

Our Holiest Week

As you plan your Easter gatherings, make sure to set aside time for prayer during our holiest week of the year. Our linked schedule for Holy Week is as follows:



Palm Sunday: This day commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for Passover and for his own passion. Palm branches recall the day of his entry, and the proclamation of the passion recalls the day of his death.

Saturday, April 8 – 4:00 p.m. (Holy Rosary; Ss. Peter & Paul)

Sunday, April 9 – 8:00 a.m. (St. Ann); 9:00 a.m. (Ss. Peter & Paul); 10:00 a.m. (Holy Rosary)

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: Sunset of this day brings our season of Lent to an end as we enter our shortest and holiest of seasons – Triduum. During this liturgy we remember Jesus' humility through the washing of hands and feet and the Lord's great gift of the Eucharist. At the end, we recall Jesus' walk to the garden and the request to stay and pray with Him. Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following liturgy is encouraged.

Thursday, April 13 – 6:30 p.m. (St. Ann); 7:00 p.m. (Holy Rosary; Ss. Peter & Paul)

Holy Thursday Prayer Time: In the garden on the night before he died, Jesus invited his disciples to stay awake and pray with him. Each one of our churches will be open that evening until 10:00 p.m. for individual prayer following our Masses. Come join.



Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: We gather in silence to ponder the great love Christ has for each of us – a love so great that in spite of our sinfulness, it remains unvanquished even by death itself. During the service, we reverence the cross which is held up and exposed in our midst. Following communion, a final bid asks us to keep faithful watch.

Friday, April 14 – 12:30 p.m. (Holy Rosary); 1:00 p.m. (Ss. Peter & Paul); 1:30 p.m. (St. Ann)

Good Friday Prayer Time: Each of our churches will be open until 6:00 p.m. on Good Friday. All are invited to come and spend some quiet time in prayer on this terrible and wonderful day.

Ecumenical Good Friday Service: Every Good Friday, the Christian churches throughout our region come together for a prayer service. This year, that prayer service will take place at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Kiel, beginning at 7:00 p.m. A collection for the Good Samaritan Fund will also be taken. All are invited and welcome.

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection: This is the holiest night of the year. We gather in darkness only to see a great light in our midst. Christ our light has risen from the dead! We remember stories from our past, renew the promises made at our baptism, partake of the Eucharistic banquet and celebrate the joy of Easter. It doesn't get any better than this!

Saturday, April 15 – 7:30 p.m. (Holy Rosary; St. Ann); 7:45 p.m. (Ss. Peter & Paul)



Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection: As darkness passes to dawn, our Passover is accomplished and the joy of Easter is proclaimed to the world! Today we enter fifty days of rejoicing. Jesus Christ is risen today – our triumphant holy day!

Sunday, April 16 – 8:00 a.m. (Ss. Peter & Paul; St. Ann); 10:00 a.m. (Holy Rosary; Ss. Peter & Paul)