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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 13, 2025

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of St. Andrew's Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of His living body, the Church, to bring the Kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, religious education, and service in our families, in our parish, and in our community.

We welcome all visitors to St. Andrew's Catholic Church this weekend. We hope you enjoy your stay in the Ozarks, and may God protect you on your trip home.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road." (Luke 19:36)

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck.

The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to "waste" money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of his kingdom..

— Father John Muir ©LPI

WEDNESDAY, APR. 16

11:00am Stations of the Cross

12:00pm Mass
+Frank Nixon

HOLY THURSDAY, APR. 17

5:00pm Mass
+John Majestic

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

4:00pm Stations of the Cross
5:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

EASTER SUNDAY, APR. 20

11:00am Palm Sunday Mass
SI - Marie Steagall



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To add or delete names from the prayer list, please send an email to saintandrewsyellville@gmail.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to St. Andrew's! For questions, call the office at 870-449-4850. You can now register online at:

www.osvhub/harrisoncatholicsta/directory/register.

FLOCKNOTE SIGN-UP

Stay updated on parish events! Visit

flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch or text

"flocking" to 84576. Contact Melissa Garrison at 870-449-4850 for help.

ONLINE GIVING

You can now make your tax-deductible contributions online! Visit:

www.osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicsta/giving/funds.

CCW RUMMAGE SALE

Last chance to do any spring cleaning in your home, attic, or garage.

CCW Annual Rummage Sale: Friday, **Apr. 25**: 8am to 5pm, and Saturday, **Apr. 26**: 8am to noon.

Drop-Off: Begins Monday, **Apr. 21**, 2pm to 5pm; then Tuesday & Wednesday, **Apr. 22 & 23**, 2pm to 5 pm; then finally Thursday, **Apr. 24**, 2pm to 6pm.

If you have heavy items, contact **Marcie Topf** or **Donna Zaerr** for help moving them from your vehicle to the hall. No electronics, please.

EASTER HONORARIUM AND MEMORIAL FLOWERS

+Jim Bell Sr.	+Dorothy LaRochelle
Dick Benjamin	+Eugene LaRochelle
+Don Benjamin	+John & Adeline Majestic
Doyle Benjamin	+The Mete Family
+Richard & Marietta Benjamin	+Frank Nixon
Vern Benjamin	+Barbara Neuweg
+Patrick P. Breuer	+Peggy Palmere
+Morris Buttner	+Jack Parnell
Canaan Darnell	+The Pollmann Family
Maureen Duhachek	+Glenn & Ardis Rastetter
+Raymond Garrison	John & Pat Seiler
+The Garrison Family	+The Selvocki Family
+Bernard Kohl	+Bill Spurlock
+The Kruep Family	+Bernie & son BJ Stark
Juanita Kruse	+Dorothy Tendall
+Ken & daughter,	Jan Tetmeyer
Karen Krzyzaniak	+Stephen & Elinore Triner

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Sign-up sheets for helping in the set-up for the Rummage Sale and help during the sale are located on the table in the hallway. Any time you can spare will be more than appreciated. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S

Palm Sunday, **Apr. 13** Mass at 11am
Holy Thursday, **Apr. 17** Mass at 5pm
Good Friday, **Apr. 18** Stations of the Cross 4pm,
Service at 5pm
Easter Sunday, **Apr. 20** Mass at 11am

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The *Marion County Ministerial Alliance* hosts Holy Week Worship and Luncheons at the Yellville United Methodist Church, **Apr. 14-18**, noon to 1pm. Lunch is served daily except Good Friday. St. Andrew's serves soup Apr. 4; Fr. Ben preaches Apr. 15. Donations welcome. Info: 870-449-4850.

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

Holy Week is the most sacred seven days each year in the Catholic Church. The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to "watch and pray."

On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday!

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PALM SUNDAY: JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first started using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation

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HOLY THURSDAY: JESUS WASHING THE FEET OF HIS DISCIPLES

Foot washing is an ancient practice of hospitality. In Israel in Jesus' day, with its deserts and dusty roads, washing of feet was an act of honor on the part of the host. However, the host himself would not do the washing. That was the role of the servant. The Apostles would have been accustomed to this tradition. At the Last Supper, Jesus takes on the role of the



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servant, washing the feet of his followers and friends. He models the humble, loving service to which the Apostles would soon be called.

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper. We celebrate many things, including the institution of both the Eucharist and the priesthood – *“This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.”* (Luke 22:19B). When the priest washes the feet of his parishioners, he is modeling the service of Christ. While foot washing is no longer a common practice in our society, we too are invited to imitate Christ’s sacrificial service to others

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GOOD FRIDAY: COMMEMORATES JESUS’ SACRIFICE OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, the most solemn day of Holy Week, commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ. It is a day of reflection, penance, and deep contemplation on the ultimate sacrifice made for the redemption of humanity. Catholics around the world participate in solemn liturgies, reflecting on our Lord’s redemptive suffering, venerating the Cross, and receiving Holy Communion. Catholics venerate the cross, symbolizing Christ’s sacrifice and our salvation. During the liturgy, the cross is presented, and the faithful are invited to venerate it through gestures of reverence such as kneeling, bowing, or kissing the cross. While we venerate the cross, our adoration is always directed toward God alone. As we participate in this solemn tradition, we are invited to reflect on Christ’s immense love for us and to renew our commitment to His message of salvation.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.

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HOLY SATURDAY: THE STILLNESS OF HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Thursday brings us the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we exalt the cross and commemorate the death of Jesus. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate! But what about the day in between? Between death and life, the time holds its breath. For the first disciples, Holy Saturday was a day of silence, sorrow, and waiting. But redemption is already beginning! Jesus descends to the dead and frees righteous souls awaiting eternal life. On our own Holy Saturdays, we too wait in silence. But it is not the silence of disappointment and confusion. It is the silence of anticipation. Soon and very soon, dawn will alight on the horizon, and the stone will be rolled back. Until then, we wait in stillness.

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EASTER TRIDUUM: A SACRED TRIAD

The Easter Triduum—which “begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper” on Holy Thursday, continues “through Good Friday with the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord... reaches its summit with the Easter Vigil, and concludes with Vespers [Evening Prayer] of Easter Sunday”—stands as the sacred triad culminating with the joyous celebration of Easter. It encapsulates the great mystery of Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection (Paschale Solemnitatis, no. 27).

Source: Catholic Answers, “Holy Week 2025 | Catholic Answers Guide to Holy Week”

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Second Sunday of Easter is the Feast of the Divine Mercy, or Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27, 2025). The Divine Mercy Novena is prayed nine days leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, beginning on Good Friday, April 18, 2025. Information on the Divine Mercy Novena is available in the vestibule.

THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Tuesday: Tax Day

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday