

March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, Mar. 27 8:00 am	<u>Intention</u> Living and deceased members of the Kelly and Karasch extended families
Wednesday, Mar. 29 5:30 pm	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday, Mar. 30 8:00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Friday, Mar. 31 8:00 am	Birthday Blessings for Bernadine Metzger
Sunday, Apr. 2 10:30 am 5:30 pm	All Parishioners Declan Nashland <i>Palm Sunday</i>

St. Isidore Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Mar. 28 8:00 am	<u>Intention</u> Mr. Balling
Saturday, Apr. 1 8:00 am Latin	Happy repose souls of all priests
Sunday, Apr. 2 8:00 am	Libby Diericx <i>Palm Sunday</i>

Our Gifts to God and Our Parish

<u>Our Lady of the Holy Spirit</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>5:30pm</u>
General collection 3/12	\$3,520.	\$434.
Diocesan collections		40.
Preschool	750.	
General collection 3/19	\$1,822.	\$306.
Diocesan collections	503.	276.
Votive stand	106.	

<u>St. Isidore</u>	<u>8:00am</u>
General Collection 3/12	\$940.
Diocesan collections	100.
General collection 3/19	\$944.
Diocesan collections	217.

Thank you all for your devotion to our parishes

Decatur Area Widows and Widowers

The Decatur Area widows and widowers meet for lunch on the 3rd Thursday each month at 11:00 am. Questions please call JC Nashland 217-791-2710 or Vicky Wooten 217-864-3454.
Apr. 20: East End Grill (Airport) May 18: Whit's End

Mobile App: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit

Website: www.mtzolhs.org

Facebook: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church and St. Isidore Catholic Church – Bethany

**Email: pastor@mtzolhs.org secretary@mtzolhs.org
faithformation@mtzolhs.org youthministry@mtzolhs.org**

ONLINE GIVING Go to www.mtzolhs.org and click on the link under the Online Giving button.

FORMED.org The Catholic Faith on Demand. Sign up as a parishioner, it's free! Go to formed.org to get started

Life threatening emergencies please call 217-264-2868.

Remember your church in bequests and insurance policies.

Parish Council serves to advise the pastor/council about parish issues that arise.

Adoration at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel . Call Jan Mudd 217-864-5175

Adoration at OLHS on Mondays after 8am Mass until 9:30 Benediction is given at 9:25 am.

A locked dropbox is located by the parish office door for 24/7 drop of paperwork, registrations, collection envelopes, etc.

Traveling? In need of an area Mass times and place? Go to masstimes.org to find locations and times



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE **at OLHS**

Thursday March 30th 8am to 5pm, Friday March 31st 8am to 5pm, Saturday April 1st 8am to Noon! Drop off your items Sunday thru Wednesday March 26th-March 29th 8am to 8pm in the parish hall. Please refrain from large exercise equipment, older style tv's and computers. All else is welcome in selling condition. Call Mary Ann Beck with any questions. 217-620-7585

The Bethany Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the annual

Stations of the Cross in downtown Bethany at noon on Good Friday. Each church within the community will participate in the service as we walk to each station throughout the downtown. It will commence at the Free Methodist Church at 12 noon.

Don't forget about Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour at OLHS Thursday, March 30th. Stations begin at 6:30 pm. St. Isidore Stations last night is March 31st at 6:30 pm. These will be the last ones for the year. What a great way to prepare for Easter.

**Don't forget to listen to
Decatur Catholic Radio!**



On the Veiling of Statues

Today is traditionally called "Passion Sunday." The Church today descends a further step into Lenten mourning. Indeed, these last two weeks are often called "Passiontide" because of their proximity to the Passion (that is, the Suffering and Death) of our Savior Jesus Christ. From today until Easter, statues and crosses in the church are covered with purple veils. To show you the full significance of this, let us go back in time to before Lent began. I am going to describe the progression as it occurs in the Traditional Latin Mass, and that for two reasons. First, the progression is much more obvious, and second, because, having directed the chants of Holy Week for several years, I know the progression by memory, without looking anything up.

We begin on the third Sunday before Lent, Septuagesima Sunday. Here, the pre-lenten season begins. The color of the season turns from green to violet, and the Alleluia is suppressed. Nevertheless, it is not Lent, nor a season of fasting. The Church has begun the process of turning our eyes away from the glittering delights of the world and toward our own interiors and the Cross of Christ.

As we arrive at Lent, flowers are banished from the altar, and instrumental music is forbidden, except as may be necessary to support the singing (except on Rose Sunday, high feast days, and at Benediction). A second prayer is added after the Postcommunion prayer. The Lenten fast begins. Each weekday of Lent is given its own readings and prayers. Few feast days appear in the Church's liturgy during Lent, and of those that do, few take precedence over the Mass of the Lenten weekday. All of this breathes an atmosphere of penance and invites us to enter into ourselves, asking what we personally have done to crucify Jesus, to be sorry for it, to confess our sins, and to form a firm resolution to avoid sin in the future.

Passiontide brings the veiling of statues and crosses in the church. It also brings further curtailment of the joyful aspects of the liturgy. A whole new set of hymns is appointed for the daily office, different from the regular Lenten hymns. These are the *Vexilla regis* and *Pange lingua gloriosi lauream certaminis*, two of the most magnificent hymns in the Church's treasury. They relate not to penance, as did the Lenten hymns, but to the suffering and death of our Dear Lord Jesus Christ. When we reach the last three days of Lent, we crash straight up against the Passion. The daily office is abruptly stripped down to its primitive simplicity, and the eucharistic liturgies become strange and disorienting.

Certainly, Lent is a preparation for Easter, but first and unavoidably, it is a preparation for Good Friday. Our lives are like this, too. Sure, our life is a preparation for the Resurrection. But in the first place, our whole life has to be a preparation for Death because only a good death leads to heaven. "If I were to die today, what would my judgment be?" is the same question as, "Am I in a state of mortal sin?" This is a particularly Lenten question to ask ourselves, though we must never postpone it until Lent arrives. As Lent begins to close in on us, let us take advantage of the focus this offers our mind. Let us turn our eyes to the Crucifix. Let us ask ourselves about sin in our lives: what kind? when? how often? what can I do, with God's help, to root it out of my life? Let us make our confessions and establish our resolutions so that when our own Good Friday comes, our own Easter will follow as surely as dawn follows the night.

Lenten Regulations

1. Abstinence - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Fast - Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Sunday Confessions

I teach PSR classes on Sunday mornings before the 10:30 Mass. I am therefore unable to hear Confessions at 10:00 on the following Sundays: March 26; April 2, 16, 23, and 30. On all other days, we will have confessions at 10:00. (If you ask, I can hear your confession after Mass on the days I teach PSR.) --Fr. Stone



Holy Week Schedule

Thursday April 6th No AM Mass

Holy Thursday Mass at 6:30 pm and Adoration until Midnight

Friday April 7th No AM Mass

Good Friday Service at 3pm

Saturday April 8th No AM Mass

Holy Saturday Vigil 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday

8am Mass at St. Isidore

10:30 AM Mass at OLHS

No 5:30 pm Mass



SCHOLARSHIP for college tuition

The Mt Zion Knights of Columbus is offering one \$1500. scholarship towards college tuition. Qualifications include: must be a High School student graduating this year, son or daughter of a registered OLHS or St. Isidore parishioner, and submit form by April 16th. Forms are available in the office or on the website under the tab FLYERS. Go to www.mtzolhs.org. Return your form to the office via mail or the brown locked box outside the parish office.

2023 OLHS Council of Catholic Women \$1000 Education Scholarship

*Applicants must be:

~A current member of OLHS

~A HS graduate

~Student currently attending or enrolled to attend a junior college, college, or trade school fall of 2023.

Applications for this scholarship are available in the church vestibule, parish office, or by emailing secretary@mtzolhs.org.

Deadline to be considered for Scholarship is May 1st, 2023

2023 Annual St. Teresa Mega Raffle

Your chance to win **\$100,000**. Tickets are \$100. Buy a ticket now online at STTMEGA.com. Or email St. Teresa at: Advancement@stteressa.org. Increase your chances of winning by purchasing one of our ticket packages: Buy 2 tickets (\$200) and get ONE FREE; Buy 3 tickets (\$300) get two FREE; or buy 5 tickets (\$500) get FIVE FREE. Buy your ticket early to be a part of the SUPER EARLYBIRD drawing and you could win \$10,000, April 14th. This year's final drawing will be on Friday, May 26th. Visit www.sttmega.com for more information or to purchase your tickets now!

Did you miss our Eucharistic Miracles display? Here is a chance at another one.

Blessed Carlo Eucharistic Miracles Displays

Holy Family Parish Center

April 1: 9am-12pm and 5:30pm-7pm

April 2: 9am-1pm

Come view the Eucharistic Miracles from the Church's history at Holy Family Parish Center. The displays are from Blessed Carlo Acutis's Eucharistic Miracle website that he designed in the early 2000s. The displays feature history, pictures, and scientific research on the miracles.



St. Teresa Scholarships

Scholarship applications, for in-coming freshmen (2023/24 school year), to St. Teresa High School are available. These \$1,500 scholarships are provided by the 4th Degree KC of Decatur. Applications can be picked up in the OLHS parish office or call Steve Bowman (217-848-0843). Deadline for applying is May 1st, 2023.

Don't forget to vote for the Woman of Distinction Award for our parish. Flyers are in the back of the church.