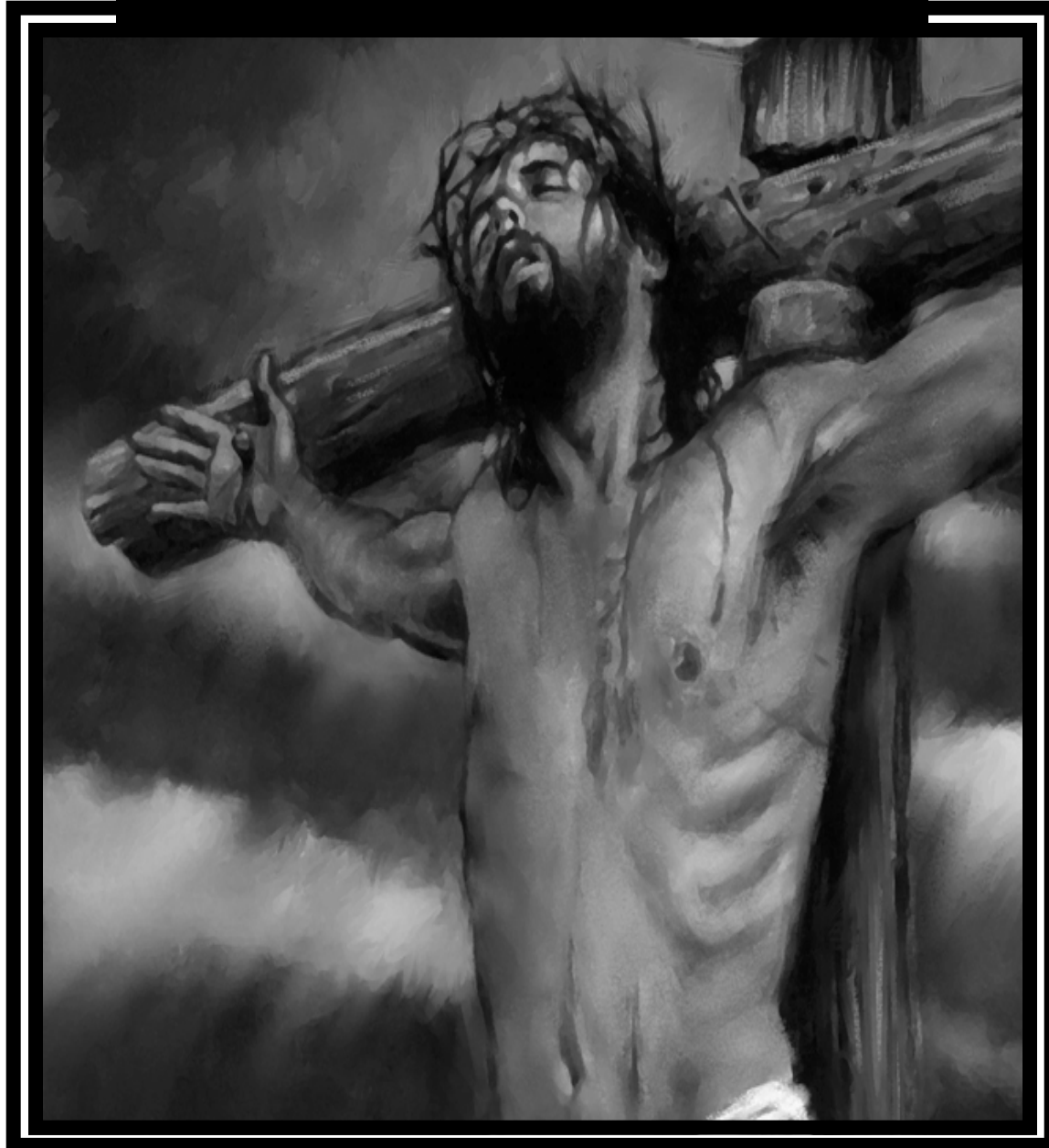


Saint Mary Youth Ministry

The Gospel of John

*April 2011*



## JOHN 18

- ◇ Jesus went out to the Kidron Valley to a garden where He often prayed. Judas knew this garden. Judas went to the garden with soldiers, the chief priest and the Pharisees. The soldiers had weapons. *Where is your safe place? How would you have felt if you were Jesus? Judas?*
- ◇ Jesus said to them whom are you looking for. They said Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said I am He. The soldiers stepped back and fell to the ground. *Why did the soldiers fall to the ground?*
- ◇ Jesus asked that the men who were with him could be released. Peter took out his sword and took off the ear of the slave of Caiphas. Jesus eventually put his ear back on. *Why did Jesus re-attach the ear?*
- ◇ Jesus was arrested that night. They took him first to the Jewish authority. He went to Annas first and then to his father-in-law, the High Priest that year. At the same time, Peter denied Jesus. *When have you denied Jesus?*
- ◇ The Jews could not kill anyone by law, only the Romans had the authority to kill. So the Jews had to take Jesus to Pilate, the Leader of the Romans in this area.
- ◇ Pilate could find nothing wrong for Jesus to be killed. Pilate asked Jesus, are you a king...Jesus said no. Pilate tried to get the Jews to release Jesus on this feast of the Passover. Instead, they shouted to release Barabas who was a true criminal.

*Each gospel is a little different in its account of the last hours of Jesus' life on earth:*

*Luke 23:20-25*

*Mark 15:6-15*

*Matthew 27:15-26 What does Pilate's wife do? Why?*

*In Matthew's gospel, Pilate does something symbolizing that he doesn't want anything to do with Jesus' crucifixion. What does he do?*

## JOHN 19

- ◇ Pilate had Jesus flogged and crowned with thorns. He hoped this would satisfy the Jews, but it did not...they wanted him killed.
- ◇ Pilate brought Jesus out in front of all the people but the Jews cried out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate was afraid of the crowds. There is a dialogue between Jesus and Pilate.
- ◇ Finally Pilate gave in and ordered Jesus to be crucified.
- ◇ Jesus carried His cross to Golgotha, the place of His crucifixion, with two crosses, one on either side...both were criminals (one was called *Dismas*).
- ◇ The sign above His cross read, "Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews"...this was the reason for His death.
- ◇ His clothes were divided among the soldiers. They cast lots for his tunic. Mary his mother, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdelin were at the cross.
- ◇ Jesus finally said, It is finished and bowed His head and died.
- ◇ Because it was late in the day...they placed his body in a tomb given by Joseph of Arimathia. They would return the next day to finish with the body.

***Jesus is the example for each of us to follow to make good moral choices in this life which will get us to the next life with our God.***

*Flogging continues to be a form of punishment today in other countries for men, women and teenage children.  
Be grateful for the freedoms and Human Rights laws our country.*



## ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL

The May *Rooted in the Gospel/Scripture Challenge* is going to have a *Minute to Win It* theme. Youth should have a good understanding of the vocabulary from the *Rooted in the Gospel* booklets. Take some time during Lent to go thru previous lessons to brush up on John's Gospel.

## ACTIONS

**Faith Formation:** Aides/subs needed. Contact Sabrina with your cell and email. (868-3334 or [sabrinae@centurytel.net](mailto:sabrinae@centurytel.net))

**Easter Services on April 24: 7:30AM/9:00AM/10:30AM**

*Easter Bunnies and Helpers needed*  
*hide & help egg seeker & give lambs to tots*  
(come 20 minutes before Mass)

The liturgy is the ongoing sacrifice of Jesus for sins.

**Stations of the Cross** April 4 & 11



## Kids Against Hunger

**St. Mary Packaging Event** (Parish Center)

**Saturday, May 7, 2011**

**Prep & Packaging 9:30—NOON**

Goal: 70,000 meals packaged in 2 hours by  
200 volunteers from St. Mary



Every 6 seconds, a child dies from hunger-related causes. Kids Against Hunger is a program developed to give children and youth an opportunity to help feed children throughout the US and the world!! Come and help the children....

For more info and photos about **Kids Against Hunger** go to their website [www.kidsagainsthunger.org](http://www.kidsagainsthunger.org) or visit their Facebook page.