



*St. Joseph Weier*

Fr. Donald Henke, Pastor  
April 13 - 14, 2019

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am  
Confessions:  
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:40 pm

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### *From your Pastor*

It's Palm Sunday today, and in preparation for Holy Week, I thought that I would once again include an article about Jesus' Passion and Death that might help everyone to enter into these sacred days with greater intentionality and devotion. The article is entitled: "9 Little Known Facts About the Crucifixion of Jesus."<sup>1</sup>

1. St. Luke recorded that during the agony in the garden, Jesus's sweat became like blood. Bloody sweat is known as either hematidrosis or hemohidrosis and is caused by blood hemorrhaging into the sweat glands. While it is rare, it "...may occur in highly emotional states or in persons with bleeding disorders."
2. Scourging always preceded crucifixion and was intended to weaken the victim to shorten the time spent on the cross. "[A]s the flogging continued, the lacerations would tear into the underlying skeletal muscles and produce quivering ribbons of bleeding flesh. Pain and blood loss generally set the stage for circulatory shock. ...The severe scourging, with its intense pain and appreciable blood loss, most probably left Jesus in a preshock state."
3. Jesus did not carry the whole cross but just the crossbar (patibulum). The whole cross would have weighed about 300 lbs.
4. The sign that Pilate had ordered to be made, "Jesus the Nazorean, King of the Jews", was customary and was held up by a Roman soldier in the front of the condemned man during the procession to the place of crucifixion. It displayed the name of the criminal and charge against him.
5. The wine with the gall (a "mild analgesic"), which was offered to Christ, was a requirement under Roman law.
6. Since nailing the palms would not have supported the weight of the body, the wrists were nailed (as in the Shroud). "...[T]he driven nail would crush or sever the rather large sensorimotor median nerve. The stimulated nerve would produce excruciating bolts of fiery pain in both arms. Although the severed median nerve would result in paralysis of a portion of the hand, ischemic contractures and impalement of various ligaments by the iron spike might produce a clawlike grasp."
7. Fixing the feet to the cross could be done with either nails or ropes, the Shroud indicates that Jesus' were nailed. His knees may have been bent since crosses did not always have a footrest.
8. "Although scourging may have resulted in considerable blood loss, crucifixion per se was a relatively bloodless procedure, since no major arteries, other than perhaps the deep plantar arch, pass through the favored anatomic sites of transfixion."
9. Jesus' death came unusually quickly; crucifixions could go on for days. This was likely the result of the severity of the scourging. "The fact that he could not carry the crossbar supports this interpretation. The actual cause of Jesus' death, like that of other crucified victims, may have been multifactorial and related primarily to hypovolemic shock [rapid blood loss], exhaustion asphyxia, and perhaps acute heart failure. A fatal cardiac arrhythmia may have accounted for the apparent catastrophic terminal event."

May the graces of Holy Week and the Sacred *Triduum* grant us a deeper faith!

### ***Mass Intentions: 4/15 – 4/21/19***

Monday	6:30 am	Doris Otten
Tuesday	6:30 am	Ray Koester (P.H. Devotions after Mass)

<sup>1</sup> From: [thefivebeasts.wordpress.com](http://thefivebeasts.wordpress.com), March 22, 2018

Wednesday	6:30 am	William & Ida Schroeder
Thursday	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> – Louis Schmuke
Friday	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
Saturday	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b> – Urban Freise
Sunday	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Easter</b> – <i>The Parish Family of St. Joseph</i>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Easter</b> – Mary Salvino

***NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION this Thursday. Thank you all who came to pray during lent before the Blessed Sacrament. May God bless all of you, Happy Easter!***

*Betty Fink*

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS this Friday, April 19th at 3:00 pm. Come join us and reflect of the Passion of our Lord.***

- ❖ **Good Friday is a day of abstinence for all Catholics over the age of 14. On this day, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18 to 59. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.**

*Commentators and Lectors:*

*This Week*

Saturday	5:00 pm	Theresa Straatmann
Sunday	8:00 am	Jim & Chris Block
	10:00 am	Morgan Hammer
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Theresa Straatmann</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Vernon Eckstein &amp; Michelle Young</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Jim Noelker &amp; Judy Brueggemann</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Vi Schroeder &amp; Betty Fink</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Patti Greife</b>

*Servers:*

Saturday	5:00 pm	Payton Goddard Melanie Jacquin
Sunday	8:00 am	Brooke Jacquin Rachel DeVore
	10:00 am	Izzy & Joe Zagarri
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Alyson Fennessey~Joe &amp; Izzy Zagarri~Lillian Wiskur~Josh Straatmann</b>
<b>Good Friday Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Gisel~Owen~Naomi Bolzenius</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Maddie Eckstein~Alyson Fennessey~Payton &amp; Destanee Goddard</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Alex &amp; Adam Bolzenius~Maddie Eckstein~Troy Simons~Peyton Adams</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Andrew Flagg~Josh Straatmann</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Jena &amp; Ben Hammer</b>

*Eucharistic Ministers:*

Saturday	5:00 pm	Jim & Jo Noelker~Kathy Feth
Sunday	8:00 am	Frank Domijan~Diane Schmidt~ Dianna Bolzenius
	10:00 am	Dennis & JoAnn Bower~ Karen Wright
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Cathie Grus~Chris Block~Judy Brueggemann</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Jim Noelker</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Kathy Feth~Joan Kloepfel~Theresa Straatmann</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Jeanne Dierking~Jane Stephens~Jennifer Kissinger</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Wayne Brautigam~Kim Brautigam~Tim Feth</b>

<b>Collection for</b>	<b>3/31/19</b>
Regular Offering Envelopes:	\$2555.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$ 57.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2612.00 Thank you for your generosity!</b>

**Special Collection**

- **Catholic Home Mission Collection \$13.00**

- This week, Good Friday - Holy Land; Easter - Retired Priest
- ❖ *Thank you to Carl & Judy Brueggemann for providing this week's lawn service!  
And to Gerry Donner for vacuuming the Church!*

### St. Joseph Events

- Thank you to everyone for all the cards and prayers received during my recent surgery.  
*Rich Birke*
- The Shooting Match Committee will be having a Shoot on April 14th. If you would like to sell a Pot Shot or get involved with the Shoot please call Wes Straatmann at 314.808.2698
- Fish Fry at Union K of C on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, serving 4 – 7 pm
- St. Joseph Church Scholarship Program – Another donation was received for \$1500, so our total to be awarded is \$2500 to SJC High School Senior(s) graduating May 2019. Applications are in back of church and must be received at the rectory no later than April 30, 2019; late applications will not be accepted.
- **BABY SHOWER TIME TO HELP THE PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE CENTER** Please bring your donations of unwrapped baby items to the left altar this week until after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. **WE WILL ALSO HAVE A CASH BOX FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO DONATE CASH.**
- **Neier Mother Son Prom** on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All Ages welcome. Cost \$40 per couple - \$15 for additional son. Price includes dinner, crafts, dancing, and photo booth, so dress Your BEST! Reservations, call Dawn 636-584-1184 or mothersonprom@hotmail.com
- **Deanery Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Bridget of Kildare, Pacific beginning 4 pm. Dinner immediately following in Gymnasium. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> + Wedding Anniversary are invited to attend. Call the rectory office 636.583.2806 by May 1<sup>st</sup> for reservations.
- **Spring Cleaning of Church** is scheduled for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please join us guys and gals (many hands make light work)! Men are needed for the ladder work. Thank you!
- In Memoriam**
- Pray for the repose of the soul of Ray Koester who passed away on April 9th. Husband to Judy Koester, Father to Chris & Richard Hertel, Nicole & Kurt Keller, John & Adrienne Koester, Grandfather and Great Grandfather to their children.

Welcome Back!!! Thanks to the generous donation of Dennis & Janette Kohne, St. Joseph's organ from 1894 has returned. It is in excellent condition, but will need to be tuned. Our plan is to utilize it on special occasions!