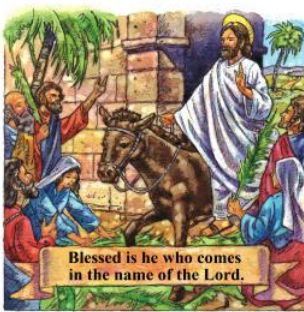


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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

FIRST READING: In spite of my sufferings, I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

PSALM: My God, My God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

SECOND READING: Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

GOSPEL: The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	03/30	
TUES	03/31	
WED	04/01	
THURS	04/02	7:00PM Mass of the Lord's last Supper Adoration until 10PM
FRI	04/03	3:00PM Passion of the Lord 7:00PM Stations of the Cross
SAT	04/04	1 & 3 PM. Blessing of Easter Food/ Baskets 8:00PM EASTER VIGIL
SUN	04/05	. . . . . EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 7:30 AM & 10:30AM



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 30th – April 5th)

MON	3/30	. . . . . 7:50AM. + Martin & Matilda Simcic – (Family)
TUES	3/31	. . . . . 7:50AM. + Suzanne Kolega – (Marshall Family)
WED	4/01	. . . . . 7:50AM. + (A) Bob Macy – (Children)
THUR	4/02	. . . . . 6:30PM . Holy Thursday NO Morning Mass + William Kolega – (Wife, Dorothy & Daughter Chrissy)
FRI	4/03	. . . . . Good Friday No Mass 3:00PM Passion of the Lord
SAT	4/04	. . . . . 8:00PM + Stella & Carol David – (Dolores, Bill & Billy Gentile)
SUN	4/05	. . . . . 7:30AM. + Sonja Girgos – (David Radnotti) 10:30AM. + (B) Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)

Sunday, March 29, 2026



Stewardship Reflections:

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that we Christian stewards focus our minds and hearts intensely this week on the steps of our Brother and Savior as He laid down His very life for us.

Throughout this story, there are several small acts of stewardship by those who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week. Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talents and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 21st – March 22nd, 2026)

Weekly	.....	\$	4,072.00
Building Fund	.....	\$	62.00
Easter	.....	\$	70.00
Easter Flowers	.....	\$	20.00

Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Matthew Smith** who was called to his eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Matthew** and peace and consolation to his family. Matthew was the nephew of Kathy Antal



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Darlene Mulkey** who was called to her eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Darlene** and peace and consolation to her family. Darlene was the sister of Dave Vitovich



WELCOME!!

The St Therese's Community would like to welcome our newest member, **Luna Brielle Young**, Daughter of **Albert & Alexis**, who was baptized last Sunday, March 22, 2026. **Welcome Luna** and may you grow in God's love and grace.

Holy Thursday

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00PM Christian Mothers Pray Hour
9:00PM Holy Name Prayer Hour

Good Friday

3:00PM The Lord's Passion
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

1 & 3 PM -Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

7:30 & 10:30 Masses



Thank You to Our Volunteers!!! - Boy it just seemed like yesterday we were all getting reacquainted with our piroghi friends and boom, are 6 weeks are finished. We would like to give a great BIG Shoutout to everyone who worked, either by peeling, and cooking the potatoes, or making the piroghis and let us not forget about the clean -up crew, to those who made the delicious baked goods every week, or prepared the lunches, made donations to help defray the costs, and to those who purchased piroghis. I know I say it every time but this piroghi project would not be possible without your continued support, so **Thank you**, you are all very much appreciated.



Congratulations to **John Vrabel** the winner of the Easter Money Tree. We would like to Thank everyone who purchased a ticket.

Congratulations to **Lee Ashcom** the winner of the Christian Mothers St Patrick's Day Pick 3 ticket 7PM drawing. The winning number was 902. Congrats **Lee** and Thank you to all who purchased a ticket.

Congratulations to **Dave Vitovich** the winner of the Holy Name St Patrick's Day Pick 3 ticket 7PM drawing. The winning number was 902. Congrats **Dave** and Thank you to all who purchased a ticket.



Holy Name Pie Sale Pick-up will be this weekend March 28th & 29th after all Masses over at the Social Hall.



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE
Sent To Serve

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties- and one of those holy duties is to support our Church. This year's theme, **Sent To Serve**, reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, each of us has been Sent to Serve, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's caried grace" (1Peter 4:10)

Our parish goal this year is \$23,100. We would not only try to reach our goal this year, but increase our parish participation. There are pledge cards in the back of Church. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one time offering.



Raffle Tickets - Once again we are asking that each family please consider purchasing or selling at least 10 raffle tickets for the Raffle Drawing which will be held at the **Summer Basket & Burger Bash on June 20th & 21st**. Please stop in the vestibule to pick up your tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 apiece.



St Anne Basket Party

Dinner tickets SOLD OUT

Soft Walk Through - Saturday April 11th from 4:00PM - 7:00 PM -
25 basket chances for only \$5 - **No Meal**

Due to Holy Week the Christian Mothers will meet on **Thursday, April 9th** starting at 11:30AM rosary, Mass & Meeting

Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **June 20th & 21st 2026**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$30 in value**. The first meeting is **THIS MONDAY March 30th at 6PM**. Anyone interested in helping plan or working the Bash please attend this meeting. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to *Get Involved!*



AREA PENANCE SERVICES

During the season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services.

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| St Benedict | Monday, March 30 th at 5PM |
| St Patrick | Tuesday, March 31 st at 6PM |
| St Therese | Wednesday April 1 st at 5-6PM |