



CEDAR COUNTY CATHOLIC PARISHES

MECHANICSVILLE, TIPTON, WEST BRANCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 23 - West Branch

4:00 PM - Pat & Don Kauffman

Sunday March 24 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM - Jerry O'Hara

Sunday March 24 - Tipton

10:00 AM - Pro Populo

Tuesday March 26

5:30 PM - Vernon & Mary Louise Gordt

Wednesday March 27

8:30 AM - Mary Johnston

Sacred Tridium and Easter Masses

-Pro Populo

Check out the Cedar County
Catholic calendar to find out what's going on
in the three parishes on our website at
<https://stmarystipton.com/>

"The Lord instructs two of his disciples to go into the village and untether a donkey. If there is any protest, they are to say, 'The Master has need of it.' This is true of every baptized person: the Master has need of your gifts, of you, of the whole of your life." Bishop Robert Baron

ADA Update as of March 13, 2024

Mechanicsville

Goal: \$9,879.00

Pledged: \$10,462.00

Payments Received: \$9,032.00

Tipton

Goal: \$27,475.00

Pledged: \$27,767.00

Payments Received: \$25,607.00

West Branch

Goal: \$7,313.00

Pledged: \$10,151.00

Payments Received: \$8,224.00

Offerings

Mechanicsville

March 17, 2024

Envelopes:	\$362.00
Offertory:	\$243.00
Catholic Relief	\$30.00
Total:	\$635.00

Tipton

March 17, 2024

Envelopes:	\$1,861.00
Offertory:	\$810.69
Catholic Relief	\$45.00
Total:	\$2,716.69

West Branch

March 16, 2024

Envelopes:	\$315.00
Offertory:	\$435.00
Catholic Messenger	\$30.00
Special Envelopes	\$105.00
Total:	\$885.00



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

To report child abuse **Contact:** Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178
and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify

Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or

PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004

TIPTON

Families: May you have a blessed **Holy Week**, Palm Sunday, March 24, Mass at 10:30 a.m. Tipton Triduum Liturgies are Holy Thursday at 6:30 p.m., Good Friday at 6:30 p.m., Easter Vigil Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Easter Sunday Mass is at 10 a.m. We will not have gatherings for Faith Formation during this week. We look forward to seeing you in April!

The Knights of Columbus will be doing their Food Drive (40 cans for Lent) this year during Lent. Please drop off cans or boxes of foods in the back of St. Mary's Tipton Church. Knights of Columbus members will take to local food pantries. Thanks for your support.

Mark your calendars! The Women of St. Mary's will be putting on their **Spring Fling April 21st from 11-2**. There will be live music, carnival games, walking tacos, maid rites and bake sale goodies for dessert. If you are interested in donating to the Spring Fling we will take monetary donations or reach out to any of the officers for specific donations. President: Maggie Helmold maggie.helmold@gmail.com
Vice President: Katie Ryan ryankt4@gmail.com
Treasurer/Secretary: Diane Wehde diane.wehde@gmail.com.

MECHANICSVILLE

DATE	Set-Up	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTE
March 31	Tom	Lee	Donna/Lee/Lori
April 7	Mike	Lindsay	Mike/Jen/Lori

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the fish fry. We served 275 meals this year. We couldn't have done it without all of our fantastic volunteers.

DID YOU KNOW????

Do you have Palms left over from Palm Sundays past?

What should you do with them?

Should you wish to dispose of it, you may bury it or burn it.

The Catholic priests take all of the collected palms and burn them. They save the ashes to use for the Ash Wednesday service of the following year

You may burn them or bury them, but **NEVER** put them in the trash.

We are going to collect your palms from past years
and dispose of them properly.

If you wish, you may leave your old palms in the box at the back of the church and we will dispose of them for you.

WEST BRANCH

Volunteer needed this summer to trim the bushes, weed and water the flower beds on West and East side of the church. Please let Arlieta know if you are interested 319-643-2414

The fish dinner was a HUGE success! Approximately \$1,500 was raised for summer funds for the School Food Pantry. Thanks to all the organizers and volunteers for all their efforts to have a Lenten fish dinner in town put on by our parish!

DID YOU KNOW?

How is the date of Easter determined?

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon occurring either on or after the spring equinox (March 21). As a result, Easter will always fall between March 22 and April 25.

What is a novena and what novena begins on Good Friday?

The word "novena" comes from the Latin meaning "nine each." The apostles and disciples spent nine days in the upper room before the Holy Spirit came down upon them at Pentecost. The nine days of prayer can also be considered as a representation of the nine months of Jesus in the womb of Mary.

On Good Friday a Divine Mercy Novena will begin. The novena will conclude on the 2nd Sunday of Easter which is called Divine Mercy Sunday. You can find the prayers for the novena at thedivinemercy.org/

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday:

6:00 PM West Branch

6:30 PM Tipton

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

12:00 PM Tipton

3:00 PM West Branch

Good Friday Liturgy

3:00 PM Mechanicsville

6:00 PM West Branch

6:30 PM Tipton

Easter Vigil

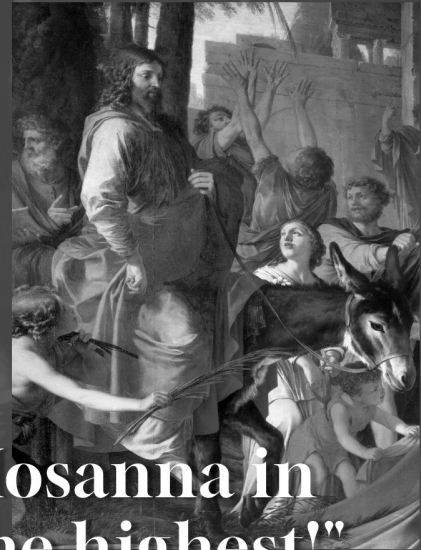
8:30 PM Tipton

Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Mechanicsville

10:00 AM Tipton

10:00 AM West Branch



"Hosanna in the highest!"

On Palm Sunday,
the crowds shouted in praise.
-Matt 21:9

A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK

Catholics have honored the last week of Jesus' life since the Apostles. Holy Week, stretching from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, is a time to reflect on all that Jesus suffered for us. It is a time to worship him as our king, and remember the light he brings to a dark world.

PALM SUNDAY

The beginning of Holy Week. Throughout this week, the congregation plays the part of the people who welcomed Jesus as king, realized he wasn't the king they thought he would be, and crucified him.

THE TRIDUUM

One liturgical day in which we relive Christ's Passion and Resurrection. We observe three special liturgies:

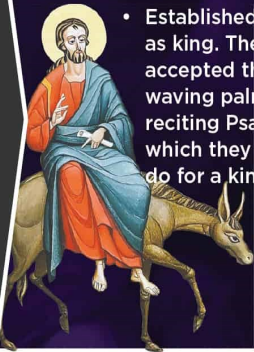
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (HOLY THURSDAY)

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER)

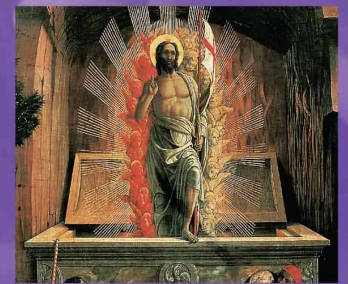
WHAT JESUS DID

- Rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies
- Established himself as king. The people accepted this by waving palms and reciting Psalm 118, which they would do for a king



- Participated in the Passover/ Last Supper with his disciples
- Washed the disciples' feet (again, not the king they expected)
- Instituted the Eucharist and new priesthood
- Went to Gethsemane; experienced Agony in the garden
- Is betrayed by Judas and arrested
- Heals a slave

- Was betrayed and abandoned by his friends and followers
- Was scourged, crowned with thorns and mockingly hailed as a king
- Made to carry his cross, with a little help from Simon of Cyrene
- Was crucified under a plaque that read "King of the Jews"
- Darkness fell over Jerusalem
- Died and descended into Hell



- Rose from the dead
- Appeared to Mary Magdalene and others

HOW WE HONOR IT

- Have a special reading about his entry into Jerusalem
- Wave palm fronds
- Sing psalms and hymns about Christ the King



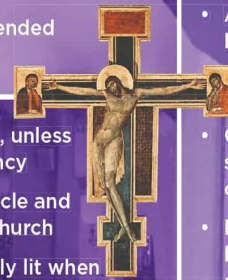
- With a joyful Mass, with gratitude for the Eucharist
- Instead of a final blessing, we have Adoration
- Priest strips and washes the altar
- All decorations are removed or shrouded
- All candles extinguished, symbolizing darkness
- We have now moved from the Last Supper to sitting with Jesus during his Agony



- No sacraments, unless it's an emergency
- Empty tabernacle and undecorated Church
- Candles are only lit when the Eucharist is present
- Silent and solemn procession for liturgy
- Read the Passion according to St. John
- Pray for everyone through Solemn Intercessions
- Receive the Eucharist, consecrated the day before



- Venerate the cross by kissing it, kneeling before it, etc



- Gather in the dark, symbolizing the darkness of the tomb and our sin
- Priest lights a fire and blesses it. We follow the candle, like the Israelites following the pillar of fire
- Deacon sings the Exultet prayer, which is structurally similar to what Jesus would have prayed at the Last Supper
- Have nine readings and eight Psalms, which show the story behind the Salvation Jesus won for us
- During the Gloria, lights come on and we decorate the Church to symbolize Jesus rising
- Those coming into the Church are Baptized and Confirmed. We all renew our Baptismal promises