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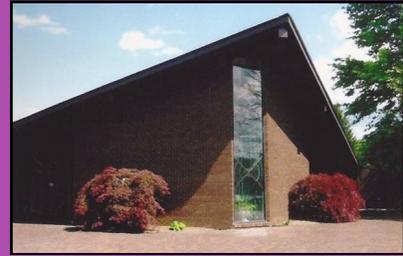
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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St Stephen Catholic Church, as a family of believers, is committed to pray, to teach, to study and to share our gifts and talent with those whose lives we touch daily. The mission of our Parish is to proclaim the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to build a loving, caring community.

## PARISH COMMITTEE & GROUP CHAIRS

Pastoral Council..... Nathan Douglas  
Finance Council..... Dave Warner  
Eucharist .....  
Liturgy ..... Jane Lake  
RCIA ..... Dave Warner  
Faith Outreach ..... Patrick Grace  
Music Director ..... Sharon Gross  
Director of Education..... Jessica Douglas  
C.W.I.T. .... Karen Fragale

March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday



Mass Intention  
People of The Parish



As we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we are reminded that Lent is coming to close and the Resurrection is nearing. In one week, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Pray that the Lord allow you to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and you may emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and charity.

**MUSIC 3-24-24**

<b>Readings</b>		<b>823</b>
<b>Outside</b>	<b>Hosanna to the Son of David</b>	
<b>GATHERING</b>	<b>Hosanna to the Son of David</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>Psalm 22</b>	<b>My God, My God</b>	
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>		
<b>PREPARATION</b>	<b>O Sacred Head Surrounded</b>	<b>297</b>
<b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>Behold the Lamb of God</b>	<b>295</b>
<b>SENDING FORTH</b>	<b>At the Name of Jesus</b>	<b>366</b>

<b>COLLECTIONS 3-17-24</b>	
Reg. Collection	\$ 1352.00
Loose	\$ 243.69
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
ECCHO	\$ 35.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 30.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Flowers	\$ 210.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1920.69</b>
<b>Attendance: 87</b>	

<b>READINGS 3-24-24</b>	
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Mark 11: 1-10</b>
<b>Reading I</b>	<b>Isiah 50:4-7</b>
<b>Reading II</b>	<b>Philippians 2:6-11</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mark 14:1-15:47( or Mark 15:1-39)</b>

<u><b>Altar Server Schedule</b></u>		<u><b>Cross Bearer</b></u>	
03/24	Emma Rowan	03/24	Owen Greenwell
03/28	Luke D Joey	03/30	Volunteer Needed
03/29	Volunteer Needed	03/31	Buddy Lake
03/31	Luke D Joey	04/07	Sal Barile
<u><b>Lector Schedule</b></u>		<u><b>Host Family</b></u>	
03/24	Joyce Moore and Paul Becker	03/24	John & Joyce Moore
03/28	Charlene Hawkins	03/30	Volunteer Needed
03/29	Martha Newby and Andy Footo	03/31	John & Kim Sang
03/30	Martha Newby and Dan Maloney	04/07	Dave & Cheryl Warner
03/31	Matt Williamson	04/14	Alan & Charlene Hawkins
<u><b>Collection Counters</b></u>		<u><b>Water Plants</b></u>	
03/24	Paula Grace & Karen Hale	03/24	Angie Hunt
03/31	Rick Sang & Karen Fragale	03/30	Carolyn Clonch
04/07	Cheryl Warner & Amy Neal	04/07	Angie Hunt
04/14	Elaine Conrad & Bobbi Car	04/14	Alan & Charlene Hawkins
<u><b>Eucharistic Minister</b></u>			
03/24	Charlene Hawkins	Andy Footo	Martha Newby
03/30	Volunteers Needed		
03/31	Irene Faller	Paul Becker	Diane Chandler
04/07	Daniel Moloney	Nico Orsini	Andy Footo
<u><b>Donut Pick-up</b></u>		<u><b>Kitchen Hospitality</b></u>	
03/24	Bruce & Bunny Boone	03/24	Linda Ore & Elaine Conrad
03/31	Tod Faller	03/31	John & Kim Sang
04/07	Dave & Cheryl Warner	04/07	Angela & Andy Footo

**March Birthdays**

14 Cohen Jordan  
 18 Marianne Cordle  
 21 Brian Cordle  
 28 Rex Newby



\* If we have the wrong date or have missed your birthday please let us know.

**March Wedding Anniversaries**

8 Karen & Gary Hale  
 26 Christine & Robert Anderson



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**Palm Sunday** is a moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The Feast commemorates Jesus' Triumphant entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four Gospels. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week, the last week of the Christian solemn season of Lent that precedes the arrival of Eastertide. A triumph was a ceremonial and celebratory procession through the streets of a city. The message of Palm Sunday is one of promise and absolute faith and the importance of believing God, prior to seeing final results. Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was foretold long before it happened. "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" (Zechariah 9:9)

Palm Sunday carries Christ toward the ultimate sacrifice of his life on the cross, whereby his sacrifice we are healed! Its central message is that God sees us and loves what he sees. The only requirement from us is that we welcome him and his peace, and exercise faith in his ultimate healing — on earth or in heaven. The Easter Triduum begins with the Vigil of Holy Thursday. It marks the end of the forty days of Lent and the beginning of the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, # 18) These last Forty Days were a time of preparation for these great Three days, which is what Triduum means. These three days lead us to an empty tomb and an Octave, eight days of celebrating the Resurrection. They also introduce an entire liturgical season, the Easter Season, which lasts for Fifty days until Pentecost.



## **Why should we participate in the Holy Week liturgy?**

It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience in our lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. No wonder Greek Orthodox Christians greet each other with the words, "*Kali Anastasi*" (Good Resurrection), not on Easter Sunday but on Good Friday. They anticipate the resurrection.

Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the divine life we received at Baptism. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

### **Holy Week**

**March 28th Holy Thursday 7:00 PM**

12 volunteers needed for foot washing

**March 29th Good Friday 7:00 PM**

Adoration until 10:00 PM

**March 30th Easter Vigil Saturday 8:00 PM**

**March 31st Easter Sunday 9:30 AM**



## NCAA Championship Game Square Board

- Championship Game Date is April 8th
- Squares are \$10 per square
- \$200 given away at the half
- \$300 final score
- Get Squares starting March 10th
- Sponsored by Finance Council



Finance Council Is collecting Gift Cards  
for a raffle basket to be  
given away at the  
**Parish Picnic on  
June 23rd.**

Please give cards to Linda Ore or Dave Warner or  
the Office Thank You for your support

**We will have visiting sisters from  
the Convent of St Elisabeth  
(Minsk, Belarus)  
on Friday , April 12th  
after the 9:00 AM Mass**

The sisters will have on hand beautiful religious handcrafts made in the workshops of the convent

Please take this special opportunity to support the sisters in their mission by purchasing items of devotion.

The Sisterhood of St Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Their mission is to take care of children and adults with mental and physical disabilities in boarding homes and patients of National Psychiatric Hospital.

### Monthly E.C.C.H.O. Items

*The generous will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.—Proverbs 22:9*

As a way to help fill the pantry shelves at E.C.C.H.O. we will be collecting a specific item each month. Please see the list below for the monthly items.

**March — boxes/packages of instant potatoes**

**April — eggs**

**May — pancake mix & syrup**

*Thank you for your generous support.*



## Easter Egg Hunt Following Mass Sunday March 31st



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sunday, March 24

MASS 9:30 AM

**People of the Parish**

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

Wednesday, March 27

Mass 9:00 AM

**People of the Parish**

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM

Friday, March 29

Good Friday 7:00 PM  
Adoration until 10:00 PM

Saturday, March 30

Vigil 8:00 PM

**Angelus**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and the hour of our death. *Amen*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Your word. Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray:** Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross, we may be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. *Amen*

**Please keep in your Prayers**



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| Sr. Mary Grace Barile   | Joyce Moore          |
| Sharon Childers         | Rod & Linda Post     |
| Carolyn Clonch          | Fred Ramsey          |
| Brian & Marianne Cordle | Angela Rimmer        |
| Fr. Harry Cramer        | John & Hazel Sang    |
| Alec Cyrus              | Rick Sang            |
| Alice Layne Daniel      | Kay Scites           |
| Beth Porter Duke        | Vincent Serock       |
| Jim Stewart             | Avery Sweat          |
| Denny Henderson         | Heather Mills Henson |
| Rhonda Vance            | Cleve & Angie Hunt   |
| Clara Worst Schulte     | Marge Kaib           |
| Gary Zuccarelli         | Angela Lewis         |
| Steve Linville          | Cherie Mattke        |
| Rick Erwin              | Ruth Angle           |

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Upcoming Events**

- 03/28 Holy Thursday 7:00 PM—foot wash volunteers needed
- 03/29 Good Friday 7:00 PM— Adoration until 10:00PM
- 03/29 Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land
- 03/30 Easter Vigil 8:00 PM
- 03/31 Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Collection for Holy Land
- 03/31 Easter Egg hunt following Mass

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

If you would like to become member of our parish, please remove this portion of the page and fill out the following information. You may place it in the collection basket, mail it, or bring it to the parish office

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

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to the church. Please fill out the information  
and drop envelope in the collection basket or  
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may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services  
at 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual  
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