director for the  
Diocese of Green Bay

Fr. Mark was born and raised outside of Luxemburg, WI. While attending UW-Madison studying Secondary Education-Social Studies, he felt called to priesthood. Upon graduation, he entered seminary formation and spent two years studying at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee and four years at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy. He was ordained on July 1, 2017, and assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Manitowoc as well as chaplain at Roncalli High School. After one year, he was assigned as Vocation Director, which remains his primary assignment. In addition, he is also the Chaplain for St. Mary Catholic High School in Neenah, Master of Ceremonies for Confirmations with Bishop Ricken, and Chaplain to the Green Bay Packers.

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## PALM SUNDAY FAMILY CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 13-  
Following the 10 AM Mass  
**RSVP by April 6th**

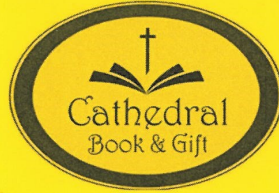


Enjoy Donuts, Snacks, Coffee & Juice  
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### **Events and Activities! Celebrate the joy of reading!**

- *Children's Catholic Story and Craft Time – second Saturdays at 11:00 am*
- *JOIN our Book Clubs!*
  - *Wednesday night: Last Wednesday each month @5:30 pm*
  - *Saturday Mornings: Every other Saturday @ 9:00 am*
- *Watch for upcoming Lenten Studies, books, and Easter Gifts!*

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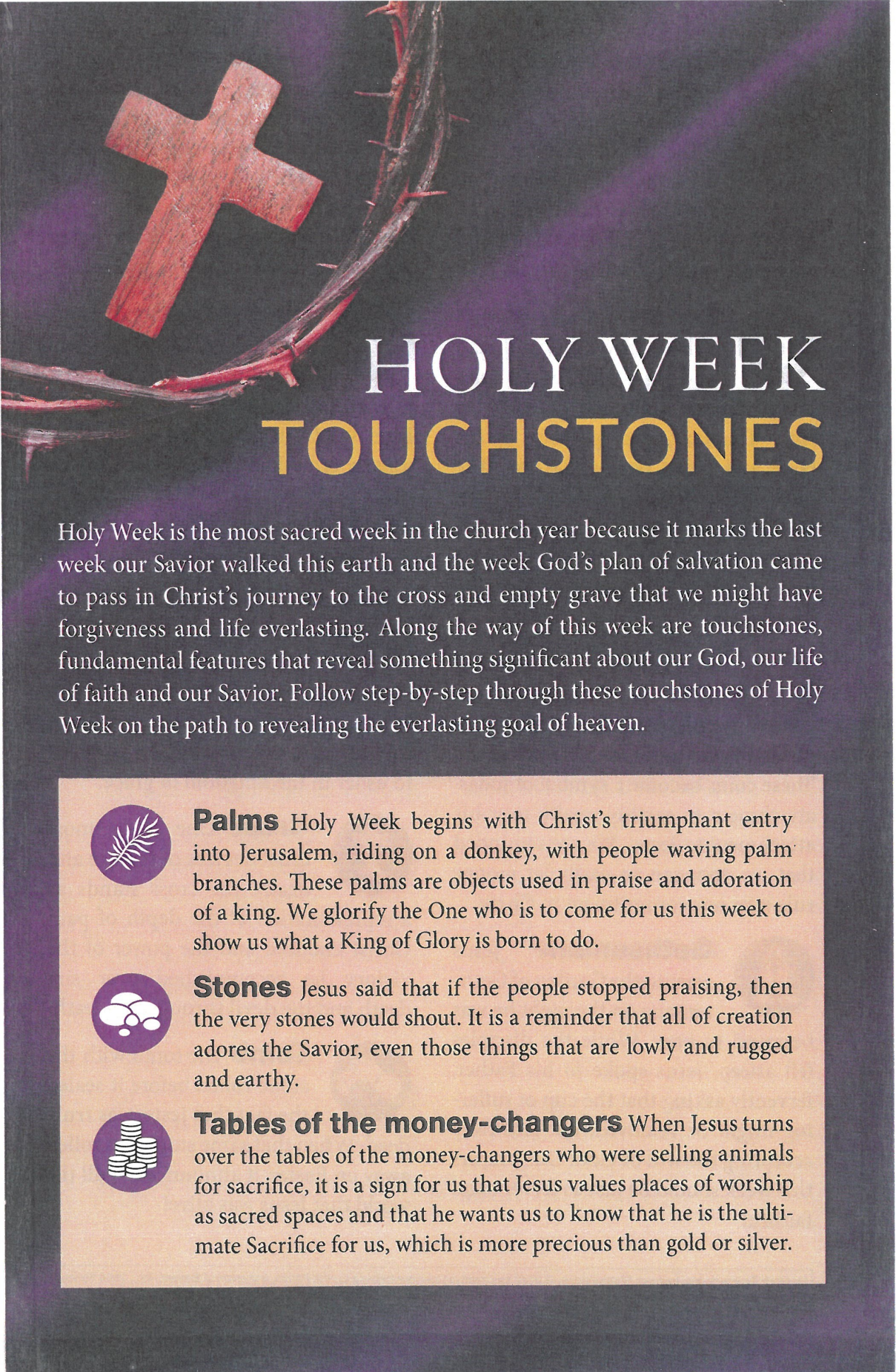
Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Saturday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

[www.cathedralgiftandbook.com](http://www.cathedralgiftandbook.com) | Contact: (920) 432-0078 | [cathedralbookandgiftgb@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralbookandgiftgb@gmail.com)

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# HOLY WEEK TOUCHSTONES

Holy Week is the most sacred week in the church year because it marks the last week our Savior walked this earth and the week God's plan of salvation came to pass in Christ's journey to the cross and empty grave that we might have forgiveness and life everlasting. Along the way of this week are touchstones, fundamental features that reveal something significant about our God, our life of faith and our Savior. Follow step-by-step through these touchstones of Holy Week on the path to revealing the everlasting goal of heaven.



**Palms** Holy Week begins with Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, with people waving palm branches. These palms are objects used in praise and adoration of a king. We glorify the One who is to come for us this week to show us what a King of Glory is born to do.



**Stones** Jesus said that if the people stopped praising, then the very stones would shout. It is a reminder that all of creation adores the Savior, even those things that are lowly and rugged and earthy.



**Tables of the money-changers** When Jesus turns over the tables of the money-changers who were selling animals for sacrifice, it is a sign for us that Jesus values places of worship as sacred spaces and that he wants us to know that he is the ultimate Sacrifice for us, which is more precious than gold or silver.



**Fig tree** Jesus proclaims that a withering fig tree he sees will never produce fruit again. The tree represents those who do not let their faith flourish or grow closer to their Creator in prayer. The strength of the disciples' faith and prayer life is tested in Holy Week.



**Bread and wine** When Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples in the Upper Room on Maundy or Holy Thursday, they partook of his body and blood by his blessing. The sacrament of Holy Communion or the Eucharist was born this day, and each day we take part in it now takes us back to this moment of deep love and forgiveness.



**30 pieces of silver** Judas Iscariot agrees to betray Jesus into the hands of the Pharisees for 30 pieces of silver. These coins become a symbol of Judas' attachment to earthly wealth over his attachment to Jesus. We are reminded that we, too, can so easily let money rule over our commitment to Christ.



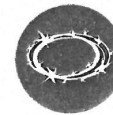
**Gethsemane** Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane on the night he was betrayed to pray. While the disciples fell asleep, Jesus spoke to his Father, fervently asking that the cup of suffering might be removed, but faithfully accepting the will of God. Our prayers this week should be just as fervent and faithful.



**Sword** When Jesus was arrested, Peter took his sword and cut off the ear of a servant in the crowd. Jesus heals the man's ear and says that anyone who lives by the sword shall die by the sword. Violence against others is never the answer in the kingdom of God.



**Rooster** Jesus prophesied that Peter would deny him three times before the rooster crowed. When that happened, Peter went out and wept bitterly. The rooster crow is a wake-up call for us that we can so quickly fall back into sin, but that we still have a Savior who hears our cries for mercy and restores us.



**Crown of thorns** Meant to be a sign of mockery, the crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head on Good Friday by the soldiers is a perfect display of the suffering that needs to be endured to usher in the kingdom of grace.



**Cross** One of the most cruel devices of torture and death, the cross stands as a representation of the depth of pain Christ endured and the power of the victory he accomplished over sin, death and the devil through his death.



**Tomb** The tomb with the stone rolled before it sealed the fact that Jesus was truly dead. When that same stone was rolled away on Easter, it announced to all the world that Jesus was alive!

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