

Holy Week

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

One Celebration Over Three Days...

Children welcome! This is how they learn... by being part of the community.

HOLY THURSDAY

7PM "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 til 10PM

GOOD FRIDAY

7PM Our Lord's Passion

A Day of Fasting... no meat... one meal
12 N "Cross Walk" up Main from Holy Cross
7PM... Begin in silence,
a continuation of the night before
Liturgy of the Word Passion Proclaimed
Veneration of the Cross— ...
No Shoes—We stand on holy Ground!
Communion
Conclude in Silence ... to be continued...

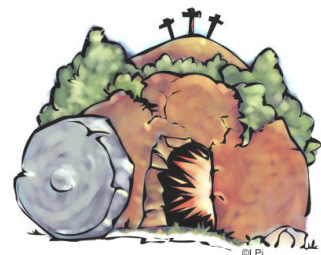
HOLY SATURDAY

8PM INCREDIBLE JOY!

We continue....
Silence and Darkness
Easter Fire is Blessed—Darkness Away!
Stories of Salvation
Bells for the Gloria!
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 joy of the Sunday of the Resurrection. And so we begin with....



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 extends 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 (this coming Tuesday)—oils of the sick, of catechumens, and sacred chrism—are presented to the community—fresh from the consecration of our new bishop..

The Passion according to John, proclaimed as the start 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.



EASTER VIGIL

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 the 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 all new 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 this year's Easter Vigil, we receive Timothy Seeley Jr. who will complete his initiation into the Church by the Sacrament of Confirmation. Then 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

- Monday 1P or 6:30P
Field of Compassion
- Tuesday 10 A Adult Home
Communion Service
8P AA Jaracz Hall
- Thursday 12N AA Jaracz Hall
7P Part 1 of Triduum—Holy Thursday
- Friday 12 Noon— "Cross Walk"— Holy Cross
7 P Part 2 Triduum— Good Friday
- Saturday 8P Part 3 Triduum— Holy Saturday
- Nxt Sun 10A Easter Sunday Eucharist .

- 4/26 Gala for Mito Hope and Help (See Bul Bd)
- 5/2 Gala for North Country Ministry
- 5/4 First Communion for Tyler, Alex, and Haley
- 6/8 Celebration of Father Cox's 60th Anniversary

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.
- Sat, 4/12 4:30PM **SR. MARY BRADY, RSCJ** (SLH)
- Sun, 4/13, 10AM **MARY MURPHY** (Kay Mineo)
- Sunday 4/20 10AM **EUGENE KUSKY** (Wife, Betty)

WE TEACH

- Palm Sun. 11A Super Sunday Church Hall K-6
- Easter Sunday, April 20 ... No Faith Formation
- April 27 Regular Gathering, K-6
- May 4 First Communion!!

WE SERVE

- Sunday 11:30A Environment Committee—decorate
- Wednesday 6:30P Music Ministry Rehearsal
- Thursday 6P Music Ministry Rehearsal
8:30P Environment Committee—decorate
- Friday 6:30P Music Ministry Rehearsal
- Saturday 10:30A Environment Committee—decorate
6:30P Music Ministry Rehearsal

Sharing Time and Talent ... There are some folks it is impossible to thank enough... including Judy Rozell, Lorry O'Connor, John Cleveland, Dawn Brunner, and Harriet Bunker—our Environment Committee... who will change our décor four times in one week! And our music ministers rehearsing for the Triduum... Ann Murphy, Cheryl York, Glenn Warner, Dee Warner, Kim Belanger, Linda Apple, Richie and Elaine Hensler (and Mary Anne and John Doty, Dennis Coker, and Jesse Schuettinger who regularly join on weekends). Thanks to our faithful Liturgical Ministers and the 40+ folks who offered to do the many small tasks involved in a beautifully executed Triduum. And always, we thank Father Cox.!

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 Scharfenberger remind us that we are part of a Church beyond Warrensburg... we belong to something bigger... God communicates through our sense; **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, for we will be judged on how we treat those in need; **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 as we live through it; **Darkness**—reminds us that we have much to learn and experience—we do not yet see clearly; **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!