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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
10:15 a.m. High Mass

Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Low Mass

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass

Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

Confessions

30 minutes before Mass every day

Regular Devotions

Every Thursday: Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.

First Friday: Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Masses this Week

Sunday, April 6th

PASSION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - George & Nancy Whitmore

requested by a friend

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, April 7th

Monday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - Paraiso Malanao

requested by Gemma Malanao

Tuesday, April 8th

Tuesday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Rev. Anthony Burakowski

requested by Greg Mikulka

Wednesday, April 9th

Wednesday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory

requested by Jean Zamora

Thursday, April 10th

Thursday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Deceased Members of

Tourigny & Foldeak Families

requested by the Tourigny Family

Friday, April 11th

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

{Friday of Passion Week}

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Ferdinand Rogel

requested by Linda Pryor

Saturday, April 12th

Saturday of Passion Week

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Helen Reback

requested by June Vendetti

Sunday, April 13th

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Scherer Family, living & deceased

requested by Peter & Theresa Reichenberger



Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 6th

PASSION SUNDAY

Solemn Choral Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 10th

No Holy Hour or Benediction

Friday, April 11th

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by veneration of the relic and confessions

**Please see the separate handout
for the complete Holy Week schedule.**

Sunday, April 20th

EASTER SUNDAY

Children's Easter egg hunt on the lawn after both morning Masses

Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

April 21st to 26th

OCTAVE OF EASTER

Daily Mass at 8:30 a.m. all week

Church will open at 7:30 a.m. each day

Saturday, April 26th

First Holy Communion catechism class at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 29th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in church hall

Theme: "Growth in Holiness"

Saturday, May 3rd

FEAST OF THE INVENTION OF THE HOLY CROSS

First Saturday devotions after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Blessing of wooden crosses (bring your own!) for placing in fields, vineyards and gardens

Sunday, May 4th

Monthly coffee hour after High Mass

Please sign up to bring refreshments!

BLESSING OF SACRAMENTALS

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the work sacristy and then pick them up the following Sunday. Please make sure to put the items on the correct table.

HOLY WEEK IS ALMOST HERE!

With the beginning of Passiontide, Lent is now almost over! Now is a good time to make a good examination of conscience about our Lenten resolutions (prayer, fasting and almsgiving).

It is also the time to plan for Holy Week. These are the **most important days in the entire year**, and we should make every effort to attend as many of these ceremonies – Masses and Divine Office, as well as devotions – as possible. **Rearranging work and school schedules** does involve sacrifice, but (barring real impossibility), it is not too much at this one time of the year to plan accordingly in order to honor Our Lord in the renewal of the mysteries of our Redemption. On our social media, you will soon be able to watch a mini “documentary” about the meaning and the liturgy of Holy Week, in the hopes that this will help you to participate more fruitfully.

In order for church to remain open during the afternoon of Maundy Thursday for adoration at the Altar of Repose, we will need **at least two people** to be signed up at all times up until the beginning of Tenebræ. We will also need **13 men** to volunteer to have their feet washed for the “Mandatum” ceremony on Maundy Thursday (this is the ceremony from which Maundy Thursday derives its name). You can find sign-up sheets for both of these in the narthex.

There will be practices for the altar servers at the following times: Saturday, **April 12th at 9:30 a.m.** (for Palm Sunday), Monday, **April 14th at 6:30 p.m.** (for Holy Thursday) and Tuesday, **April 15th at 6:30 p.m.** (for Good Friday). A practice for the Easter Vigil will be held earlier in the afternoon of Holy Saturday itself. Especially for Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we will need *lots* of servers. Please let Canon know as soon as possible which ceremonies you will attend. Thank you in advance to our choir members and altar servers (and their parents!) for their generosity in making our Holy Week services as solemn and beautiful as possible.

Is there anyone available to **help clean the altar boys’ cassocks and surplices** over the next few weeks? Thank you in advance for this kind work for the dignity of the sanctuary.

If you are able to volunteer for church cleaning, or flower arranging, or with the Easter egg hunt, please inform Canon. A wonderful family activity during the morning of Holy Saturday is to **decorate Easter eggs** which you can bring to church to be blessed on Easter Sunday!

PALM SUNDAY - Next Sunday!

Holy Week begins next Sunday with the celebration of Palm Sunday. The ceremony comprising the blessing of palms, the procession and the Mass that follows is one integral liturgical act. Therefore, as usual, palms will only be blessed at the 10:15 a.m. Mass. If you attend the Low Mass, please feel free to stay or return for the 10:15 a.m. blessing to receive a blessed palm. If you cannot receive your palms at the ceremony itself, a basket will be available in the narthex containing blessed palms until they run out!



We welcome you to Saints Cyril and Methodius!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our next special events. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, forms are available at both entrances.

Holy Mass and all the sacraments at Saints Cyril & Methodius Oratory are celebrated in the traditional Latin Rite. This form of worship, which developed many centuries ago, is a priceless treasure of our Catholic faith. On Sundays and feasts, there are handouts containing English translations of the Propers (the prayers and readings proper to the day). If you are unfamiliar with the traditional Latin Mass, please do not hesitate to approach the clergy of the Oratory with any questions you may have. The pastoral care of the Oratory has been entrusted by the Bishop of Bridgeport to the clergy of the Institute of Christ the King, a Catholic priestly society founded in 1990 and currently ministering in dioceses across the United States, Europe and Africa.

Holy communion may be received by practicing Catholics in the state of grace. In the traditional Roman Rite, holy communion is received kneeling at the communion rail (unless you are impaired from doing so) and directly on the tongue. The mouth should be open with the tongue slightly extended. You do not reply when the priest places the host in your mouth. The sacrament of confession is available every day 30 minutes before the start of Mass (ending approximately 7 minutes before Mass begins).

The church narthex (vestibule) functions as a cry room during Mass. As a courtesy to others, please feel free to make use of it when you have a crying child by exiting quietly down one of the side aisles. Everyone is kindly reminded that all conversations should be held outside.

Out of respect for God's house, please bear in mind the importance of modest and decent attire. Ladies who wish to do so may borrow a veil to wear at Mass (available in baskets by the entrances).

If you are not a Catholic, you are warmly invited to learn more about our faith. The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to carry on His work for the salvation of souls. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Oratory offers individual instruction. We look forward to hearing from you.

“ONE IN CHRIST” - 2025 Bishop’s Appeal

The Bishop’s Appeal for 2025 is well underway.

Envelopes are now available in church. Your participation helps our parish! Please make sure to turn in the envelope in the collection basket or in one of the candle donation boxes or drop it off at the rectory (do not mail directly to the diocese). So far, we have reached 65% of our goal.



For more information:

www.2025bishopsappeal.org

SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Holy Thursday

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Good Friday

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

{no confessions before Easter Vigil}

Please take note of these special times during the Triduum! Confessions will end promptly at the announced times.

April 6th 2025

Passion Sunday