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Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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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: 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, March 22nd

PASSION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - Dean Fagan
requested by Alex Fagan

Monday, March 23rd

Monday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - Nancy Pline
requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline

Tuesday, March 24th

Saint Gabriel the Archangel

7:45 a.m. - Stella Widmer
requested by Annmarie Widmer

Wednesday, March 25th

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - Margherita Shaw
requested by Lenore & Michael Opalak

Thursday, March 26th

Thursday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - Lucille Hough
requested by George & Melissa Hough

Friday, March 27th

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

{Friday of Passion Week}
7:45 a.m. - Michael Opalak
requested by Lenore & Michael Opalak

Saturday, March 28th

Saturday of Passion Week

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Frank Berden, Jr.
requested by John Tkacik

Sunday, March 29th

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - Hough Family Intentions
requested by Mr. & Mrs. George Hough



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 22nd

PASSION SUNDAY

Sermon: "I thirst."

First Holy Communion Catechism Class after Mass
Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24th

Spiritual Conference at 7:00 p.m.

"Preparing for Holy Week: Explanation of the Ceremonies of the Easter Vigil"

Wednesday, March 25th

Devotions to Saint Joseph after morning Mass

Thursday, March 26th

No Holy Hour or Benediction

Friday, March 27th

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

Saturday, March 28th

Servers' practice for Palm Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

**Please see the separate handout
for the complete Holy Week schedule,
including special confession times.**

Sunday, April 5th

EASTER SUNDAY

Children's Easter egg hunt after both Masses
Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m., with guest celebrant Canon Matthew Talarico, provincial superior of the Institute of Christ the King in the U.S.A.

Sunday, April 12th

LOW SUNDAY

Monthly coffee hour after the High Mass
{postponed because of Easter}

Sunday, April 19th

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Annual special collection for our seminary

Saturday, May 9th

Confirmation with His Eminence Cardinal Burke
Please register your child for the sacrament if you have not already done so; candidates from other parishes may be confirmed here with their pastor's permission.

SERVER PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Saturday, March 28th
at 9:30 a.m. (*for Palm Sunday*)

Monday, March 30th
at 6:30 p.m. (*for Holy Thursday*)

Tuesday, March 31st
at 6:30 p.m. (*for Good Friday*)

Holy Saturday, April 4th
at 1:30 p.m. (*before the Easter Vigil*)

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

“The Seven Last Words of
Our Saviour from the Cross”
continues through the Triduum

Tuesday, March 24th
at 7:00 p.m.

SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

“Preparing for Holy Week – The
Meaning of the Ceremonies
of the Easter Vigil”

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Saturday, April 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 2nd at 10:15 a.m.
{Catechism test and ceremony practice}

These classes are mandatory.



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. We encourage you to attend the High Mass, but 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 during the week 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 parish social. 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).

HOLY WEEK IS ALMOST HERE!

With the beginning of Passiontide, it is 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.

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.

Altar boys, 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.

If you are able to help 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!

Finally, we are still looking for another clergyman (priest or deacon) to help during Holy Week, so that we can have solemn ceremonies as in years past. We are also still looking for a lamb to bless on Easter Sunday. Please keep these intentions in your prayers or let us know of any leads!

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Passion Sunday