

P A L M
Sunday

March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday



We're finally coming to the conclusion of our Lenten journey. But before we rejoice on Easter Sunday, the Church invites us into the most solemn of any week in the liturgical year, Holy Week. We begin this week with today's celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, an entry that was marked by shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David!" A few days later, some of those same people will be shouting "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" It's a week in which we are reminded of our human weakness and our need for a Savior, not just once, but over and over again as we are confronted with the unhappy reality of our sins for which Jesus suffered His Passion and Death. Therefore, this is a somber week in which we are invited to be at the foot of the Cross, uncomfortable as it is, for the only way to the Resurrection is through the Cross.

In order to help us to enter into the seriousness of this week, I'd like to invite you to undertake the following challenge:

Challenge: Turn off the radio in the car
Fruit: Entering the silence of Holy Week

Silence can be a difficult thing for us. Have you ever been in a conversation with somebody when there is a long pause of silence? The temptation is to say something, anything, just to break the silence. We can grow very uncomfortable in silence. We therefore often turn to noise to distract us from that feeling of discomfort, whether it be in talk, music, the Internet, or social media.

During Holy Week, it's not bad for us to feel a little uncomfortable. The silence can help us come to grips with the fact that we're not perfect and that we still need Christ to save us from our sins. It's only when we recognize our need for Him that we will truly appreciate all that He has done for us. I'm convinced that the more solemnly we observe Holy Week, the more joyful will be our experience of Easter.

Might I also encourage you to consider making a special effort on Good Friday to really embrace this silence throughout the entire day? I've tried to do this for the past several years and I must admit that it can be uncomfortable, but I can also tell you that when the Easter Vigil begins, there is so much joy as I appreciate the victory that Christ won for me. He wants you to experience that same joy.

-Father Alford

Anointing of the Sick:

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

Prayer List:

Danny Tinsley, parishioner
Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
Kathy Smith, parishioner
Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
Jim & Mary Kates, parishioners
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Harold Sheppard, parishioner
David Laub, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Rita Spannagel, mother of Jill Whitney
Tommy Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Nick Riordan, cousin of Amy Zack
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Mary Ann Midden, mother of Kathleen Quinn
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Joanne O'Connor, sister of Ginger Rentschler
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
Mary Alice Tuxhorn, friend of JoAnn Camille
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Logan Flotkoetter, friend of Mary Bruno
Elizabeth Moose, friend of Barb Scoggins
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest



In Memory of:

Helen Morrow, parishioner



As we enter Holy Week, there are still some opportunities for going to confession before Easter.

Wed, March 28 – 6:00-8:00 pm
Fri, March 30 – 5:00-7:00 pm

Holy Week Liturgy Schedule:

Holy Thursday (March 29) – 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday (March 30) – 3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross (March 30) – 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil (March 31) – 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday (April 1) – 8:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday (April 1) – 10:30 a.m.



HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

Saturday, March 24th
10-11:30a Confessions
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Ellen Dahlkamp†)

Palm Sunday, March 25th
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
9:10 a NO PSR
 Wyndcrest: Fr. Adam
9:30 a Confessions
9:45 a Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Monday of Holy week, March 26th
9:00 a Counting Team #4
5:00 p Confessions
5:30 p Mass (Int: Brian Heissinger† & Bob & Wilma Cooney†)
6:00 p The Bible Timeline

Tuesday of Holy week, March 27th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday of Holy week, March 28th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6-8:00 p Confessions
6:30 p NO PSR
7:00 p Choir rehearsal

Holy Thursday, March 29th
Office closed at noon
7:00 a Morning Prayer
6:30 p Mass (Int: Vocations)
7:30-9:30p Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
9:30 p Prayer closing the Adoration

Good Friday, March 30th
Office Closed
8:00 a Morning Prayer
3:00 p Good Friday Service
4-7:00 p Adoration of the Cross
5-7:00 p Confessions
7:00 p Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31st
9:30 a Morning Prayer
8:00 p Vigil Mass (Int: All Souls†)

Easter Sunday, April 1st
8:00 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)
9:10 a NO PSR
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Father Alford
9:45 a Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/17-6/30/18

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (87)	\$ 4,075.50	\$198,283.67
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 2,698.00	\$ 51,433.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 11,024.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,557.00
Poor Fund	\$ 131.00	\$ 2,180.83
Children's Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 16.00
Catholic Relief (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,590.00
EFT-Cath.Relief(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Holy Land (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00
EFT- Holy Land (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 122.00
Number of collection envelopes used: 89		
Number of electronic contributions: 0		

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar. 25th - April 1st

Sunday: MK 11:1-10 or JN 12:12-16
PHIL 2:6-11 MK 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: IS 42:1-7 JN 12:1-11

Tuesday: IS 49:1-6 JN 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday: IS 50:4-9A MT 26:14-25

Holy Thursday:
EX 12:1-8, 11-14 1COR 11:23-26 JN 13:1-15

Good Friday:
IS 52:13-52:12 HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9 JN 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday:
GN 1:1-2:2 GN 22:1-18 EX 14:15-15:1
EX 15:1-6, 17-18 IS 55:1-11 IS 12:2-6
BAR 3:9-15,32-4:4 EZ 36:16-17A,18-28
ROM 6:3-11 MK 16:1-7

Easter Sunday: ACTS 10:34A,37-43
COL 3:1-4 or COR 5:6B-8
JN 20:1-9 or MK 16:1-7

St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

* See weekly calendar for additional times for Lent

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.
 Saturday – 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
 Sunday – 7:30 a.m.- 7:50 a.m.
 Sunday – 9:45 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.



Operation Rice Bowl is an opportunity to share money from our fasting with those who hunger and thirst, or those without clothing or shelter. Rice Bowls are available at the back of the Church. The collection for the Lenten Operation Rice Bowl will be gathered formally during the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Holy Thursday, March 29th -6:30pm

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Deacon Ray, Deacon Tom, Tomashovich

Lectors: N. Calvert, A. Toliver

Servers: Krug, Delgado, Sommer, Toliver

Hospitality: Egizio, B. Yong, J&S Thull

Good Friday, March 30th – 3:00pm

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Deacon Tom

Lectors: Kohlrus, A. Toliver

Servers: Krug, Toliver, Sommer

Hospitality: J&D Kratz, B. Yong, Z. Dahlkamp

Holy Saturday, March 31st – 8:00 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Deacon Tom, Deacon Ray Egizio

Lectors: Kohlrus, Toliver, Helling, Blumhorst, Dowding

Servers: Krug, Delgado, Torres, Toliver

Hospitality:

Easter Sunday, April 1st – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Deacon Ray, White, Tomashovich

Lectors: Blumhorst, Dowding

Servers: Delgado, Lauwerens, Zeidler

Hospitality: B&R Yong, A&Z Dahlkamp

Easter Sunday, April 1st – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Deacon Tom, Crusen, S. Warren,

Lectors: L. Warren, Schudel

Servers: E&E Carlson, S. Long

Minister of Care: Fr. Alford

Hospitality: Fjelstul family

CLOW: no CLOW

Volunteer for this week – Mar. 25th - April 1st

Church Duster: Donna Spurlock

March Recycling Vol.: Greg Park

March Food Volunteer: Teri Dambacher

Coffee & Donuts: Sun. April 1st

No coffee & donuts

PSR NEWS – March is when we collect boxes of **canned fruit** to donate to the Food Pantry. Remember to bring in your donation to PSR!

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

The annual Good Friday Way of the Cross for Peace and Justice will be held on March 30, 2018 beginning at noon at the Supreme Court Building, 2nd & Capitol. The 1.5 hour prayerful walk remembers Jesus' passion and its connection with the sufferings of injustice experienced in God's people in our world today. Join with others in this ecumenical experience of prayer.

The walk is sponsored by Pax Christi Springfield, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Springfield Dominican Sisters, and Church of the Brethren. For more information, call/text 217-652-3567 or contact susaneby5@gmail.com. Alternate location if raining – Little Flower Church, 800 Stevenson Drive.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

TIME TOGETHER! With no distractions. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is like Easter Sunday because it is a weekend full of renewed love, rebirth, and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Apr. 20-22 or Aug 3-5, 2018 in St. Peters, MO; and Mar. 23-25, 2018 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme or call 314.649.7317.

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Mon. April 2 – Easter Monday – office closed, no mass
 Mon. April 9 – Pastoral council mtg.
 Tue. April 10 – mission trip mtg

St. Therese Guild, Church of the Little Flower Geranium Sale.

Download the order forms: <http://littleflowerchurch.net> or obtain from the Little Flower church office. Order with payment due Friday, April 13.

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 217/572-1611
 Springfield**

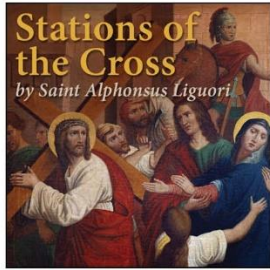
Stations of the Cross

By Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Journey with Christ to Calvary

Personally follow Christ and His Sorrowful Mother on their journey to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross. Moving meditations by Saint Alphonsus Liguori accompanied by the beautiful Latin hymn, *Stabat Mater*, draw you into a more intimate experience of the Church's powerful Lenten prayer.

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"Holding a crucifix while meditating on the Stations of the Cross... so moving. Thank you, Jesus, for the Cross."
—Marcia R, St Teresa's Church

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LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Prayer & Fasting **Abstinence** – (1) Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Fast** – (2) **Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed. (3) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

OPEN DATES for the Meal Train!

During Lent we try to be more charitable and find ways to widen our hearts. One sure way right here is to take one of the unclaimed dates in March and April to provide a meal for Fr. Alford. To participate, simply go to <https://mealtrain.com/3lk360>, scroll down the calendar to find the date that works. You can learn more details on what to prepare under the "Special Instructions" section. Your kind gesture allows Fr. Alford the ability to focus his energies and time on the many tasks that our diocese and our own parish asks of him. Contact the parish office with any questions you might have about getting involved. Thank you for helping to keep the Meal Train on track!

Catholic War Veterans Members of the Catholic War Veterans of the Bishop Joseph A. McNicholas Post #1916 Springfield Illinois, invite all Catholic veterans, men and women, to join us. Our meetings are at 7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Northenders Post #10302, 2349 Stockyard, Springfield, Illinois. If you have questions, please contact Officer of the Day Donald E. Werner at 217 899-6318.

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship

Each year since 2004, the Knights of Columbus Council #9640 has awarded the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Scholarship information and application are available on the website (stjude.dio.org) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Scholarship applications must be submitted, completely, by **15 April 2018**. The Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.

St. Aloysius School is seeking a Grade School Principal for the 2018-2019 school year. Interested candidates please mail cover letter, resume, references, by April 25, 2018 to:
Father Clint Honkomp, O.P.
St. Aloysius School
2119 N. 20th Street
Springfield, IL 62702