

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,  
As we begin the celebration of Holy Week with Palm Sunday today, we enter the most holy week of the year. It is a much graced time for all who participate in remembering all that the Lord suffered and did for us out of his great love and mercy. I encourage as many as possible to attend the services of Holy Week. I hope that you will participate in the Holy Thursday Mass and the Good Friday service. On Holy Thursday evening, after the Mass, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel until midnight, so I encourage persons to spend an hour with Jesus remembering his agony in the garden when his disciples could not stay awake even one hour with him. Remember that Good Friday is a day not only of abstaining from meat, but also a day of fasting as we lift up our hearts in gratitude for Jesus dying on the cross for our salvation by doing this penance. Also, if you have never attended the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening, please consider doing so as it is unlike any other Mass of the year due to its many beautiful ceremonies at the beginning of Mass. At the Easter Vigil, I will accept into full communion with the Catholic Church and confirm Scott Ferrin, husband of Jane and father of Hannah and Madison of our parish. Please pray for him as he makes his profession of faith into the Catholic Church. On the Thursday following Easter, Sarah Meyers, fiancée of J. D. Thibault from our parish and whom you might have seen when I have done some of the special ceremonies of prayer over her during Lent, will be baptized, confirmed, and make her first Holy Communion. She could not be here Easter weekend, so this is the closest date to Easter that she was able to receive these sacraments. So, please keep her in your prayers as well. Finally, if you have not yet received the sacrament of Reconciliation by making your Confession in preparation for Easter, remember that I have scheduled extra confession times during Holy Week. By making your Confession, you will then be ready sincerely to renew your baptismal promises, which we do at the Easter Vigil and

the Masses on Easter day. Know that all of you will be in my prayers during Holy Week as I especially pray that all of you will be touched in a special way with the Lord's mercy and grace. Have a blessed Holy Week.

God bless,  
Fr. Gutowski

**MASS  
INTENTIONS****APRIL 18 THRU APRIL 24**

Monday		Michelle Heimes
Tuesday		Con Kwapnioski
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Rolf Foged
	6:00 p.m.	Virginia Meister
Thursday	NO Morning Mass	
	7:00 p.m.	Ray Heimes
Friday	NO Morning Mass	
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Saturday	8:45 p.m.	Pauline Washtak
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	People of St.
Joseph		
	10:00 a.m.	Bill Urbanski

**OPERATION RICE BOWL - YOUR  
ATTITUDE MUST BE CHRIST'S**

We hear in sacred scripture this weekend how Christ redeemed us not by a one-time small gift, but by becoming one of us and giving His whole self even unto death on a Cross. Through our support of Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services gives more than short term assistance to poor countries; it establishes long term, person-focused, sustainable programs that provide better opportunities for each individual, and it remains in communities to help these