

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Through Water and Word to the Cross

Father of all nations and peoples,
again we begin the procession.
Holding our palms, singing hosannas,
we pass by the font, the place of Baptism,
as we ponder the Passion and Death
of your beloved Son.

Give us, your holy people, well-
trained tongues

that we may speak to the weary a word
that will rouse them.

Help us to embrace the downtrodden
and suffering.

Lead us to acts of justice, mercy, and com-
passion.

As we enter this holy time, help us to pick
up the Cross

and walk the paschal way,
proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord to
the glory of the Father.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

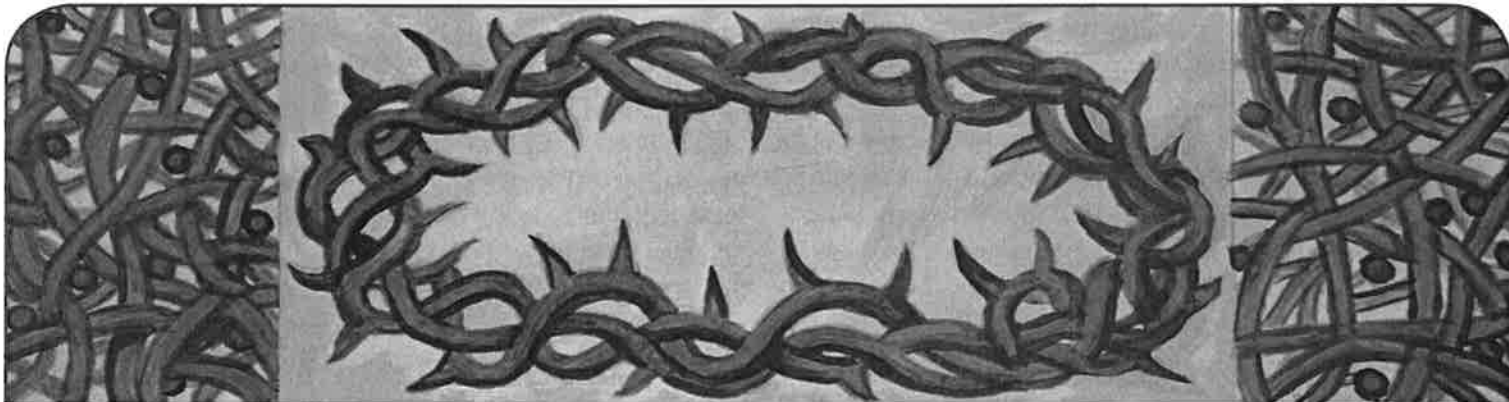
Sunday, April 13, 2014
Journey to the Cross



Today's Readings: Matthew 21:1–11; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24 (2a); Philippians 2:6–11; Matthew 26:14–27:66. Today, we begin our solemn commemoration of the events that reconcile us with God, and that take us to the heart of our faith: “We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.” Through Scripture readings, we commemorate Christ’s entrance into Jerusalem, his Passion, and his Death. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we look forward to the Resurrection. All week, we will follow Christ through his Paschal Mystery: his dying and rising. Today our hosannas ring and our palm branches wave, as we proclaim: “Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father.”

Everything in today’s liturgy puts us in spiritual tune for the Triduum: the blessing of palms with holy water, the procession, the image of Christ hailed by the people, Jesus’s praying of Psalm 22 from the Cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”, and the Cross itself. We stand, we sit, we kneel, we bow as we prepare to celebrate the great Paschal Triduum. All of these lead us to embrace the Passion as an event of life-giving suffering. Today’s second reading reminds us of how suffering can lead to sharing in the glory of God, and thus the Church proclaims, “Jesus Christ is Lord!”

As you enter into this Holy Week, recall a time when you felt betrayed or when your faith was shaken. Take that to the Cross with you this week.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 14

The Paschal Lamb

This week, the Scriptures focus on the suffering servant figure in Isaiah, which Christians identify with Jesus. He is the Lord's "covenant to the people, a light to the nations." John's account of the Passion waits until the Crucifixion to reveal the kingship of Christ, and his Death coincides with the slaughter of the Passover lambs. Mary, who anoints the feet of Jesus, goes beyond the common gesture of hospitality (the washing of feet) to prepare Jesus for his coming Death. Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 (1a); John 12:1-11.

Tuesday, April 15

Darkness to Light

Another part of the suffering servant song from Isaiah speaks of the servant being called to his ministry from his mother's womb. The servant proclaims the Lord's Word "like a sharp sword," singing of salvation and declaring justice. In the Gospel's Last Supper scene, Jesus warns of betrayal and his coming Death, exposing the battle between good and evil at play in their lives. As you approach the Paschal Triduum, what evil and darkness do you need to be released from, so that you can live in the light? Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 (see 15ab); John 13:21-33, 36-38.

Wednesday, April 16

Acceptance

In our own way, each of us is called to proclaim the Word of God. In our daily encounters with people, we need to "sustain the weary with a word" that will rouse them. The suffering servant freely accepts the Lord's will for him. Jesus's Death was the price paid for our salvation. We trust in the Lord, despite our suffering, and in the words of today's psalm, we cry out, "With your faithful help, rescue me." Today's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 (14c); Matthew 26:14-25.

Thursday, April 17

Holy Thursday

Today's liturgy is rich with symbols and texts. The Gospel according to John provides a model of the Eucharist that is different from those in the synoptic Gospels. In this simple act of stooping down and washing feet, a sign of service, Jesus is giving himself completely to others. Today's Readings: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Corinthians 10:16); 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

In today's liturgy, through the act of venerating the Cross by touching, kissing, or bowing, we connect our sufferings to those of Jesus. An ancient practice of the Church is to approach the Cross barefoot as a sign of humbleness. Choose a word or phrase from the Passion narrative and meditate on those words. Today's Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46); Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.

Saturday, April 19

Holy Saturday

Tonight we gather at the new fire, hear the great stories of faith, welcome the elect to plunge themselves into living water, and feast at the table of heaven and earth. Today's Readings: Easter Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30); Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11(1); Exodus 14:15-15:1; Responsorial Psalm: Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b); Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a); Isaiah 55:1-11; Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3); Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (John 6:68c); Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2); Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia); Matthew 28:1-10.



© Liturgy Training Publications, 1-800-933-1800. Written by Michael R. Prendergast. Illustrated by Jim Janknegt. Scripture quotations are from *The New Revised Standard Version Bible: Catholic Edition*, copyright © 1993 and 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Memorial acclamation from the English translation of *The Roman Missal* © 2010, ICEL. All rights reserved, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation (ICEL); excerpts from the English translation of *The Roman Missal* © 2010, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Permission to publish granted by the Archdiocese of Chicago, on October 24, 2013.


Reproducibles for Lent-Triduum-Easter 2014

You are cordially invited to join us
to Celebrate God's Masterpieces
on Saturday, April 26th
for the *9th Annual*
Saint Cecilia Gala.

It is not too late to register.

Purchase tickets by contacting your co-chairs or register
online at www.stcamesgala.org

The Event

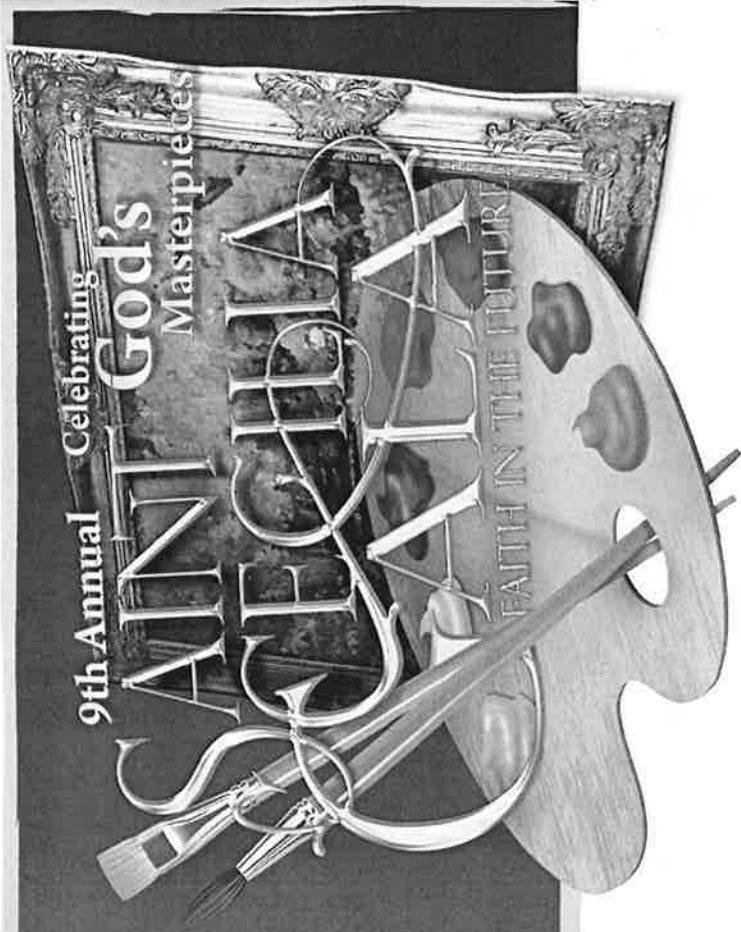
The annual Gala, open to all, is an evening of fun and
fellowship. It includes:

5:00-7:00 **Social & Silent Auction**
7:00 **Opening Prayer & Introduction**
7:30 **Dinner & Live Auction**
Post-auction social

Tickets **\$75 per person**

Join us for an evening of fellowship and festivities!

Experience the incredible Silent Auction boasting an
amazing collection of unique items. Enjoy a wonderful
dinner, and take part in the highly anticipated Live Auction.
What to wear? The event is semi-formal (similar to a
wedding guest or after-five attire)



Did you know?

The Saint Cecilia Gala was created to reduce the school's
dependence on parish funding and ensure the long-term
viability of our school.

In 8 years the Gala has raised over \$1 million to fund the
Education Endowment, education programs and
equipment.

Each year 15% of distributed funds go directly to Faith
Formation Programs.

The Gala's Fund-a-Need program has provided educational
and faith building trips for youth ministry groups, faith
formation and the day school.

The 2013 Fund-a-Need purchased new furniture and
equipment for the Education Center.

Raffle Tickets Selling Fast... Only 2000 will be sold!

9th Annual Saint Cecilia Gala

2014 NEW CAR RAFFLE

Winner's choice of one of the following**



2014 Ford Fusion
Ames Ford



2014 Toyota Camry
Wilson Toyota



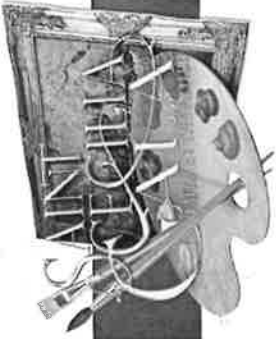
2014 Chrysler 200
Deery Brothers of Ames



2014 Honda Accord
Lithia of Ames

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW
ONLY 2000 TICKETS BEING SOLD
1 TICKET:\$50 • 3 TICKETS:\$100

The Saint Cecilia community thanks the participating businesses for their generous contributions in support of our educational programs.
Ames Ford • Wilson Toyota • Deery Brothers of Ames • Lithia of Ames



Proceeds to support Saint Cecilia Educational Programs
Time/Place Of Drawing: Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Saint Cecilia Gala,
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames. Need not be present to win.

**Join us Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the
Saint Cecilia Gala**
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames, IA

Prize: Winners may not contribute the prize back to the Saint Cecilia Gala. Winners are responsible for all applicable taxes and fees, including title and license. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Please visit www.stcamesgala.org for complete details.
**Actual prize may differ in color or appearance.

For more information, call Jessica: 515-451-8126

Live Auction

**Featuring one-of-a-kind – unobtainable experiences!
Get with your friends and/or family to bid on these...**

Fully Loaded

Two adults will enjoy a 4-day, guided water-fowl hunt in North Dakota. The winners will be treated to a meal from their bounty when they return.

Priestly Progressive Dinner

The winning bidder(s) will enjoy a chauffeured progressive dinner. 10 winners will experience an evening of fellowship with Fr. James Secora, Fr. Jon Seda and Fr. Richmond Dezkoe. While enjoying appetizers, dinner and desserts at parishioners' homes.

A Week in Paradise

Seven nights' stay at 5 Star resort, near Bucerias, Mexico. A party of 6 will enjoy white sand beaches sunsets over the Pacific Ocean from your balcony.

Ultimate Homecoming Game

Tickets for four to the Iowa State Football Homecoming game in the ISU Athletics Department Balcony Suite. VIP Parking, Gift certificate to Olde Main and childcare for 10 provided!

Barn Party

A party of 10 can enjoy a steak fry and drinks at Bill & Tracy Jennings' picturesque barn in Story City. The barn is fully restored and features a basketball court.



Majestic Beach Vacation

Panama City Beach, Florida condo comfortably sleeps up to 9. The trip includes and ocean excursion and vouchers for meal and travel.

Silent Auction

Tons of bidding opportunities at many \$ levels.

Parties, gift cards, lessons, photography sessions, mani-pedis, massages, reserved parking, signed memorabilia, museum passes, Tour of Templeton Rye Distillery, original artwork, beauty care, bike, jewelry, Disney Passes, Chicago trip and **SO MUCH MORE!**

See the website at www.stcamesgala.org for details