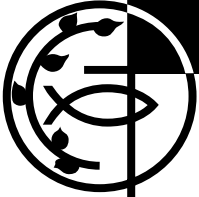


The Good News

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Holy Week and Triduum

Palm Sunday, April 17

Masses: Saturday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m.;
Sunday, April 17 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate the start of Holy Week with a joyful commemoration of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. Palm branches will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Holy Thursday, April 21

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(Mass): Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The four main elements of this holy night are the washing of feet, the collection of gifts for the poor, the celebration of the Eucharist, and the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament:

9:00-10:00 p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament is processed to the chapel after Mass and is available for individual prayer.

Evening Prayer: 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 22

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

(Liturgy of the Word): Friday, April 22
at 12:15 p.m.

This Liturgy commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus for the salvation of all. The Cross of Salvation is available for veneration.

Taizé Prayer: 7:30 p.m.

This ecumenical candlelit contemplative liturgy gathers the assembly around the Cross in prayer.

Great Vigil of Easter, April 23 **Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection**

(Mass): Saturday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

(no 5:00 p.m. Mass)

During this most sacred night, the community is invited to gather around the new Easter Light. The assembly listens to the story of salvation in word and song. This powerful liturgy renews the baptismal vows of those gathered and asks the assembly to recommit themselves to a life modeled after the life of Christ.

Easter Sunday, April 24

Masses: Sunday, April 24 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

These joyous and festive liturgies celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and a love that is stronger than death.

The Gift of Easter Beauty

You are invited to help us decorate the worship and gathering spaces for the Great Feast of Easter. 100% of your financial gift is used to purchase flowers and other decorations to accent the beauty of our newly renovated worship environment. A special insert will be included in a bulletin during the Easter season to commemorate your gift. Forms are available in the gathering space.

Renovation Update:

Old carpet removed
Pews removed
Sanctuary platform built
Risers built
Wall in chapel taken out
Gypsum board holders installed
Gypsum board in place
Trench for moving the sound system to rear of church complete
Areas created for those with mobility issues
New carpet is being installed in the church, the hall and the sacristy

The sanctuary will be level with, and extend to, chapel entrance. The crucifix in the chapel is being refinished to be hung in the church in front of the Tau cross, to show the relationship between the crucifixion and the resurrection. A free standing Tabernacle stand has been ordered. The baptismal font area will be leveled with a grate (to provide access to the motor); there will no longer be steps. The altar platform has been built out ten feet, and the steps will be deeper. The floor here will be wood. The tabernacle will be in the main worship space on the chapel side, with glass doors in the chapel for visual access.

We will have new carpeting in the hall, sacristy, chapel and church. There will be permanent hand rails on the platform, as well as around the organ pit. The stations of the cross have been removed and will be re-installed going around the church. Gypsum board is being placed on the wall behind the altar platform, and along the chapel and (former) stations of the cross walls. We have created two spaces in the back left area of the church, with improved sight lines, for those with mobility issues.

Financially, we are behind in collections. The project will cost no more than \$410,000, which includes rental of the sound system currently being used in the social hall. **We are not using operating funds to pay for this project.** We ask that you please fulfill your capital campaign commitment, otherwise we will need to use money we have in savings. This renovation is being done based on the financial commitments people have made. If you made a financial commitment to this project, and are now unable to keep it, please let us know.

Help for Our Brothers and Sisters in Japan

Japan has suffered great loss of life and displacement due to the powerful earthquake and tsunami. Catholic Relief Services is accepting donations for relief via www.crs.org/japan.

Congratulations

to the following students from St. Richard's Parish, who are on the Tri II Honor Roll at Academy of Holy Angels:

Meagan O'Connor	Jonathan Heath
Thao Do	Daniel Meyer
Anna Meyer	Matthew Spano
Matt Sharockman	Stephanie Vassar
Alexa Snow	Alexandra White

Happy Birthday!

Jo – April 9

We miss you! The Morning Prayer/Mass Group

St. Richard's Youth Group Needs Your Help

The next youth group event will include making VEAP Birthday Bags in April. Bags typically include cake mix, frosting, candles, party decorations, and a small inexpensive toy for a 1-12 year old. Please drop any of these items at the designated table in the Social Hall. The youth group (and VEAP) thanks you for your help! Please direct questions to Kristen Fuchs.

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!

The May edition will be published on Sunday, May 1. If you have Good News to share (an award, graduation, scholarship, birth announcement, birthday or anniversary, etc.), please call the parish office at 612-869-2426, or send an email to secretary@strichards.com.