

## St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am

Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm

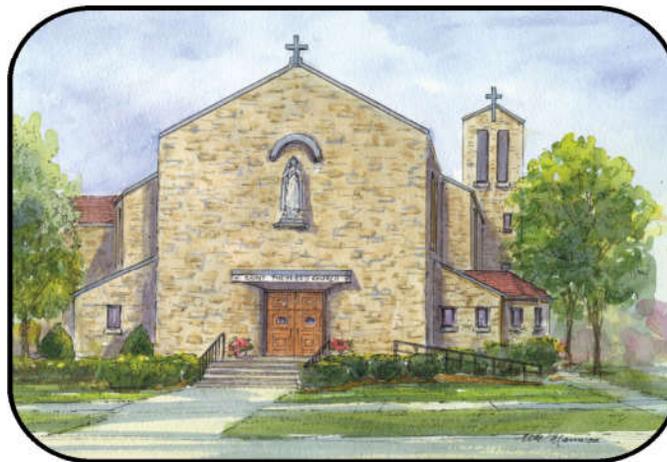
Holy Days - Check Bulletin or Call Office

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Contact Fr. Steve to schedule.

### New parishioners are most welcome!

To register, please call the office or talk to Father Steve after Mass.



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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sundays between the 8:00 am and 9:15 am Masses and anytime by request.

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**Eucharist for the Sick:** Contact the parish office.

**Credit Union:** We are a member parish of Holy Rosary Catholic Credit Union - 816-221-2734

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, God's people, are a remnant whose faith has been tested and tempered by the transitions in our neighborhoods and our church. We do not have one common ethnic, religious, social or economic background. We do have a common experience of being the diverse but complementary members of the one Body of Christ. Because of this common experience, we choose to be St. Therese parish community.

We choose to use our gifts to build up the Body of Christ incarnate here. This mission must take place both within our faith community and in reaching out to others. We confess the need to become more

aware of each other and of the Lord calling us to be united in His Spirit.

We will strive to develop this awareness not only for our own sake, but that we may become credible and inviting to those seeking Christ and His Gospel. We answer this calling first, faithfully sharing the Word and breaking Bread together.

We then realize our vocation to affirm each other's gifts, to reach out to the poor, to work for justice, to help form young minds and hearts, to acknowledge the place of the elders in our community and to create a climate of fellowship for all people.

# Palm Sunday

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, Mar 25 Palm Sunday

**Mass** 9:00 am - **St. Therese Parishioners**

**Before Mass:** Gather outside for Palm Gospel and procession into the Church.

**After Mass:** Set-up Church Hall for adoration space  
Bring flowers for Easter.

### Monday, Mar 26

Choir Practice 6:00 pm Church

### Wednesday, Mar 28

**Mass** 12:00 Noon - Chapel

Finance Committee 5pm Living Room

### Holy Thursday, Mar 29

Holy Thursday Service 7pm Church

### Good Friday, Mar 30

#### Senior Center Closed

Stations & Reflections 12pm Church

Good Friday Service 7pm Church

### Holy Saturday, Mar 31

Easter Vigil 8pm Church

### Easter Sunday, Apr 1

Easter Sunday Mass 9:00am Church



## Standing in the Need of Prayer

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Ashley Johnson	Rosalind O'Hora	Blanche L. Thomas
Joyce Jones	Iness Panni	Jesse Wilkes
Marty Kata		Mildred Wilkes
		Antwine Williams

## Liturgical Roles

### March 25 9:00 AM

<b>Lector</b>	TBA,TBA
<b>Euch Min</b>	Sr. Helen Alder, Dan Dakotas, Netty & Tim Doyle, Sharon Kloster
<b>Hospitality</b>	Carol Johnson, Joseph Alpough, Judy Rieck, Kenneth Woodard
<b>Server</b>	Kevin Burdick, Bridgette Atkinson

### Holy Thursday 7:00 PM

<b>Lector</b>	Martha Graham, Rosalind O'Hora
<b>Euch Min</b>	Valerie Tucker, Sr Ann Landers, Sr Joan Tolle, Mary Sweat, Anola Pickett
<b>Hospitality</b>	Willie Burke, Donald Sanders, Glenda Johnson, Judy Rieck
<b>Server</b>	Paul Tancredi, Tim Doyle

### Good Friday 7:00 PM

<b>Lector</b>	Art Winter, Sandy Jones
<b>Euch Min</b>	Sr. Helen Alder, Aarion Johnson, Walter & Venita Hodge, Treva Lee
<b>Hospitality</b>	Kenneth Preston, Kenneth Woodard John Jones, Sue Svec
<b>Server</b>	Steven Atkinson

### Holy Saturday 8:00 PM

<b>Lector</b>	TBA,TBA
<b>Euch Min</b>	Bob & Judy Edsall, Valerie Tucker, Dan Dakotas, Sr Gabe Smits
<b>Hospitality</b>	Cathy Allin, Sandy Jones, Cerise Ivy-Woods, Elaine Stevenson
<b>Server</b>	Paul Tancredi, Tim Doyle

### Easter Sunday 9:00 AM

<b>Lector</b>	Steve Atkinson, Estelle Tunley
<b>Euch Min</b>	Elaine & Joe Nolke, Mary Sweat, Birdie Miller, Kevin Burdick
<b>Hospitality</b>	Dawn O'Bannon, Joyce Lucas, Gloria Burrell, Joseph Alpough
<b>Server</b>	Bill Seiter, Lester Stevenson

## Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

We have just heard the story of Jesus passion and death. I would like to tell you another story—another true story. Jason Tuskes was a 17 year old high school honor student. He was close to his mother, his wheelchair-bound father, and his younger brother. Jason was an expert swimmer who loved to scuba dive.

He left home on a Tuesday morning to explore a spring and underwater cave near his home. His plan was to be home to celebrate his mother's birthday by going out to dinner with his family that night.

Jason became lost in the cave. Then, in his panic, he apparently got wedged into a narrow passageway. When he realized he was trapped, he shed his yellow air tank and unsheathed his diver's knife. With the tank as a writing tablet and the knife as a pen, he wrote one last message to his family: "I love you Mom, Dad, and Christian." Then he ran out of air and drowned.

A dying message – something communicated in the last few seconds of life – is something we can't be indifferent toward. God's final words to us are etched on a Roman cross. They are blood red. They, too, say, "I love you."

**Daniel and Deborah Clymens do not have a ride again to our church. As you know, Deborah is in a wheelchair and it is hard for them to come by bus. They get off the bus at 59th & Troost. Please contact them if you can help.**

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## Weekly Health Corner

### Depression



Depression is one of the most common mental illnesses. The understanding of the nature and causes of depression has evolved over the centuries, but the understanding is still incomplete. It is important to know that depression is not just sadness. There are screening tests that people can take to determine depression and even some are on line.

Causes may be psychological, psycho-social, hereditary, evolutionary and biological. Depression affects a person's family and personal relationships, work or school life, sleeping and eating habits and general health. Some of the physical symptoms are fatigue, headaches, digestive problems, decreased appetite and weight loss. However, occasionally there may be an increased appetite resulting in weight gain. Insomnia is common with depression affecting at least 80% of depressed people. About 15% may have hypersomnia in which they oversleep. Depression may coexist with chronic disorders particularly with the elderly. Depression is a widespread problem among older Americans affecting approximately 15 % of the 65 and older population. At least 5% of US children and adolescents have depression. Clinical depression is very treatable and there are screenings available. One of the most common treatments is antidepressant medication and therapy. Of those who seek help more than 80% show improvement.

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	<b>\$4,019</b>	<b>\$137 Plate</b> <b>\$3,612 Envelopes</b>
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# March 25, 2018

**Flowers for Easter** are needed to beautify the church for the Easter Vigil. Suggested flowers include **Lilies, potted spring flowers such as Hyacinths, Pansies, Daisies or any flowering plant that will add color to our Easter Garden** in the church. Flowers will be accepted beginning Palm Sunday, March 25 through Good Friday, March 30 during office hours (9am-4pm). As a reminder, the office is closed on Good Friday, but someone will be available after the Noon Stations of the Cross and Reflections from the Foot of the Cross. They may also be brought to the Good Friday Service at 7pm.

## March 25 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

**Mk 11: 1-10 at the blessing of the palms**

**Is 50: 4-7**

**Ps 22: 8-9,17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

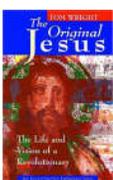
**Mk 14: 1-15: 47**

## Easter Sunday: Resurrection of Our Lord

**Acts 10: 34A, 37-43**

**Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

**Col:3:1-4**



## St. Therese Book Club

meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month. We are reading:

The Original Jesus by Tom

Wright. We will be discussing the Preface and Chapters 1 & 2.

**When:** 4:00pm on April 5.

**Where:** Living Rm

On **Holy Thursday, March 29 at 7pm**, we will begin the sacred Easter Triduum, the summit of the liturgical year, from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season. Holy Thursday is celebrated in the remembrance of the Last Supper. It is also the night that we will have the washing of feet, an example of service to one another that Jesus left with the disciples and leaves with us to follow. We will end this liturgy with our procession to the **Altar of Repose for prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, which will be **available till midnight**.

On **Good Friday, March 30 at Noon**, we will again walk and pray the **Stations of the Cross** for our final time this Lent. We will then continue our prayer in the **"Reflections from the Foot of the Cross"**. This brief liturgy is a time to reflect on the events of the crucifixion and how they might relate to our faith journey. **At 7pm on Good Friday**, we gather for the **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** which will include the proclamation of the **Passion** and the **procession and Veneration of the Cross**.

The **Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Saturday, March 31, at 8pm**, the greatest and most noble of all solemnities of the Church. We will welcome **Joyce Johnson** as a new Catholic and will **baptize the grandchild of Elliott and Aquila Clark**. This holy night will bring in the new Light of Christ in the Baptismal Candle and we will listen to readings of Salvation History.

## Easter Vigil Reception

**Please join us for our reception following the Easter Vigil! Bring appetizers, snacks, side dishes or whatever you want to contribute to our feast following the great celebration of the Easter Vigil!**

# *Palm Sunday*

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## A REFLECTION ON PALM SUNDAY: A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERIES



On Palm Sunday the liturgy offers a panoramic view of the mysteries that we will contemplate during Holy Week or Paschal Triduum: the institution of the Eucharist, the passion and death of the Lord and the prediction of His Resurrection.

### HOLY WEEK

These rich Sunday readings include numerous phrases and expressions that have become part of the Sunday liturgy and other devotions. But, most of all, they reveal how each event of the Passion of Christ had been announced by the prophets in the Scriptures and by Christ himself, thus confirming that he was the One “who was to come.”

The reading during the Procession with Palms offers a stark contrast to the readings at Mass. Upon arriving at Jerusalem, Jesus is received with cries of joy and praise by the crowd that had come to believe and to have faith in Him as a prophet from God: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee!” explain some to those who ask why the commotion. We can imagine the Twelve somehow confused and bewildered. The Master has been saying that his time of suffering is near, and is the reason for His coming to Jerusalem. However, for the moment, all is praise and welcome with cloaks and branches spread on his path where he rides a humble donkey.

But all of this stays behind as inside the Mass we focus on the moment when Christ will celebrate the Passover with his closest friends. First, Jesus leaves us the treasure of the Eucharist, how he wants us to remember him and make himself present to us. Then, we witness Judas’s betrayal, as he sells Jesus for money though he later regrets it. We see betrayal by Peter, who rejects Jesus three times lest he suffer the same fate. The weakness of Peter and the other apostles is again exposed when they cannot stay awake and accompany Jesus in prayer in the Garden of Olives, despite his plea that they do so. Thus, it becomes clear that it is not out of merit or strength that Jesus has chosen them for the mission and that without Him and His Spirit they can do nothing.

In the garden, as on the cross, Jesus feels alone. His suffering is well reflected in the phrase of the psalm that he will shout later from the Cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” In his humanity, Jesus is tempted by doubt: You too, my God, have forsaken me? Does all of this suffering truly make sense? But Jesus draws strength from weakness and, in his final act of faith, he again gives himself to the Father: “Into your hands I commend my spirit.”

The readings leave us in a suspense that will only be resolved at the Easter Vigil. What is going to happen now? Christ is dead and buried. Nevertheless, they still offer us additional teachings. The first is that among all of Jesus’ followers, the only ones that have accompanied Jesus from beginning to end are a group of women very close to Him. They accompanied and served him during his preaching and on the way to Mount Calvary with the cross on His shoulders. They accompanied His grieving mother at the foot of the cross and now mourn His death in front of the tomb. Scripture’s noting of the fidelity of these women toward Jesus is not gratuitous. And, as we know, Jesus will reward this loyalty by allowing that a woman be the first to see him and testify to his Resurrection.

Finally, the Gospel points out that the story does not end here. The priests and Pharisees, knowing that he had said he would rise from the dead in three days, take every precaution to prevent anyone from stealing the body and claiming that Jesus has risen. Not only do they request guards, but they seal the entrance to the tomb. With this, the readings prepare us to realize on Easter Sunday that if the tomb is empty, it has not been the work of men.

May the Lord allow us to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and may we emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and clarity. Amen.

# Palm Sunday

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- W-2 forms for all jobs worked
- All 1099 forms for other income, if any
- Child care provider name, address, and tax ID
- Any other tax-related documents received
- Form 1098 or other education-related documents
- Bank account information for direct deposit
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# *Palm Sunday*

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Thursday, 3/29</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mostaccoli/WhlGrn w/Meat-sauce Italian Veg Salad/tom/car Pineapple/man-or-mix Italian Bread 1% Milk Margarine Lite Salad Dressing Italian Graham Crackers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Friday 3/30</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Senior Center</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Closed</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Daily Lunch Hours</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:30 am to 1 pm Over 60 yrs. –donation All others \$5.75 Reservation at Sign-In Table; 1 day in advance Thank You St. Therese Sr Ctr. 444-3514</p>



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The **Community Garden at St. Therese** still has 2 garden plots for rent. Please contact Sr. Ann Landers for more information. While you are trying to make that decision, just close your eyes and envision those fresh red tomatoes and imagine what they would taste like; or the feel of fresh dirt all over you when you dig up those potatoes. Ummm good! Ann’s phone is: 816.363.7759

**2nd Collection: Good Friday Holy Land Collection**

Holy Land Christians are caught between competing factions that have cost them their jobs, homes and families. The violence in Syria has torn families apart and the number of Christians has dropped drastically, to about two percent of the population in some regions, from 30 percent just a few decades ago. Please be generous.

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