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Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Friday Closed

Additional hours by appointment

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Scripture Readings: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

4:30 p.m. Mass (Activity Center) for **P** Betty Haren

7:45 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for Living & Deceased Members of the Lenhart Family

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Catalyst Nights (Activity Center)

Monday, April 3 - Monday of Holy Week

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for 🕈 John & Peg Mattingly

5:00-7:00 p.m. Reconciliation Monday Confessions (Activity Center)

Tuesday, April 4 - Tuesday of Holy Week

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

7:15 a.m. Mass at Genesis Hospital (Chapel)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Rose Foster Fenstermaker

7:00 p.m. Lenten Evenings of Faith & Fellowship (Activity Center)

Wednesday, April 5 - Wednesday of Holy Week

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

11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

Noon Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for & Madeline Bronkar

1:00-8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

5:30 p.m. Rosary (Activity Center)

Thursday, April 6 - Holy Thursday

Scripture Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday

7:00 p.m. Evening of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until Midnight (Activity Center) for 🕆 Michael Tanner

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Scripture Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Activity Center)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas Facebook Page)

Saturday, April 8 - Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Scripture Readings: Gn 1:1 – 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, 20-22; 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; Mt 28:1-10

8:30 p.m. Mass (Activity Center) for 🕆 Jean Baughman

Sunday, April 9 - The Resurrection of the Lord

Scripture Readings: 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 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

7:45 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for P Dennis McLoughlin

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS 2023:

Please help us fill our Mass Intention schedule! Several weekdays are available for May, June, July, August, and September. If you would like to sign up for a Mass Intention, please drop the information in the offertory basket, mail or by calling the Parish Office at 740-453-3301, Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Mass Intentions are \$10.00.

IN SYMPATHY:

Agnes Smith passed away on March 19th. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her.



MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE:

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate

change, or of a lack of resources. How – like Simon of Cyrene – can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

BISHOP FENWICK KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

If you will have a Kindergarten child in the fall and have not received an application packet, please call the office or email khardman@cdeducation.org. 2023 Kindergarten families who have returned their child's application, their tuition obligation and paid their registration fee, should call the office, 740-454-9731 or email khardman@cdeducation.org to schedule an appointment for their child's screening. Screenings will be held on Thursday, April 27th from 3:15-6:15 p.m. and Friday, April 28th during the school day beginning at 8:15 a.m.

LENTEN EVENINGS OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP:

Join Father Sullivan on the Tuesday evenings of Lent at 7:00 p.m., in the parish school cafeteria, as we consider Bishop Robert Barron's *Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed.* Each evening will consist of a video by Bishop Barron, Questions for Reflection and Discussion, and an opportunity to grow in the Catholic Faith with one another. The Nicene Creed was authored by the Bishops of the Catholic Church gathered at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. The Creed was written to proclaim the Catholic Faith, in its essentials, concerning the Incarnation of the Eternal Word of the Father, made flesh in the Virgin's womb, and the nature and relationship of the Blessed Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed is a statement of faith that all believing Christians profess. In 2025, we will celebrate the seventeen hundredth anniversary of its promulgation. Father Barron's book was a Christmas gift from Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish to everyone who attended Mass here in celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Almost 400 books were distributed. A few remain. Please feel free to pick one up after Mass. Father Sullivan will facilitate each Tuesday evening session. Come join other parishioners as we grow in faith and understanding during this year's Lenten journey.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON:

Join us Friday, April 14 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Shawn Kenney, Director of the Museum of Catholic Art & History, about the Museum. Please note that because the First Friday of April is Good Friday, April's luncheon is on the second Friday of the Month. The April luncheon is sponsored by retired physician, Dr. James Macklin. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Mr. Kenney's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, May 5, 2023, and will feature a talk by Fr. Ty Tomson about the Traditional Latin Mass.

CURIOUS ABOUT NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING?

As Catholics, we've been told that Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a morally permissible way for couples to intentionally plan their family. Where does this teaching come from? How do the different models of NFP work to help couples trying to conceive or postpone pregnancy? Are they effective? Find the answers to these questions and any of your own about NFP at *Human Love in the Divine Plan: An Introduction to NFP*, a free weekly online session with Diocesan NFP Specialist Jennifer Fullin. Register at https://www.picktime.com/marriageandfamilylife, or gather a group and invite Jennifer to speak at your next meeting. Contact her at jfullin@ columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2560.

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(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

March 26, 2023						
Mass Collection	\$	6,167.00				
EFT	\$	0.00				
Online/Direct Gifts	\$	0.00				
Total Offertory	\$	6,167.00				
YTD Collected	\$	371,795.46				
YTD Budgeted	\$	390,000.00				
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Reconciliation Monday
Confessions April 3rd
From 5:00 - 7:00 pm
No Appointment Needed

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS:

If you would like to volunteer in the future as a CCD teacher or Adult Altar Server, this class is MANDATORY. There will be a local class offered on Monday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Nicholas Parish Office Center. You MUST preregister online at www.virtus.org.

NEXT WEEKEND APRIL 8/9 EASTER	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	CANTORS
Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Vigil	Brian Hunt (others needed)	Dave Chupka, Amy Morris, Mike Morris, Julie Guinta	Karen Lyon	CHOIR
Sunday, 7:45 a.m.	Paul Hoffman	Jim Gable, Sue Maxwell	Brent Mirgon	Christopher Urbiel
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	SERVERS NEEDED	Andy Hoffman	Ed/Joy Wolfel	CHOIR

CONVERGING ROADS CONFERENCE:

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Columbus and The Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio invite all healthcare professionals to the second Converging Roads health care ethics conference on April 22, 2023 from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH. The conference theme is Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. Topics include: *Vocation of the Catholic Medical Professional, A Catholic Response to the Mental Health Crisis, End-of-Life Decision Making and Palliative Care,* and more! For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or email CR@forlifeandfamily.org.



As you prepare for Easter, remember the 40 days and nights that Christ spent in the desert without food or water, praying and preparing for His sacrifice on behalf of all mankind. Your small sacrifice can make a big difference in the lives of others.

Proceeds will benefit both our food pantry and other local pantries. Place items around the Gifts Table in the Activity Center or bring them to the parish office M-Th 8am-3pm

ITEMS NOT NEEDED:

Canned Potatoes

Rice Tea



Holy Week at Saint Thomas Aquinas

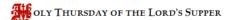
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April 1, 2 \ggg 4:30 Sat, 7:45 am and 11 am Sunday with Blessing and Distribution of Palm



April 3 № 5 pm to 7 pm Confessions



April 6 № 7 pm with Adoration until Midnight



April 7 \gg 3 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

ASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 8 № 8:30 pm



April 9 № 7:45 am and 11 am Solemn Mass of the Resurrection

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Palm Sunday

PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Meditations for the Season of Lent

"On that Good Friday many disciples went back crestfallen to their homes.

Others chose to go out to the country to forget the cross.

I ask you: ... How do you want to go back this evening to your own homes? ... Each of you has to answer the challenge that this question sets before you."

— Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2016



From Palms to Passion

Mt 21:1-11 and Mt 26:14-27:66

Palm Sunday is the sixth and final Sunday of Lent. It is sometimes called "Passion Sunday" because it marks the beginning of Holy Week. There are two Gospel readings for Palm Sunday. The first, during the blessing of the palms, tells the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem in triumph. The second reading tells the story of the Passion and death of the Lord.

Holy Week is the most sacred time of year for Catholics. It's okay if your Holy Week list of things to do includes coloring eggs, cleaning and baking for Easter, or traveling to a relative's home. There's nothing wrong with secular Easter activities. But it is important to balance the

FOR REFLECTION

- > How did your observance of Lent help you prepare for Holy Week?
- What do you plan to do during Holy Week to observe the passion and death of the Lord?
- > What things in your life have to die before you can be resurrected with Jesus into new life?

secular with the sacred by keeping the "holy" in Holy Week.

If you work or go to school, try to set aside time every day this week for quiet prayer, Scripture reading, and meditation. Offer up any pain or difficulties you experience and unite your sufferings with the pain of Christ. Make it a point on Good Friday to let go of resentments and forgive those who have hurt you.

Your greatest temptation during Holy Week will be scrimping on your spiritual needs because there is so much going on. If you let that happen, your Easter celebration may look perfect on the surface, but it will feel spiritually empty.

Make Holy Week special for the whole family by turning off television, computers, and electronic games from sundown on Holy Thursday until Easter morning. Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary together as a family. Plan to attend all of the Triduum liturgies. Volunteer as a family to help decorate your parish church on Holy Saturday for the Easter Vigil.





- Leftover palms are burned and the ashes are used next year on Ash Wednesday.
- The Chrism Mass is where holy oils are blessed.
- The word "Triduum" means "three days." It starts at sundown on Holy Thursday and includes Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Entering into the Passion of Christ

Here are some things to meditate on this week as you journey with Jesus to Calvary:

The condemnation of Jesus: Have you ever been judged unfairly? Have you ever judged others?

Jesus' acceptance of the cross: What are the crosses in your life?

Jesus falls three times: In what ways have you fallen? How have you picked yourself up?

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus: How have you helped others carry their crosses?

Veronica wipes Jesus' face: Who was kind to you during difficult times?

Jesus is stripped of his garments: How are you being called to let go of external things?

The Crucifixion: Are you able to forgive those who have hurt you?

The death and burial of Jesus: Do you believe that by following Jesus you can be transformed?

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Catechism CONNECTION

"This sacrifice of Christ is unique; it completes and surpasses all other sacrifices. First, it is a gift from God the Father himself, for the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself. At the same time it is the offering of the Son of God made man, who in freedom and love offered his life to his Father through the Holy Spirit in reparation for our disobedience."

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 614

Lenten Prayer

This week's prayer is known as the "Three O'Clock Prayer" (part of the Divine Mercy Chaplet when it is said at 3:00 p.m.) in remembrance of the graces we received at the moment Jesus died:

"You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in you. Amen."

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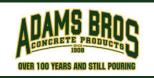
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