

**SAINT PATRICK  
MANLEY**

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**SAINT MARY  
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**THE WEEK OF APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> 2020,  
HOLY WEEK**

**HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

**Father Wiedel will be available any time for confession by calling the rectory at 402-234-3595 or cell number: 308-737-9310.**

**Or:**

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Saint Patrick's from 6PM to 8PM.**

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>: Saint Patrick's from 6PM to 8PM.**

***Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: Saint Mary's from 6PM to 8PM.***

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: Saint Patrick's from 6PM to 8PM.**

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: Saint Patrick's from 7PM to 8PM.**

***Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: Saint Mary's from 5PM to 6PM.***

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>: Saint Patrick's from 5PM to 7PM.**

**Confessions at Saint Patrick's will be in the sacristy.**

**The penitent will enter from the north hallway into the north sacristy. If the door is closed someone is there.**

**Confessions at Saint Mary's will be in the basement.**

**You can enter from the front Church doors and come down stairs or come in through the basement door. Confessions will be on the south end of the hall.**

***Please keep in mind the 10 person rule and the distance of 6 feet. If there are more than 10 people in the Church or Hall at one time please wait outside or in your car.***

**PRAYER TO SAINT MONICA FOR OUR CHILDREN: *The Plattsmouth Deanery Council of Catholic Women is asking our Ladies and Parishes to pray the Saint Monica prayer for conversions and for our children, especially those who have fallen away from the Faith.***

***"O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears move you to convert her son Augustine. Help us who pray to You, for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord, Amen." Saint Monica pray for us!***

**TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS: In the Lincoln area on Channel 8, KLKN-TV at 9:00AM.**

**In the Omaha area on Channel 6, WOWT-TV at 10:30AM.**

I encourage all our Parishioners to tune in to one of the televised Sunday Masses or a live streaming Mass offered on through Face Book: **Saint Mary's in Ashland website** or **Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth website**. There are other options such as **(online) Mass with Arch-Bishop Barrons, or Mass live streamed on Formed.org**.

**(If anyone knows how to do this and would be willing to help me learn for Easter Sunday Mass, I would be very grateful.)**

And, of course, as it is Sunday Mass, we must treat this celebration as if we were at Church, without drink or food and, if possible, standing and kneeling as if you were in Church. And to pray for a spiritual Communion with Christ. This will keep the Sunday obligation fresh and strong in our minds and especially in the minds of our young people. ***Please pray for all those affected by this virus and for an immunization from it as soon as possible.***

*From a homily on Holy Week by Saint Gregory Nazianzen, bishop:*

“We are soon going to share in the Passover, and although we still do so only in a symbolic way, the symbolism already has more clarity than it possessed in former times because, under the law, the Passover was, if I may dare to say so, only a symbol of a symbol. Before long, however, when the Word drinks the new wine with us in the kingdom of his Father, we shall be keeping the Passover in a yet more perfect way, and with deeper understanding. He will then reveal to us and make clear what he has so far only partially disclosed. For this wine, so familiar to us now, is eternally new. It is for us to learn what this drinking is, and for him to teach us. He has to communicate this knowledge to his disciples, because teaching is food, even for the teacher.

So let us take our part in the Passover, not in a literal way but according to the teaching of the Gospel; not in an imperfect way, but perfectly, not only for a time, but eternally. Let us regard as our home the heavenly Jerusalem, not the earthly one; the city glorified by angels, not the one laid waste by armies. We are not required to sacrifice beasts with horns and hoofs; but instead, let us join the choirs of angels in offering to God upon His heavenly altar a sacrifice of praise. We must now pass through the first veil and approach the second, turning our eyes toward the Holy of Holies. I will say more; we must sacrifice ourselves to God each day and in everything we do, accepting all that happens to us for the sake of the Word, imitating His Passion by our sufferings, and honoring his blood by shedding our own. We must be ready to be crucified.

If you are a Simon of Cyrene, take up your cross and follow Christ. If you are crucified beside his like one of the thieves, now, like the good thief, acknowledge your God. For your sake, and because of your sin, Christ Himself was regarded as a sinner, therefore, we must cease to sin. Worship him who was hung on the cross because of you, even if you are hanging there yourself. Derive some benefit from the very shame; purchase salvation with your death. Enter paradise with Jesus, and discover how are you have fallen. Worship Him who was hung on the cross. Contemplate the glories there and leave the other scoffing thief to die outside in his blasphemy.

If you are a Joseph of Arimathea, go to the one who ordered his crucifixion, and ask for Christ's body. Make your own the expiation of the sins of the whole world. If you are a Nicodemus, like the man who worshipped God by night, bring spices and prepare Christ's body for burial. If you are one of the Marys, or Salome, or Joanna, weep in the early morning. Be the first to see the stone rolled back, and even the angels perhaps, and Jesus Himself.”

**Parish Tithing:** *Contributions to your respective Parish can be mailed to:*

***Saint Patrick Church, P.O. Box 27, Manley, NE. 68403.***

*Contributions do not need to be mailed each week, if you want to save stamp(s). Once a month (or two) would be fine. I hope and pray that we are not away from Sunday Mass for very long.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR AN END TO THIS VIRUS!**

***SEEKING THE MATERNAL INTERCESION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC***

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,  
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
as you did at the wedding in Cana.*

*Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.  
For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.*

*We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*