

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020



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MASS SCHEDULE

Apr 4	Saturday	{SN}NO MASS	Palm Sunday
Apr 5	Sunday	{SN} NO MASS	Palm Sunday
Apr 6	Monday	{SA} NO MASS	Monday of Holy Week
Apr 7	Tuesday	{SN} NO MASS	Tuesday of Holy Week
Apr 8	Wednesday	{SA} NO MASS	Wednesday of Holy Week
Apr 9	Thursday	{SN} NO MASS	Holy Thursday
Apr 10	Friday	NO MASS	Good Friday – Passion of the Lord
Apr 11	Saturday	{SN}NO MASS	Holy Saturday
Apr 12	Sunday	{SN} NO MASS	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Weekend Masses at St. Anne's in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am.

- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 7:00 pm at St. Nicholas.
- Weddings: Engaged couples should see the pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the parish office for homebound or hospitalized visits.
- Our website has important information, including the weekly bulletin! www.churchofsaintnicholas.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Apr 11 at 7:30 pm				
Apr 12 at 10:00 am				

PARISH DINNER RESCHEDULED: The Annual Parish Dinner will be postponed until further notice. It will be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

Masses Livestreamed by Bishop Kettler:

April 5 ♦ Palm Sunday – The Mass will be livestreamed on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

April 9 ♦ Holy Thursday – Holy Thursday will be livestreamed on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

April 10 ♦ Good Friday – Good Friday will be livestreamed on Friday afternoon at 12:05 p.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

April 11 ♦ Easter Vigil – The vigil will be livestreamed on Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

April 12 ♦ Easter Sunday – The Mass will be livestreamed on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

Stewardship of Treasure March 29, 2020

Adult	\$855.00	(5 of 156 envelopes)
Youth	0.00	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	0.00	
TOTAL	\$855.00	



**Donations that were sent to the Parish Office

THANK YOU!

CRS	\$100.00 (1 gift)
St. Cloud Visitor	\$17.00 (1 gift)

Connections: During the Chinese occupation of Tibet in 1959, Buddhist monks were the targets of violence and persecutions in order to undermine the deeply rooted spirituality of the Tibetan people. As Chinese forces would invade Tibetan villages, the monks would flee into the mountains. But when the Chinese invaded one particular village, all the monks had fled — except one. On learning that a single monk dared to remain, the enraged Chinese commander marched up to the monastery and kicked in the gate. There in the courtyard stood the lone defiant monk. “Do you know who I am?” the commander roared. “I am he who can run you through with a sword without batting an eyelash.

The monk replied: “And do you know who I am? I am he who can *let* you run me through with a sword without batting an eyelash.” [From *Peacemaking Day by Day*, published by Pax Christi.]

The commander cannot comprehend this “crazy” monk standing before him – but the monk possesses a centeredness in God that enables him to detach himself from ambitions and quests for power and wealth in order to find peace and hope in the certainty of God’s reign. The monk mirrors the Jesus of Holy Week, who “empties” himself of his divinity to take on our humanity in order to restore us to the peace and compassion of God. In our remembering the passion and death of Jesus, we realize the destruction our sins can wreak. Jesus’ body becomes a looking glass in which we see ourselves in the arrogance and intolerance of those who bring him to the cross. But in his broken, scarred body, we realize the possibilities for re-creating our lives and worlds in his Gospel of justice and compassion. God takes on our humanity in its brokenness in order to heal us of that brokenness: to open our eyes to realize our need for one another; to open our ears to hear the cries for compassion, forgiveness and justice around us; to open our spirits to embrace one another in our disappointments and pain. This week we meet a God of such great love for us that he becomes one of us in order to make us whole in such love.

ACC Update: The last update from 2-18-2020 is posted on the website. Please check for it there.

Religious Education: **CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELED. PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR UPDATES.** Please pray for Hailey, Brady and Lily as First Holy Communion has been postponed. Confirmation is still scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th for Michael, Jonathan and Sarah.

Stations of the Cross Schedule: Stations of the Cross have been cancelled.

Honoring Marriage Day: The Honoring Marriage Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 26th at 1:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. If you were celebrating one of the marriage milestones, you should be receiving an invitation.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: “Transformed by faith and sent in service to all.” The Appeal supports ministries that affect you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. Go to www.stcdio.org. Each dollar raised goes directly to the ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. The goal for **our parish** will be \$5,958 with the goal for the Diocese set at \$1,300,000.

Naming our ACC: **Name Unveiling** with a Mass, Wine & Cheese Social will be postponed until further notice. Please watch for details!

Readings for the Week: Monday, Apr 6th: Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11 Faced with suffering, we need not fear for God is with us.

Tuesday, April 7th: Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 God’s servant gives glory to God through his suffering.

Wednesday, Apr 8th: Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25 Pray that you will not betray Jesus today.

Thursday, Apr 9th: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15 How can you give yourself for others as Jesus did?

Friday, Apr 10th: Is 52:13 – 53:12 / Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jesus suffers and dies to open our way to God.

Tips for Praying at Home: These were posted from the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

- Create a prayer altar under your TV or streaming device. Consider setting a crucifix or other sacred art in the prayer space.
- Open your bible to the gospel of the day and place it on your “home altar” to remind you that the Word of God is among you.
- Light a candle to symbolize the beautiful light that shines in the darkness and to help your home resemble the Church.
- Set up chairs like a pew to help you engage in the mass and keep you from passively watching from the couch.
- Get dressed as you normally would when attending mass. Keeping this routine is especially helpful for children.
- If you have holy water at home, bless yourself and your family before you begin the mass.
- Take a few moments of silence to transition from the busyness of your home to the sacredness of the mass.
- Fully participate by sitting and responding according to the rubrics of the mass.
- Engage in community by having coffee and breakfast with your family after mass or by calling your loved ones to connect.

Where to find the TV Mass: You can find the Mass from the St. Cloud Diocese from their website (stcdio.com – way at the bottom of the home page you will find a list of “Resources” and the TV Mass is there). You can also find it on the app for your device – see the front of the bulletin. There are also other options! Relevant radio is streaming the Mass from their chapel at noon each day. Locally, you can find it at 1330 AM from the Cities or listen online at relevantradio.com. If you have a cable service, you can watch the EWTN. Channels for each company are: Midco – Channel 73, Mediacom – Channel 094, Dish – Channel 261, DirecTV – Channel 370. There are a multitude of websites that have a Mass as well. There are many local churches posting a live/recorded Mass on YouTube.