

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum is always a special time of the year for us Catholics. I love the way it allows us to deeply enter into the mysteries of our Lord's passion, death, and Resurrection. Many of the days of this week have a special significance.

Tuesday of this week all of us priests will gather with the Archbishop to celebrate the Chrism Mass. It gets its name because of the part of the Mass when Archbishop will bless the oils we are to use in the Sacraments offered in our churches all throughout the Archdiocese. At the Chrism Mass each of us priests will renew our priestly promises that we first made on our ordination day. Please keep all of us priests in your prayers on this day.

Holy Thursday is a day dedicated to the Eucharist and the priesthood. We remember the Lord's call for us to serve as we will have the washing of the feet at this Mass. After communion to highlight the Eucharist, we have a procession around the church with the Eucharist, concluding with an invitation to continue the night in prayer of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It also is a call for us to spend an hour with the Lord as we reflect on his time praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Our liturgy on Friday during the Triduum is called Good Friday or the Passion of the Lord. It is called Good Friday because, even though we contemplate the suffering of our Lord as we reflect once again on the Passion narrative, we realize that it is the way our God has given us redemption and salvation. Another beautiful aspect of the liturgy is that we join in the prayer of our Lord from the cross. Usually in most liturgy's we offer petitions. During this Good Friday Service we pay particular attention to this as we offer an extended time of prayer with petitions prayed in a contemplative way.

Holy Saturday or Easter Vigil is where the Triduum transitions to the Easter celebration. Vigil is a reminder that it is a time of patient prayer specifically focused on the Word of God. We are brought into the waiting of the people of God for salvation. In the liturgy, up to 7 Old Testament readings and 2 New Testament readings can be read. The readings give us a walk through salvation history and it's fulfillment in Jesus Christ. It is also referenced as Holy Saturday as we celebrate the sacraments of initiation with those entering the Catholic Church that night. It is a time that we as Christians renew our own baptismal promises.

Let us continue to allow the Lord to prepare us during these last few days of our Lenten journey. Please, if you are able, come to these different celebrations and liturgies. May our participation in the mysteries bring us to deeper faith and trust in the Lord and an ever fuller share in His Life and Love.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Apr. 15

12:05pm

NO MASS

Thursday, Apr. 17 7:00pm Friday, Apr. 18 12:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm Satu<u>rday, Apr. 19</u> 8:30pm Sunday, Apr. 20 7:00am

~ Living and deceased members of William and Gertrude Schwindamann family ***HOLY THURSDAY*** ***GOOD FRIDAY*** ~ The Lord's Passion - St. Malachy ***HOLY SATURDAY*** ***EASTER SUNDAY*** St. Gregory and St. Malachy f Steve Mullen

10:30am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 14 5:30pm Seder Meal, Parish Hall <u>Thursday, Apr. 17</u> 8:15pm - 11:00pm Adoration in the Chapel Friday, Apr. 18 6:00am - 5:00pm ****NO ADORATION**** Saturday, Apr. 19 4:30pm - 5:15pm Confessions

CARLO ACUTIS MOVIE

On April 27th the first Millennial Saint, Carlo Acutis, will be canonized in Rome. On April 27th, 28th & 29th a movie about his life will be in theaters nationwide entitled Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality. "In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond the social media-addicted society we live in and offered an answer... if we're willing to listen." For more information and to watch the trailer, go to https://carloacutisfilm.com/.

Father Quentin is organizing a group to attend the showing on Monday, April 28th in Manhattan. A limited number of tickets are available to purchase in the parish office on a first come, first serve basis for \$15 each. Contact the parish office at 562-3302 if you have questions.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for April 6	\$	8,373.85
ACH for April 5th	\$	4,145.00
(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed	d ed	ach week)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 4/01/25).....\$182,858.60 Donations (since 4/01/25)...... (\$ 3,323.64) Total Contributions to Date\$7,932,739.79

(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

PARISH NEWS

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Feed

American Heritage Girls Troop KS-0007 is having their Annual Spaghetti Feed on Sunday, April 13th in the Parish Hall. They will be serving spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, cookies and tea or water from 11:30am - 1:30pm. All are welcome to come out and enjoy some good food. Free will donation.

Holy Thursday Offering

Each Holy Thursday we have an envelope for our parish giving with the title Holy Thursday Local Poor. I thought it would be good this year to describe what the collection from this envelope is used for. We counted up the number of people who have been helped since 2020. We have been able to help around 75 families over these years. Examples of things we have supported has been utilities, rent, hotel, medical, gas and other miscellaneous things. Please consider again a gift to this collection so we can continue to help when it is needed. Holy Thursday is a celebration of the first Eucharist. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving and is an experience of God's love for us. May this celebration of the Eucharist inspire deeper charity within us.

Easter Lily's

If you would like to have an Easter Lily in your loved one's name to decorate the church this Easter, please fill out the information on the back of your Easter Flower Envelope or contact the Parish Office. The suggested donation is \$30 per plant.

Choir Practice

We are looking for people interested in singing in the choir for Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday. This is a family choir so all ages are welcome to join.

Holy Thursday Choir will practice at 5:45pm on Holy Thursday prior to Mass at 7pm.

Easter Sunday Choir will practice at 9am on Easter Sunday prior to Mass at 10:30am.

Little White Book

Enjoying the Little Black Book during Lent? There's a new one for Easter season! The Little White Book contains six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Easter. They are available in the gathering space of the church for all to enjoy.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and concludes Saturday, April 26th. In private revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The novena can be accessed at www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php

Rice Bowls

If you picked up a Rice Bowl to fill during the Lenten season, please return it to the Parish Office or set it on the table in the gathering space of the church.

Wednesday, Apr. 16 † Richard Hansel ~ Stations of the Cross ~ The Lord's Passion [†]Rick Wilson ~ People of the Parishes of



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

<u> April Virtue of the Month – Honesty</u>

We continue to work on the virtue of honesty. Honesty can be one of the most difficult virtues we ever have to practice. Honesty can look like telling the truth even when you will get in trouble. It sounds like saying, "Yes, I did do that. I'm sorry." Do we try to cover up our bad decisions and mistakes with lies? Or do we tell the truth even when it's difficult?

Pray the following as a family.

Dear Jesus, You said, "I am the Truth" (John 14:6). You have made us for Truth because You have made us for Yourself! Help us to be honest in all that we say and do, that we may know true happiness in You. Amen.

St. Gregory Enrollment

The next Enrollment Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16 at 5:15pm in the parish hall. Returning families are required to attend the enrollment meeting to hear important information about our school and to

PRAYER LIST

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Short Term Health Issues: Steve LeSage, Dave Rethman, Mick Keating, Maria Espinoza, Marie Dwerlkotte, Frank Kwapnioski, Cambria Behrens, Nancy Vogelsberg-Bush, Denny Schell, Rich Bruland, Heidi Rutar, Bernice Nietfeld, Carly Cook, Chris Blanchard, Fred Lienemann, KayeLynn Kroeger

Long Term Health Issues: Lacey (Jones) Stevens, Sandy Schmitz, Christopher McCloud and the McCloud family, Kenny Wurtz, Mary Kay (Voet) Nold, Jolene O'Neal, Karen Rengstorf, Janel Weigel, Hudson Gartner, Kristi Meyer, Carol Howell, Phil Studer, Kathy Jueneman, Donna Sedlacek, Rick Thompson, Alice Murray, Pat Clark, Dorothy Peschel, Killian Gray, Steve Sawin, Torey Butler, Alan Wassenberg, Tony Evans, Mary Landoll, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek and Sami Kirkland.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

receive enrollment forms. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Mrs. Farrell at <u>kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org</u> to schedule a time to meet and hear the enrollment presentation. Thank you.

Save the Date

St. Gregory's Spring Program will be held on April 30th with show times at 10:00am and 7:00pm.

AREA NEWS

Palm Sunday, April 13th - *Knights of Columbus Dinner, Cigna Center, Frankfort, KS.* Serving pork tenderloin, green beans, roasted potatoes, roll, brownie and drink from *11am-1pm*. Free will donation. Everyone welcome.

Palm Sunday, April 13th - 4th Annual Presentation of Reflections on the Seven Last Words From the Cross at 7:00pm. St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Benedict, KS. An hour of reflection in Word and Song. No greater homily has ever been given than the one Jesus delivered when he mounted the pulpit of the Cross. He considered each of his seven last words to be worth what he suffered to give them to us. Join us on Palm Sunday evening as we accompany the Lord in his final hours. What was Jesus saying to you?

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 14	Olivia Richardson, Trace Beckmann, Elianna Sevilla
Apr. 15	Sharon Staggenborg (85 years)
Apr. 16	Michael Lyhane
Apr. 17	Don Landoll, Lyle Stohs
Apr. 19	Larry Pfeifer, Heather Monteil, August Nemec
Apr. 20	Dan Faulkner, Brandi Pretre, Thalia Barry, Terrence Hula

ANNIVERSARIES

- Apr. 17 Tom and Becky Schoenberger
- Apr. 19 Sam and Patti Wilson

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If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them at home, please call the Parish Office.

