



The Fifth Sunday of Lent April 07, 2019

WHY COVER THE CRUCIFIX AND STATUES?

It has long been the custom to cover statues and crosses during the latter part of Lent through Holy Week. The origin of this probably derives from a German custom from the ninth century, of extending a large cloth before the altar. This cloth hid the altar from the faithful during Lent and was not removed until the reading of the Passion at the words "the veil of the temple was rent in two." Some say there was a practical reason for this practice insofar as the often-illiterate faithful needed a way to know it was Lent. Also, in ancient times many of the crosses in churches were covered with jewels. These crosses were covered, along with the statues, to help people meditate more on the sufferings of Jesus.

PALM SUNDAY

Weather permitting, next Sunday the 10:30 Mass will begin at 10:15 at the Marian Grotto for the procession of Palm Branches. Please make plans to join us for this wonderful tradition.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please take note of our Holy Week Schedule listed below.

Holy Thursday Mass	6:00 PM
Good Friday Stations:	3:00 PM
Good Friday Liturgy:	6:00 PM
Easter Vigil Mass:	7:30 PM
Easter Sunday Mass:	8:00 AM
Easter Sunday Mass:	10:30 AM

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER IN THE BIG EASY

Thank you to all our fabulous volunteers for making our live and silent auction a success! Special thanks to Kristy Harper for serving as our chair, and all the others who stepped up to help make this a fantastic night! Teachers, faculty, parents, students, and parishioners; thank you for supporting our wonderful school. **Special thanks to our sponsors:** In Memory of Adam Clark, In Memory of Diane Muscat, In Honor of Diane Muscat, Randy & Muree Adams, Dr. & Mrs. Steven Alsip, Betbeze Realty Co., Inc., Charlie & Beth Bowen, Cain Electric, Danny & Catherine Clark, Frank & Susan Cunningham, Victor & Mary Frances Giattina, Daniel & Kristy Harper, Ben & Valerie Heintz, Ben & Sue Jordan, Rick & Cassandra Kilpatrick, Mobile Area Chimney Sweeps, Moe's Southwest Grill, George & Winnie Naman, Dr. & Mrs. Pat Nolan, Benjamin Pelham, Woodie & Beth Perkins, Murray & Ann Pridgeon, Royce & Michelle Ray, Sammy & Kay Smith, Ms. Karen Stuardi, What-a-burger, and George & Judy Wonson.

SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Our Youth Group is hosting a scrap metal drive in April to raise funds. Any metal objects you may have for disposal could help their cause. Likewise, unwanted silver or gold objects could be donated.

A large metal container will be located near our school dumpsters for objects to be dropped. Please bring more valuable metals to the parish office. We would be happy to pick up heavier objects- appliances, office equipment, etc. Please call the parish office (471-2449) so we can arrange a time.

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR HOLY WEEK volunteers are in the back of the church. Please take a moment to volunteer for this very holy time of year.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sunday	07 Apr	Catechetical Mtg.
Sunday	14 Apr	No Meeting

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday	Saint Julia Billiard
Tuesday	Saint Gaucherius
Wednesday	Saint Fulbert
Thursday	Saint Stanislaus
Friday	Saint Gemma Galgani
Saturday	Saint Julius


HOLY MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

04/06 SAT	8:00 AM	Clay Crutcher
	4:00 PM	Nancy Cummins
04/07 SUN	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Josette Zoghby
04/08 MON	6:30 AM	Communion Service
	8:00 AM	Clarence Keller
04/09 TUES	6:30 AM	James Delaney
	8:00 PM	Catherine Cooney
04/10 WED	6:30 AM	Sr. Mary Laurence Ortmann
	8:00 AM	Don and Cheryn Wall (L)
04/11 THUR	6:30 AM	Margurite Odom
	8:00 AM	Marcelle Mullen
04/12 FRI	6:30 AM	Richard Wampler
	8:00 AM	Beth Perkins (L)
04/13 SAT	8:00 AM	Bonnie Gaudet (L)
	4:00 PM	Parishioners
04/14 SUN	8:00 AM	Doris Cox
	10:30 AM	Mitchell Zoghby


RIESE CLUB

The Riese Club is for seniors 55+. Please join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am in the Sarto Center. Please call Art Crooker at 478-5406 for information. **April Activities- Lunch**, This Tuesday, at China Doll Restaurant. Please call Cecelia Luker (377-9218). **Casino**, Tuesday, April 23, a bus trip to the Palace Casino. Bus leaves Wal-Mart parking lot at 9:00 am and returns by 4:00 pm. Please call Mary Jane at 445-2670.

EASTER FLOWERS

 Easter Flower envelopes are in your pew backs. Please make use of them if you wish to have your loved ones remembered at Mass. The envelope will be placed upon the Altar during the Easter season.

SAINT PIUS X MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

 Save the date for **Saturday, June 1** for our 16th Annual Parish Memorial Golf Tournament. If you or your business would like to participate in or sponsor the tournament, please call the parish office at 471-2449.

The Week Ahead

<u>MON</u>	5:30 PM	Saint Vincent de Paul / FLC
<u>TUES</u>	7:00 AM	Men of Saint Joseph / Sarto
	6:00 PM	RCIA Practice
<u>WED</u>	9:00 AM	Legion of Mary / FLC
<u>THUR</u>	9:00 AM	Bible Study / Sarto
<u>FRI</u>	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
	5:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry / FLC
<u>SUN</u>	9:00 AM	Donut Social / Sarto
	11:30 AM	Donut Social / Sarto



POPE FRANCIS

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

Universal Doctors and their Collaborators in Torn

Areas: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war-torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE /MARCH 06 - APRIL 14

Saint Pius X stands in prayer across from Planned Parenthood on Downtowner Boulevard on Thursdays from 6:00am until 6:00pm.

LENTEN FISH FRY & FELLOWSHIP

The Saint Pius X Knights of Columbus invite you to join your fellow parishioners for our last two Lenten fish fry's. Come have Friday night supper with your parish family in the Family Life Center beginning at 5:30pm.

GIVING THANKS WHEN YOU SHOP

Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers on our bulletin and website. Through their participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletin and website free of charge.

Please pray for those serving in the military



Jason Ackley, Kathy Ackley, Reeves Adams, Mayra Barton, Paul Beagle, Kyle Castleberry, Steven Chason, James, Joel, Joseph and Jeremy Crunk, Bowen Cummings, Rick Damell, Stephen Darring, Tristan Deaton, Joshua Douglas, Michael Duval, Patrick Gaudet, Michael Guidry, Joseph Hartman, Father Paul Halladay, Eric Jaet, Nicholas Jaet, Ollie Jaet, Christopher Jennings, Bradley Kramer, Richard Kramer, Robert Kurts, Reade Loper, Josh Mason, Christopher McDonald, Richard McElhaney, Matthew McGraw, Sr., Liz Naman, Mark Neno, Jr., Stephen O'Donnell, Michael Papa, Kyle Reeves, Erich Schnee, Dominick Stokley, Mark Strong, Oliver & Annie Stuardi, Tyler Uteg, Rico Velacruz, Jr., Eric Williams, Jason Wilson.

Please call the church office to add someone to the military prayer list. Names are kept on the list until they come home.



Regular Collection Last Week.....\$7,780.89
Roof Fund Donations to Date.....\$164,902.99
Special Collection Next Week....Church in Eastern Europe