



# Palm Sunday March 24, 2013



## Holy Week

The most important thing happening this week is the Triduum. Give yourself the gift of full participation. Children welcome!!

### One Celebration over Three Days...

#### HOLY THURSDAY

##### 7:30PM "The Lord's Supper"

Bring Bells for the Gloria!  
 Bring your Rice Bowls and Alms  
 Be ready to have your feet washed...  
 and to wash the feet of others...  
 Welcome our newly consecrated Oils  
 Conclude in Silence.... to be continued...  
 "Watch With Me" Adoration until 10PM



#### GOOD FRIDAY

##### 7:30PM Our Lord's Passion

A Day of Fasting... no meat... one meal...  
 12 Noon "Cross Walk" – from Holy Cross  
 7:30PM... Begin in silence, a continuation of  
 the night before  
 Liturgy of the Word Passion Proclaimed  
 Veneration of the Cross – (If you choose→)  
 No Shoes – We Stand on Holy Ground!  
 Communion  
 Conclude in Silence.... to be continued...



#### HOLY SATURDAY

##### 8PM Incredible Joy!

We continue...  
 Silence and Darkness  
 Easter Fire is Blessed – Darkness Away!  
 Bells for the Gloria!  
 Stories of Salvation History  
 Alleluias once again!



Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Easter Sunday Eucharist 10AM

The greatest mysteries of our redemption are celebrated this week and yearly by the Church in what we call the "Triduum of the Crucified, Buried, and Risen One." It is also called the Easter Triduum because during it is celebrated the paschal mystery, that is, the passing of the Lord from this world to his Father from life to death to life everlasting. The Triduum, therefore, is a single celebration of the paschal mystery presented under different aspects over three days. This Triduum, standing at the heart of the Paschal cycle (of Lent, Triduum, and Easter's 50 days), is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian and to be Church.

Lent, and thus the Lenten Fast, comes to an end on Holy Thursday. (This is why we no longer see purple vestments during these days.) Once having entered into the Triduum, we begin the Easter Fast, in which the Church fasts in anticipation of the great feast of the Resurrection. Thus Good Friday and Holy Saturday are to be so observed, so that the Church, with uplifted and welcoming heart, may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection.

**HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** The once-a-year signs of mutual love and service mark the evening's liturgy: foot washing and the presentation of gifts for the poor. The foot washing, no less than the Eucharist, is fulfillment of Jesus' clear commandment after washing the disciples' feet, "As I have done, so you must do." This action is not just a historical re-enactment, but sacramental-liturgical ritual. There is nothing to prevent the whole assembly taking part. Close upon the foot washing there follows a procession in which the assembly comes forward with gifts for the poor. This again, is a once-a-year directive. It is as if by this procession the Church wished to extend the gesture of foot washing in a practical way to embrace all those in need.

Also at this celebration, the holy oils consecrated at the Chrism Mass last Thursday – of the sick, of catechumens, and sacred chrism – are presented to the community.... fresh from the consecration by our bishop.

**GOOD FRIDAY** The Passion according to John, proclaimed as the heart of today's celebration, expresses beautifully the dominant motif of the day. This is the passion whose keynote is glory. John's passion narrative presents a sovereign Jesus who has defiantly announced, "I lay down my life and I take it up again; no one takes it from me."

The veneration of the cross, which follows the great intercessory prayer, is focused not so much on Christ crucified as on the cross itself, the community's sign and assurance of victory and salvation. The sense of this gesture is not "look at what my sins have done," but rather, "Look at how much I am worth, that while I was yet dead in my sin, Christ did this for me!" We remove our shoes as we venerate the cross because we are on holy ground!

According to the Church's most ancient tradition, the Eucharist is not celebrated today. In communion we receive bread consecrated the evening before. All depart in silence to fast and pray, and to await the conclusion of this one, three-day liturgy in the Great Easter Vigil on Saturday evening.

**HOLY SATURDAY** The only place we can begin is in the dark, the dark of a Saturday night. In the darkness outside, a bonfire is burning, and from it a great candle is lit. All move inside, and by the light of that candle, the Exsultet is sung, the great hymn of the vigil, summoning our rejoicing. Angels, earth, church, everyone here: REJOICE!!! This is the night when God raised up Jesus and broke death's hold on us.

Then the assembly listens to what perhaps are the most sacred scriptures the stories that tell of God's saving deeds throughout salvation history. When all of these sacred stories of our salvation are heard, a chant begins. The cantor summons our ancestors to stand with us around the font full of fresh and running water. We bless our "Easter Water" which will be used to welcome and baptize our newest members. This water, quite simply, points to death. For to be baptized in Christ Jesus is to be baptized into his death (Romans 6). At last year's Easter Vigil, Jesse Schuettinger received the Sacrament of Confirmation and Terri Brown was fully initiated into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This year, we will baptize Terri and John Brown's daughter, Piper Flynn Brown! The altar is dressed, the gifts of bread and wine are offered, and we celebrate the everlasting presence of Jesus Christ in the Breaking of the Bread!

**Jesus is Risen! He is among us still! Alleluia!**

**There is no need to ever be afraid!**

#### We Gather

Sunday 11AM Super Sunday....Start in Nave... All Welcome  
 Tuesday 10A Communion Service, Adult Home, Horicon Ave  
 11:30A Gathering Place... Presbyterian Church  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday Triduum.... Schedule Column 1  
 Friday 12Noon "Cross Walk" begins at Holy Cross Church

#### We Worship

Please refer to the Triduum Schedule, Column 1  
 The Triduum is one of the most powerful celebrations of the year.  
 Please do not stay away. Try it.  
 You will like it – and never miss it again.

#### We Teach

Palm Sunday..... Super Sunday 11AM Grades K-6  
 Easter Sunday, April 7... No Faith Formation  
 April 14, 21, 28 K-6 Regular Gathering  
 April 14 Grades 7-11 ...

#### We Serve

Saturday 5:30P Designated Ministries Rehearsal  
 Sunday 11AM Designated Ministries Rehearsal  
 11:30AM Environment Committee  
 Wednesday 6:30-8:30PM... Music Ministry Rehearsal... ALL  
 Thursday 6:15PM Music Ministry Rehearsal  
 Friday 10:30AM Environment Committee Meets  
 7PM Music Ministry Rehearsal  
 7-7:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)  
 (or by appointment – contact Father Cox)  
 Saturday 10:30AM Environment Committee Meets  
 6:30PM Music Ministry Rehearsal

**Sharing Time and Talent....** There are some folks it is impossible to thank enough.... including our Environment Committee, our Music Ministers, and our Liturgical Ministers. Thank you, in advance, to the 40+ parishioners who offered to do the many small tasks involved in a beautifully executed Triduum.

**Sharing Treasure....** This past week, \$1468 was offered to support the ministry and maintenance of the parish for the week; \$1385 was given in donations, \$75 for the Rice Bowl (world hunger); \$5 was given for the Catholic Relief Services; \$30 was given for the Youth Mission Trip, and \$30 was donated for MITOHOPEANDHELP, \$605 for Parishioners in Need, \$45 for stoves in Guatemala, \$10 for Cecilia in Namibia, \$30 for the Youth Mission Trip, \$138 for Church Maintenance, \$100 Easter Flowers

#### 2 Fabulous Events Around the Corner...

##### Reservations Filling Up Fast! Don't Miss Out.

1. April 11, 7PM, Elizabeth Johnson CSJ, PhD "Filled with the Spirit".... See flyer on bulletin board... register soon
2. April 26, 6-10PM Mystery Dinner Theater and Auctions to support North Country Ministry \$55 See bulletin board or go to [www.NorthCountryMinistry.org](http://www.NorthCountryMinistry.org) for details. (Pls make own reservation – if you want to sit at St. C's table, mention it.... **If you snooze, you lose. Don't wait!**)

Some **symbols** used this week: **Processions:** remind us of our spiritual journey toward the center, God..... **Candles:** not only give light to others, but also "give themselves away" ...**Oils** consecrated by Bishop: we are part of a Church beyond Warrensburg – we belong to something bigger – God communicates through our senses..... **Washing Feet:** Jesus instructed us to do as He does – serve others....**Gifts for the Poor:** another way to serve our brothers and sisters as Jesus taught.... **Bread and Wine:** In the simplest and most universal way, God is Present.... the **Cross:** Jesus did not eliminate suffering, but taught us how to trust ... **Darkness:** reminds us that we have much to learn and experience – we do not know it all..... **Paschal Candle:** It is large, new, and the first to eliminate the darkness.... Jesus sheds light on our lives and shows us the way through the darkness....**Community Participation...** we respond and sing in one voice because we are the Body of Christ

*On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land.*

*Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Catholic Community in the Middle East and protect Christianity's holiest places. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this collection for living their faith*