

PALM SUNDAY

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!”

Mark 11:9

March 24, 2024



Palm Sunday



“Are you one of this man's disciples?” The question the servant girl put to the cowardly Peter is asked every day in a thousand different ways to each one of us who call ourselves the man's own. If we are Jesus' followers, there is a choice to be made on this day when we clutch in our hands the palms that next year will be rubbed across our foreheads in the form of ashes. *“Hosanna...Crucify...Remember...Repent.”*

Your attitude must be Christ's. Is it? After our own triumphant procession with palms, notice the procession of characters that passes before our eyes: Judas, Peter, the other apostles, Pilate, soldiers, Simon the Cyrenian, Mary, the women of Jerusalem, Veronica, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea. Who am I? Where do I fit in?

The Triduum: Three Holy Days

Holy Thursday: In the morning at the cathedral, the bishop of the diocese blesses the oils and consecrates the chrism that is used in every parish. In the evening, the Mass of the Lord's Supper at each parish commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Christ's new commandment to love one another is recalled in the Washing of the Feet. That love becomes fully realized in the Eucharist and Christ's sacrifice on Calvary.

Good Friday: The Church gathers in silence to read Scripture and to offer prayers for the whole world. The Veneration of the Cross takes place not simply to mourn Jesus' suffering and death, but to acknowledge that through the Cross of Jesus, we are led to glory.

Easter Vigil: This is the high point of the entire liturgical year. The new fire is blessed and candles glow in the celebration for Christ as our light. Salvation history is proclaimed through Scriptures, climaxing in the joyous proclamation that Christ has risen. Those who have been prepared for Baptism enter the Church, and all Catholics renew their Baptismal promises, for the night commemorates our share in the dying and rising of Jesus.

Make Holy Week Different

As we begin Holy Week, the most sacred time of the year for Christians throughout the world, I sincerely hope that each of you will make this week different from all other weeks of the year. Especially on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, make an honest effort to attend church services as often as you can. This is not the time to hurry. Rather, savor the events that brought us salvation.

The liturgy from Holy Thursday evening to the end of the Easter Vigil on Saturday, is really one continuing celebration. These days should be different, not only in church, but in every aspect of our lives. A serious and intense observance of Lent prepares us to truly appreciate Holy Week in all of its' fullness and richness. Having celebrated these sacred mysteries of our faith and being renewed by them assures us that we will be ready to enter into the fifty days of Easter.

God be with you and may you be with God!

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This N That by Deacon Skip

I was out walking at about sunrise this past week and ran into a huge flock of crows. There were dozens of them, and they filled the trees in the neighborhood. They all took off as one in one huge chorus of cawing and almost cast a shadow. I have no idea what that was all about. I'm guessing it was a bunch of crows coming back from where ever crows spend the winter.

I saw on the morning news this week that Dollar Tree plans to close 1000 stores. That strikes me as a little strange since they've recently opened a couple of new ones around me. At the same time, their stores seem to be every three blocks. I don't want to sound cheap, but it's a great place to buy cards for the grand kids. \$1 per card is a lot easier to handle than \$5.95 per card.

I have a couple of birthdays this week. My sister Tina turns 72; Elijah, the youngest grandson, turns 7. I already made the pilgrimage to Dollar Tree.

Holy Week is upon us. We will observe Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Any and all of those days are great ways to close out Lent and participate in the Easter celebration.

Don't forget the food pantry; don't forget SVDP.

Ministries Center/SVDP (734) 425-9771



Here are the current items needed for the pantry: cans/box mix potatoes; cans soup, tuna, beef stew or Manwich, mixed vegetables, pancake mix, syrup, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, brown paper grocery bags . Any and all donations are always appreciated!

The food pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-12pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 24, 2024

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

Monday, March 25, 2024

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Holy Thursday

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday, March 29, 2024

Good Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, March 30, 2024

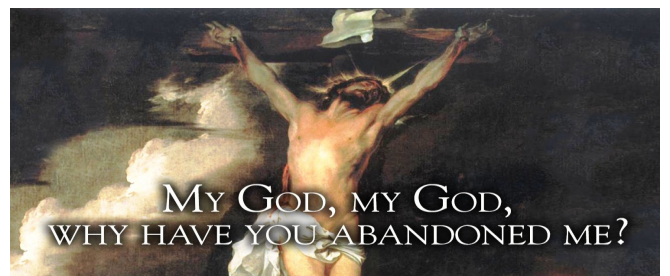
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gn1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday, March 31, 2024

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9



Nankin Family of Parishes



Mass Schedule

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy (734) 425-4421
8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

St. Mary, Wayne (734) 721-8745
34530 Michigan Avenue, Wayne

St. Richard (734) 729-2240
35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland

St. Thomas the Apostle (734) 427-1533
31530 Beechwood Street, Garden City

Monday	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	12:00 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
Tuesday	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
Wednesday	12:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
Thursday	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
Friday	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
Saturday	4:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	4:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
	5:30 pm	St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
		St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
	10:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
	11:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	11:30 am	St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
	2:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
		St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)
Confessions (also by appointment)		
Tuesday		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
Saturday	3:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	3:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

Veteran's One Day Retreat

Saturday, April 6

11:00am-3:00pm

check-in begins at 10:45am

\$25/person

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI 48223

"In the shadow of your wings, I will take refuge, until the
destroying storms pass by." -Psalm 57:1

Stories become windows through which we look at the
experiences that have shaped our lives and the lives of
others. Sharing our stories is a form of prayer – connecting
with our deeper selves and the Holy. The essence of the
spiritual life is shared story.

This day seeks to offer a safe place to share our story, to
wade through the grief and trauma and realize we do not
travel alone. Our experienced darkness bears the Spirit of
the Divine, who transcends the darkness and has the power
to work a resurrection.

To register, visit our website at www.stpaulretreat.org or
contact Christine at (313) 286-2802.



HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday

March 28th

7:00 PM Mass at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
(NO Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle)

Followed by **ADORATION**

Good Friday

March 29th

No 9:00 AM Mass

12:00 PM Divine Mercy

12:30 PM Rosary

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

1:30 PM The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

March 30th

Food Blessing at 11:00 AM in Church

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM

(No confessions or 4:00 pm Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent

(February 16th-March 29th)

4:30—7:00 PM

(or until we run out!)

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass

Thank you for your contributions to the CRSC to
reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in
need. This collection makes grants to 6 Catholic
agencies that provide relief and support for
struggling communities and work for peace and
reconciliation among our marginalized brothers
and sisters, both here and around
the world. Please prayerfully
consider how you can support the
collection. Learn more about the
collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Worship Schedule		March 30 & 31, 2024	
MINISTERS	SAT 8:00 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	ISABELLA POWELL JERRY KOWALCZYK	JOHN GALDES	ESMERELLA YUCHASZ DAVID GERSTENBRAND
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Offertory collection is reported monthly.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!

Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 8:00 a.m. During holidays, articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.



Weekday Masses

March 25-29, 2024

Tuesday, March 26

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+ DOMENICO CANINI

+ JOHN & SOPHIE CHOJNACKI

Wednesday, March 27

12:00 pm.....CHURCH

+ DIANE ALSON

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website www.thomastheapostle.org.

You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley
Batherson, Barbara
Baumgardner, Patty
Benninger, Chuck
Block, Karen
Brunelle, Nola
Burke-Misenar, Jennifer
Burke, Larry
Burris, Nikita and Family
Cabajal-Christopher, June
Cepko Family
Chop, Nancy Grabel
Cockrum, Tommy
D'Angelo, Rebecca
Decaminada, Mona
DeGrande, Colleen
DeGrande, Sam

Dempsey, Bob
Dempsey, Joe
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph
Dempsey, Michele
Dewey, Thomas
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee
Fornasiero, Joseph
Gozowsky, David
Harte, John
Kapanke, Dolores
Keesee, Cheryl
Kinnelly, Kathy
LeVoor, Lorraine
LeVoor, Sherry
Lobb, Cindy
Lobb, Jeri
Lowe, Jonathan
Malish, Rosemary
O'Connell, Evan

Paczas, Karen
Pastula, Shirley
Prosser, Cindy
Sanak, Francene
Sanregret, John
Soine, Dianna
Stites, Keith
Sutherland, Eleanor
Taggart, Denise
Tatro, Mary Jean
Tsaprazis, Pete
Turcotte, Joshua
Vitale, Vito
Wildauer, Mark
Wurtz, Lorraine
Zarzycki, Stanley



Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission

of the person being added. Please do not add anybody without their permission. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533. Thank you!

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2023-June 30, 2024

Deceased members of Ajlouny & Blaty families
Deceased & Live Members of The Batherson Family
Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain
Family & Friends of Tommy/Barbara Cockrum
In Loving Memory of Robert Edward Derda
In Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families
In Loving Memory of My Husband Donald Grant
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher
Loving Memory of Eugene Hynek
Kapanke-Omilian Family
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
For my mom: Irene Maksimczyk
The Malish and Porembiak Families

In Loving Memory for Reynold Mirabitor, Sr.
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Deceased Members of the Niwa and Cielma Families
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
In loving memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak
Angel Danny P. Pepera
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Frances Jean Read
In Memory of Richard and Elenore Reed
In Loving and Grateful Memory of My Wife Joanne Shankin
In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
In Loving Memory of Leigh Tesarz
Deceased Members of the Ulivi and Preville Families
In Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Sgt. Amber
Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond
Angelovic, Adrian
Angelovic, George
Ardinger, Stephanie
Baumgardner, AJ
Becker, Justin
Bregand, David
Brozek, Timothy
Burris, Peter
Campbell, Mary
Canfield, Chaz
Chokr, Jamel
Cinka, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael

Comment, Scott
DiCicco, Bill
Dwyer, Tyler
Ellsworth, Justin
Fisher, Bob
Gentila, Anthony
Hunter, Cassidy
Kashou, Christopher
Laichalk, Robert
Logan, Jonathon
Logan, Sean Patrick
Logan, Jeff
Lowe, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke
McHale, Sgt. Shawn

McCarville, William E.
McGahan, Wade
McGaw, Douglas
Meadows, Erin
Moody, Samantha
Murray, Daniel
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong
Ohannesian, Brandon
Pastula, Michael Thomas
Porcaro, Jeff
Preba, Danny
Rosa, Brian J.
Rosa, Douglas J.
Rousseau, Philip
Sheko, Destiny

Smith, David
Smitt, David
Spiczka, Cathy
Spiczka, Greg
Sparrow, Justin
Spohr, Raymond
Squires, Zachary
Szerszen, Michael
Tesarz, Ian Michael
Waldo, Michael
Webb, Brian
Wiertella, Jonathan
Witt, Christopher



Missy Taylor

Director of Religious Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

I think you will agree that our young people once again did an EXCELLENT job at our recent Children's Mass. They were very eager to sign up for their parts and practice to be sure that they did a good job for Jesus! Congrats on a job well done!!



FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Our First Communion students spent last Saturday morning learning about Passover, the Last Supper, Adoration, What's in our Church, and how to go to Confession. WHAT A DAY!! They are SO EXCITED to receive sacraments this spring!!



CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Are you an adult, practicing Catholic, 18 years or older, who has not yet celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? Would you like to publicly confirm your baptismal commitment by completing your initiation into the Church? If the answer is yes to each of these questions, please read on to find out how you can prepare for the celebration of Confirmation.

Each Pentecost Sunday adults from all over the Archdiocese of Detroit who have been prepared in their parishes or vicariates come together to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. This celebration takes place at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, with one of our Bishops.

In our West Wayne Vicariate we are offering a six week preparation time for adult Catholics who wish to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 or in their own parishes the next time the bishop comes for Confirmation. These sessions are open to anyone in the West Wayne Vicariate who is eligible and who may want to prepare for Confirmation. **To be eligible means you are a baptized Catholic who has received their First Communion, you regularly attend Mass, and if you are married it is a marriage valid in the Catholic Church.**

The preparation sessions will be held on the six Mondays of Easter season, beginning April 8, 2024 from 7 – 8:30 pm. The 6 sessions will cover the following topics through presentations and discussions:

- Session 1 – The Journey of Faith
- Session 2 – The Bible
- Session 3 – Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation
- Session 4 – The Eucharist/ A Walk through Mass
- Session 5 – Penance & Anointing of Sick
- Session 6 - Why do I need the Church?

All sessions will take place at:
Sacred Heart Parish Office Lower Level
912 S. Military St., Dearborn, MI 48124
Deadline for registration is April 1, 2024
\$10 fee per person payable the first night.

Call Missy for more information