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Mass Schedule

Sunday 10 AM

Saturday 6 PM

Weekdays: Wed. & Fri. at Noon

Holy Days: See Bulletin

Annual Homecoming Bazaar

2nd Sunday in October

Other Parish Information See Bulletin

Dear Padre

March 25, 2018

Was the Mother of Jesus at the foot of the cross?

In John's Gospel the Mother of Jesus, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood "by the cross" (19:25). Moreover, Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing by and spoke to them (19:26– 27).

In Mark's Gospel, among "the many other women" watching the crucifixion from a distance were "Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome" (15:40). Luke simply records that "all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events" (23:49). But he mentions three women by name who visited the tomb: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James (24:10).

Matthew also has "many women" looking on from a distance. Among them are "Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons" (27:56). Only John records the presence of Jesus' mother and "Mary the wife of Clopas," who is believed to differ from Mary, the mother of James the younger and Joses, and Mary, the mother of James and Joseph. Mary Magdalene is cited in all four Gospels.

"By the cross" or "at a distance" may indicate the location allowed for spectators at a crucifixion. However, it is possible that at some point they were permitted to approach the foot of the cross, as depicted sometimes in artworks.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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March 25th 2018
Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

The Father responds to Jesus' willing self–sacrifice by raising him to glory.

Isaiah foretells that God's servant will suffer as a consequence of being a true and faithful disciple. Saint Paul reminds us that Jesus set aside his glory and power by becoming one with us in the flesh, but through his humility and suffering, he has become Lord of all. The Gospel tells the story of Jesus' passion and death.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday March 28th 12:00
Louis Walkoviak & The Forgotten Souls

Holy Thursday 7:00
Raymond Pasket, John & Maggie Pasket
John & Mary Lebeck

Good Friday March 30th 3:00

Holy Saturday March 31st 8:30
Joe & Frances Sechelski

Sunday April 1st 10:00
Patrick Busa

Father Eli

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday March 31st 8:30pm

Lectors: TBD — *Rosary*: Dorothy Pasket
E.M.H.C TBD
Altar Servers: TBD
Ushers: Michael Wisnoski, Danny Pasket, Darrell Wagner, Johnny Pasket Jr.

Sunday April 1st 10:00am

Lectors: EJ & Leona Maupin — *Rosary*: Linda LaSalle
E.M.H.C Linda LaSalle, Diane Sechelski, Marion & Evelyn Szymczak & Robert Maggio (choir)
Altar Servers: Tyler Abraham, Hannah Abraham, Brianna Burzynski, McKenna Holloway
Ushers Marcus Klawinsky, Darrin Pasket, Carl Schroeder, Lance Schroeder

Readings

Monday March 26
Holy Weekday
Is 42:1–7 /
Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday March 27
Holy Weekday
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33,
36–38

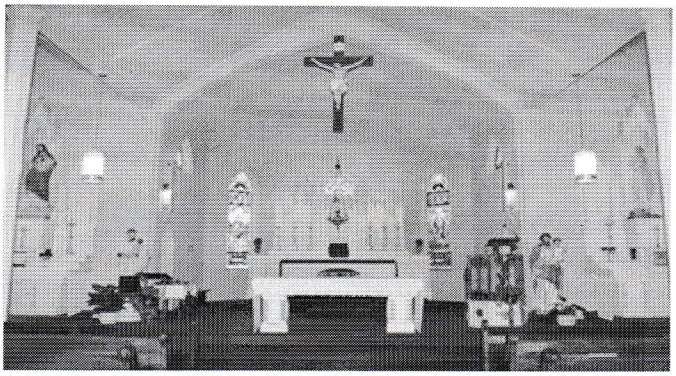
Wed. March 28
Holy Weekday
Is 50:4–9a /
Mt 26:14–25

Thursday March 29
Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

Friday March 30
Good Friday
Is 52:13—53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday March 31
Holy *Saturday*
Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1,
26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2,
9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15—15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mk 16:1–7

Sunday April 1
Easter
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or
1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or
Mk 16:1–7



Our Church is open for daily prayer during office hours.

Office hours are Tuesday to Friday 8:00 to 4:00

For information on renting the parish hall,

please call the office at 936-873-2291

Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound.

Lois Barton, Bernice Briers, Betty Busa, Francelle Busa, Michael Busa, Pearl Busa, Margaret Creel, Gary Davila, Patricia Dobyanski, Kari Lynn Eisenman, John Faust, Margaret Fann, Preston Fann, Claudia Gurrola, Meb Hartman, Mark Heymen, Justin Homeyer, George Janacek, Rosalee (Pat) Janacek, Kaudia Johnson, Helen Kimich, Kacy Kitkoski, Megan Kokott, Kathy Lang, Florence Lara, Martin Lara, Katherine Lee, William Lett, Albert Mattern, Helen Molitor, Thomas Noble, Joseph Obell, Matthew Oliver, Reagan Oliver, Edward Pasket, Mary Pasket, Barbara Perry, Mary Joel Phillips, Mike Russell, Kenny Sechelski, Geneva Sicinski, Crista Chiles Skalsky, Alma Smith, Joey Stem, La Nell Szymczak, Tonya Taylor, Michael Yanchak.

Please let the office know of anyone who should be added or removed from these lists.

Please pray for those in active military duty.

Austin Barnes, Andrew Burzynski
Don Fontaine, Travis Hayes,
Cody Klawinsky, Travis Klawinsky
Matthew Macejewski, John McKnight,
Phillip Walkoviak

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

March 30th
Holy Land (Good Friday)

April 22nd
Home Mission

Collections

March 17th $962.00

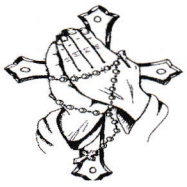
March 18th $3,192.25

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March

Evangelization: **Formation in Spiritual Discernment**

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment,

Both on the personal and communitarian levels.



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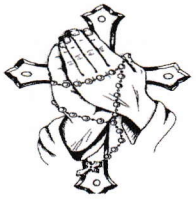

Announcements

The office will close at noon on Holy Thursday

And all day on Good Friday

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2nd Collection on Good Friday is for The Holy Land

As we begin to recall and commemorate the events of that first Holy Week, when Jesus willingly laid aside his glory and embraced the cross for our salvation, may we be filled with gratitude and awe at one who loves us so much.
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Welcome to St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish. 936-873-2291

Cemetery Guidelines : If you have questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done on a headstone or grave you must first contact Charles Posinski.

Altar Society : St. Stanislaus Altar Society meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday April 5th at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome to join us!

12 Hour Adoration: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm September to May. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

RCIA: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Birthdays & Anniversaries : On the 1st weekend of every month (Sunday Masses), Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month.

Anointing of the Sick : Every 3rd weekend of the month, anointing of the sick will be held in the church following the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. Anointing of the sick is for people who are seriously ill or preparing to undergo surgery. It is also for the elderly who are suffering from the infirmities of age.

Knights of Columbus : KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. Contact Anthony Olivieri at 936-522-8146 for more information.

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Choir Practice: Thursdays at 6:30 in the church. Everyone is welcome to join.

Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before weekday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) 5:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays

Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 29th – Holy Thursday
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

March 30th – Good Friday
Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer – 9.00 AM
Celebration of The Passion of The Lord – 3.00 PM
No Stations of the Cross

March 31st – Holy Saturday
Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer – 9.00 AM
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – 8:30 PM

April 1st – Easter Sunday
10:00 AM

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church
Spring Festival
Sunday May 6, 2018
11 am to 2 pm

1. Apple Watch Series 3- $400

2. Sharp 55" Smart HDTV - $325

3. Academy Gift Card - $300 Donated in Memory of Father James Moore

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April 2018

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Born into a large Catholic family in Italy, St. Gianna studied medicine and became a physician. She opened a medical practice in Mesero, where she met her husband. The pregnancy and birth of their fourth child was very difficult, but Gianna was willing to risk her life for the life of the child. St. Gianna gave birth to a baby girl and died a week later. She is the patroness of mothers, physicians, and unborn children.

No guesswork involved

Followers of Christ never have to rely on guesswork to decide what is right. We have a perfect example for our daily lives in Jesus. And to guide us, he gave us the Catholic Church.

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).

Begin a new life after Easter

The promise of the Resurrection is that faithful followers of Jesus will have new life. Whether we had a fruitful Lent or were lukewarm in our resolve, we can begin now to become new creations.

Make an examination. Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love?

Face the truth with courage. It can be discouraging to look honestly at our many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren't perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin. Being a sinner is not the worst condition – remaining one is.

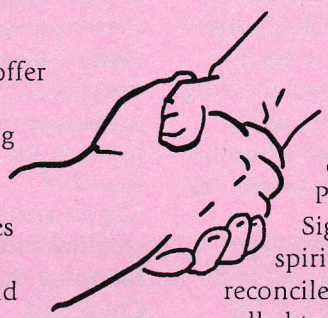
Devise a plan. Decide what needs to change and make a plan. Write it down and commit to it. Sometimes making a brave life change entails leaving bad company behind. Often it means changing entrenched habits. Change may be uncomfortable but growth can't happen without it.

Take the first steps. New life comes through God. Entrust your plan for change to him. Spend at least 15 minutes a day in prayer, asking for inspiration and strength. Then take the first steps toward new life.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics offer the sign of peace?

During the Mass, we offer the Sign of Peace in preparation for receiving Communion. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room. Although his friends had abandoned him, Jesus forgave them, saying: *"Peace be with you"* (John 20:19). When we offer each other the Sign of Peace, we imitate Christ. The Sign of Peace is also a sign of spiritual unity. Just as Jesus reconciled with his disciples, we are called to reconcile with each other.



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Catholic disciples are called to more

Daily prayer, weekly Mass attendance, and regular Confession form the foundation for a solid Catholic life. Yet, discipleship calls us to more. Discipleship moves us to make a "conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost" to ourselves (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

A conscious decision. Disciples consciously resolve to follow Jesus with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. This governing resolution – renewed every day – controls all other decisions in a disciple's life.

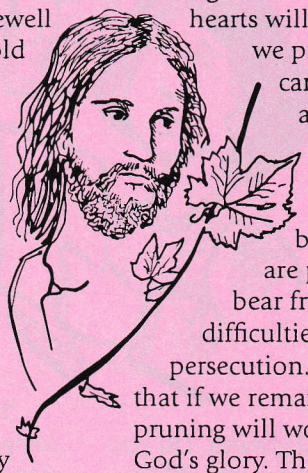
Demonstrated by action. Our discipleship is visible to others by our devotion to the Church and by the good works we perform. Our charitable actions are offered in obedience to Jesus' example – and instructions – in the New Testament. The Church suggests the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as guidelines.

Despite the cost. *"So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple"* (Luke 14:33). To be Christian isn't always comfortable. Yet, disciples persist out of love, no matter the cost.

from Scripture

John 15:1-8, Stay faithful to Christ

This Gospel comes from Jesus' Last Supper Discourse, a kind of farewell speech for his disciples. Jesus told his disciples – and us – that without him, we can do nothing. He used a familiar image to explain. A grapevine has a main stem and smaller branches growing from it. Just as the main stem is the source of life for the branches, so Jesus is the source of spiritual life for us.



We received this life when we were "grafted onto" Jesus in Baptism. We preserve this life by taking his words seriously and striving to live by them. Then our hearts will become like his. When we pray in Jesus' name, we can trust that God will answer our prayers.

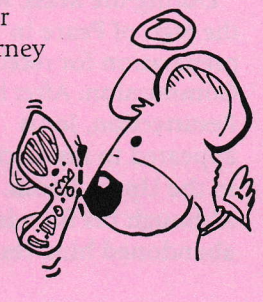
There is a "catch" to following Jesus, though. Just as the branches on a grapevine are pruned – cut short – to bear fruit, we will encounter difficulties and even persecution. Yet, Jesus reminds us that if we remain faithful to him, this pruning will work for our good and God's glory. Then we'll become the saints we were called to be.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 3 – St. Richard of Chichester (1253). Born in England, St. Richard studied law at Bologna. Known for his holiness and administrative skills, he was named archbishop of Chichester, but King Henry III refused to let him rule until the pope threatened the king with excommunication. Even as an archbishop, St. Richard lived a humble life. He died in Dover while preaching a crusade.

April 8 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1935). In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised anyone who honors him as King of Mercy and prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave St. Faustina – would receive special graces and great mercy.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st Century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



Q & A What does the Resurrection mean for us?

Jesus' Resurrection – the most important event in human history – is how we know that what he said and did while on Earth is true and his promises to us are trustworthy.

During his public ministry, Jesus spoke and acted as God. He promised that if we follow him, we will have eternal life. Either he was God and had the power to make it true, or he was a mere man claiming to be someone he wasn't.

That Jesus rose from the dead – a fact verified by more than 500 eyewitness accounts – means that his word can be trusted. He warned of the specifics of his own death, predicted his Resurrection, and proved that he really is God. Therefore, his promises of eternal life are real, too.

The Resurrection gives us hope. "By his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #654). All those who die in God's friendship will live with him forever.

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