

Ste. Anne Parish

Mackinac Island, MI

Palm Sunday
March 29th, 2026



Saint Anne Prayer

Good Saint Anne, obtain for me an increase of faith in the great mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Help me to see in this great Sacrament Christ our High Priest, making real for me the saving grace of His death on the cross; feeding my soul with His Flesh and Blood so that I may live in Him and He in me; producing the unity of the people of God and gathering His Church together. By your powerful intercession with God, help me to center my life around the altar that I may inherit the promise of the Lord: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, has life everlasting." Amen.

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass

11:00a.m. Tuesday – Friday
(Weekday Mass schedule subject to change,
call 906-847-3507 to confirm during the winter
months)

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Communion

How Beautiful Is the Body of Christ

Receiving Holy Communion in the Catholic Church is a sacred moment for those who share the fullness of our Catholic faith. We kindly ask those who are not fully practicing Catholics to join us in prayer from their seats during Communion.

We welcome all visitors and thank you for worshipping with us. If there is anyone who is moving to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please call or stop in the parish office to register.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

...Please keep the following people in your prayers...

JESUS, YOU ARE GOD'S GIFT OF HEALING LOVE. WHILE ON EARTH YOU HEALED THE SICK WHO CAME FOR HELP. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO HEAL THE SICK TODAY. PLEASE HEAL ALL THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY:

Rosie Brodeur, Pat Pulte, Ross Vecchio, Olivia Naber (Peggy Bynoe Naber's daughter), and Ed Pfeiffelman
To add someone to our prayer list, please call 847-3507

Mass Intentions



10:30am Sunday, March 29th
+ Rita Bankard
By: Dick & Vicki Riel

10:30am Thursday, April 2nd
+ Brian Schoenborn
By: Jamie Bynoe

10:30am Sunday, April 5th
The Living and Deceased Members of Fr. John Essel's Family

10:30am Sunday, April 12th
+ Victor Callewaert
By: Liz Boyd

10:30am Sunday, April 19th
For the Parishioners of Our Parish

10:30am Sunday, April 26th
+ Brandon Klein
By: Jerry & Theresa Fedewa



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March 22nd, 2026

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Palm Sunday Year A begins the journey of Holy Week, the most important time in the Church year. The readings show both the joy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the suffering he faced in his final days. The people welcomed him as a king, but soon he was betrayed, denied, and sentenced to death. His suffering was not only physical but also emotional and spiritual. He experienced rejection, abandonment, and humiliation. Yet through it all, he remained faithful and trusted in God.

Suffering and Abandoned

The readings for Palm Sunday Year A show the joy of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem and the deep suffering he faced in the days that followed. The people welcomed him with cheers, waving palm branches and calling him their king. But soon, everything changed. He was betrayed, arrested, and sentenced to death. The same crowds that praised him later called for his crucifixion. Jesus endured pain, rejection, and humiliation. He was beaten, mocked, and left to carry his cross alone. Even his closest friends abandoned him. Peter, who had promised to stand by him, denied knowing him three times. Judas, one of his own disciples, betrayed him for money. In his suffering, Jesus felt completely alone.

On the cross, Jesus cried out, asking why God had forsaken him. This moment shows his deep pain, but it also connects him to anyone who has ever felt abandoned. People sometimes feel distant from God in times of suffering. Jesus understands this because he experienced it himself.

Even in his darkest hour, Jesus remained faithful. He did not fight back or seek revenge. He trusted that his suffering had meaning. Palm Sunday Year A reminds people that suffering is part of life, but they are never truly alone. Jesus knows what it is to feel abandoned, and he walks with them in their pain.

Prayer

Lord, you walked the path of suffering with love and patience. You were betrayed, denied, and abandoned, yet you remained faithful. Help me to follow your example. Give me strength in hard times, courage to stand by you, and a heart willing to serve others.

Teach me to love as you love. Amen.

Excerpt from young-catholics.com

Mass Attendance

Sunday, March 22nd– 10:30 AM: 27

Attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper

Attending the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday can be a meaningful family experience. This Mass commemorates the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the priesthood and the Eucharist. Unique elements include the singing of the Gloria, the washing of feet, and a procession of the consecrated hosts. The altar is stripped, and Eucharistic adoration follows, symbolizing the time Jesus spent in the Garden of Gethsemane. It is a powerful way to enter into the mysteries of Holy Week.

Attend Good Friday Services

Good Friday is a solemn day when Catholics remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, who died to redeem humanity. Unlike other days, there is no Mass, but a special service is held. This service includes the reading of the Passion narrative, the veneration of the cross, and a bare altar, symbolizing Jesus' death. The congregation also receives Communion from hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. The service ends in silence, allowing for reflection on Jesus' sacrifice.

Holy Thursday Mass

April 2nd at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service

April 3rd at 3:00 PM

Easter Sunday Mass

April 5th at 10:30AM

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, March 29th, 2026

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7;
Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-
27:66

Located on page 122 in the Word of the
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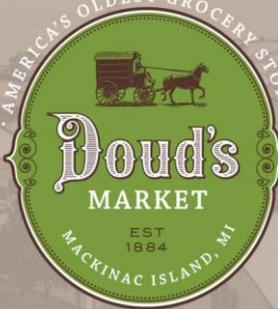
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