

# THE GOOD NEWS

## St. Francis Church

### Lake of the Woods Plaza, Dunlap, IL

#### MARCH, 2008

### Holy Week Schedule

March 16-23, 2008

Palm Sunday (16 <sup>th</sup> )	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
	8:45 AM	Church School
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist
Holy Monday	7:30 AM	Morning Prayer
	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
Holy Tuesday	11:00 AM	Chrism Mass St. Paul's Cathedral (open to all parishioners)
	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
Holy Wednesday	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist
	6:30 PM	Lenten supper & study
Maundy Thursday	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Eucharist
	7:00 PM	Vigil at the Altar of Repose
Good Friday	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
	12:15 PM	Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil & Eucharist
Easter Day 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		(NO evening Mass on Easter)

## Holy Week

Holy Week is upon us (very early this year!). If you haven't taken part in past years in the special worship opportunities during this week, please try to come for as much as you can.

Holy Week is most especially a week of prayer. For Christians, the observance and re-enactment of the great events of Jesus' Passion come into focus during this week, when by our worship and time together we honor the gift of new life he has made possible for us.

We live out and enter into the events His Passion in the Maundy Thursday Eucharist, the Good Friday liturgy, and solemn Sabbath of Holy Saturday, and the Resurrection celebration of Easter.

He sacrificed his life for us. Can we sacrifice the time it takes to honor his invaluable gift?

## Vigil at the Altar of Repose

On Maundy Thursday, beginning after the mass, we will observe the Vigil at the Altar of Repose, praying before the Blessed Sacrament at a special altar set up in the library. The Vigil runs from Thursday night until mass at 12:15 PM on Good Friday.

Most of the hours are filled, but a few are still open. The sign up sheet is in the parish hall.

Even if someone has reserved the time, you are welcome to silently join in. Greater Silence is kept throughout the Church proper, and the Chapel, during these hours.

This is a time treasured by many for personal prayer and devotion. If you'd like to take part, please respect the silence of others who are in prayer and omit any greetings when arriving or leaving.

## The Easter Vigil

We have moved the Easter Vigil to 8:00 PM on Holy Saturday evening (March 22). This is a candle-light vigil that sums up not only Passion Week, but the great events of God's salvation played out through the Old and New Testaments.

If you have never attended the Vigil, make this the year!

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