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Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM
5:15 PM (Spanish)

Confessions:

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Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

From Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick:

As we enter the most sacred time of both the liturgical and calendar year, let us remember God gave us His Son so that we could be taught, forgiven, and redeemed. Mercy and love are gifts that are offered to us by God, and it is incumbent upon us to receive them with gratitude, humility and firm purpose if we desire what He promises. Christ, the Son of God foretold through the prophets and throughout the Old Testament, became Incarnate to reconcile humanity to His Divinity. He inaugurates a new and eternal covenant that promises as it heals, and gives us a way to live in the world while we anxiously await the next. Such is the Goodness and Truth of God.

Yet, we cannot overlook the victimhood of Christ. He suffered, dreadfully. In our quest and desire for holiness, we must not forget that in order to grow in His likeness, we must suffer at times with Him, and for Him. Most often, our suffering takes the form of doing the right thing and really trying to live the Gospel in the course of daily events. We suffer by forgoing the conveniences or demands of the world when they contradict His simple Commandments. We suffer in and for Christ when extraordinary events overtake us as well. Our suffering is integral to our path toward Heaven.

Jesus Christ was sent by the Father in time to lead us to eternity. He has made death a consequence of time, not eternity, by confronting death in His immortality so that we can be like Him in all things. By indulging ourselves in the things of God, His gifts are made reality. This is the beauty and power of the New Covenant. The invitation has been written on our hearts, and by answering it, we find light and true life.

Even if we feel that Lent has been a bust up to this point, now is surely the time to enter into the mystery of our Redemption by spending this week in fasting, prayer and alms-giving. Go to Confession, remembering how the thief next to Jesus was received into paradise despite the late hour of his plea. The joy we are called to experience at Resurrection of Christ celebrated next week will be the fruit of our efforts and suffering for the grace of Christ.

We enter into the Sacred Triduum, the most sacred and holy three days of our religious year. Encompassing the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ our Savior, we are beckoned by the Church to suffer, mourn and rejoice with Christ, our Head. It is through Him that our own life and mortality is put into perspective, and to meditate more deeply on the reason He underwent the trial, torment, and death He suffered: only because of His love for us.

These three days observe the greatest mysteries of our Redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of our Lord crucified, buried, and risen. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the establishment of the new, eternal covenant through the Eucharist, and signifies the advent of the priesthood. This Mass is undertaken in solemn thanksgiving for the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ Himself.

At the Evening Mass, the washing of the feet of the Apostles is revisited in our own community as we commit ourselves to Christ's command to love one another as He has loved us. This command is ratified in the celebration of the Eucharist. At the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament, in procession, is taken with due solemnity to the altar of repose in our chapel, where we, as the faithful, are encouraged to pray. The altar in the Nave is stripped, in memory of Christ's brutal suffering and left bare until the Easter Vigil.

The Friday Passion of Our Lord is comprised of the Liturgy of the Word with the Gospel of the Passion of Our Lord according to John, concluding with the Solemn Intercessions. The Solemn Intercessions reflect the mission of the Church to pray always for the salvation of souls and the world. The Veneration of the Cross, a tradition since the earliest days of the Church, expresses in deep solemnity the Cross of Christ, the altar of His sacrifice and the instrument of our Redemption. The Liturgy concludes with the reception of the Eucharist and silent dismissal.

On Holy Saturday, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on His Passion and death as we await His Resurrection.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, a most ancient tradition along with the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, is the preeminent and most noble of all Solemnities we observe as Church. The Lucernarium, or the blessing of the fire and preparation of the Paschal candle, has a direct connection to the act of Creation itself, as retold in the Old Testament readings after the Easter Proclamation, or Exsultet is sung.

After the Old Testament readings, the Nave is illuminated, altar candles are lit, and the Gloria is taken up by all as the bells are rung in exultation of the Risen Lord. After the proclamation of the Gospel and homily, the Baptismal and Confirmation rites for our RCIA candidates takes place as the sign and symbol of the fruitfulness of Christ's sacrifice. This year we are privileged to baptize one adult and welcome three candidates into Full Communion with the Church. Included in the Rites of Baptism and Confirmation is our own renewal of Baptismal promises.

The Sacred Triduum begins with great solemnity and concludes with great joy. Yet, this joy continues throughout the fifty days of the Easter Season. Let us pray well as the People of God, recognizing our salvation has been won by the sacrificial love of Christ.

RE and Discipleship Programs:

Steubenville July 2024 STM is looking to partner with surrounding parishes to take a bus of High School students to Steubenville Rochester. The dates are July 12-14. Contact coordinator@stmbrookings for more info.

D-Camp Registration is Open Calling to all Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers! D-Camp registration is open! For registration and more info go to <https://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/>

Living Station Perforation: This Wednesday March 27th, at 7:15pm in the main sanctuary, STM high schoolers will be performing the living stations. All are invited to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to attend as we enter into the Triduum.

Religious Education: This coming week, March 27th, there will be no Elementary Religious Education, Middle School EDGE, Lifeteen, or Confirmation.

Holy Week Schedule in the Pastorate:**Holy Thursday:**

St. Thomas More, Brookings 7:00PM

Good Friday:

St. Thomas More, Brookings 12:10PM
(Station of the Cross)

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elkton 12:00PM

St. Thomas More, Brookings 3:00PM

St. Francis DeSales, Estelline 3:00PM

St. John, Arlington 6:00PM

St. Paul, White 7:00PM

Easter Masses:

St. Francis DeSales, Estelline 8:30AM

St. Thomas More, Brookings 8:30 AM

St. Paul, White 8:30 AM

St. John the Evangelist, Arlington 10:30AM

St. Thomas More Brookings 10:30AM

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elkton 12:30PM

Men's Rosary: Monday March 25th there is a rosary held in the chapel at 7:00pm praying for vocations and for the men in our parish. All men are welcome. Fellowship to follow.

Women's Rosary Group: Next Rosary is Monday April 1st held in the chapel at 7:00pm. All women are welcome. Fellowship to follow.

Group Study Opportunity : All are invited to join us for a book study: Saint Paul by Pope Benedict XVI on Thursdays from 10:30 am-11:30 am in Office Conference Room. Cost is \$14.00 for book. Study begins April 4 and will end on May 16.

VOLUNTEERS Needed for Easter Decorating(Adults) : Saturday, March 30, 12:30pm. Questions please call 605-690-0756.

Confessions Times Holy Week:

Sunday March 24 1:30pm Communal Penance
Tuesday March 26 Noon & 4:30pm
Wednesday March 27 4:30-5:45pm
Thursday March 28 Noon

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

24	Sun	1:30PM	Communal Penance
25	Mon	7PM	Men's Rosary-Chapel
26	Tues	9-11AM	Mom's Group- Couch Room
26	Tues	4PM	Study Group- Room C
26	Tues	6:15PM	Adult RE (RCIA)- Social Hall
26	Tues		No Rosary Makers
27	Wed	5:30PM	Adult Choir- Sanctuary/Room C
27	Wed	7:15PM	Living Stations -Sanctuary
28	Thurs	10:30AM	Study Group- Office Conf. Room
28	Thurs	5:30-6:30PM	Family Mission- Social Hall
28/29	Thurs/Fri	Holy Thurs	No Morning Mass or 24hr Adoration
28	Thurs	8PM-12AM	Altar Repose Vigil
29	Fri	Noon	Office Closing at Noon
30	Sat	9AM	RCIA Practice

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

23	Sat	5:00PM	Holly Almhjeld †
24	Sun	8:30AM	Int of Harry & Ruth Zins
24	Sun	10:30AM	John Fink †
24	Sun	5:15PM	For the people (Spanish)
25	Mon	7:00 AM	NO MASS
26	Tues	5:15PM	Calvin Gramm †
27	Wed	12:10PM	Juliann Moeckly † School Mass
27	Wed	5:15PM	Mary Gebhart Moore †
28	Thurs	7:00PM	Priest of the Diocese Holy Thursday
29	Fri	12:10PM	Stations of the Cross Good Friday
29	Fri	3:00PM	Passion of the Lord Good Friday
30	Sat	8:00PM	Kenny Spotts † Easter Vigil
31	Sun	8:30AM	Mary Moore †
31	Sun	10:30AM	Robert Foster †
31	Sun	5:15 PM	For the people (Spanish)

	Memorial, Feast, or Solemnity	Readings
Mon.	Monday of Holy Week	Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
Tues.	Tuesday of Holy Week	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed.	Wednesday of Holy Week	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thur.	Thursday of Holy Week	Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26
Fri.	Friday of the Pas- sion of the Lord (Good Friday)	Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat.	Holy Saturday	Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a,18-28

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct. St. Agnes #618 Scholarship:

1-\$1000 scholarship for a graduating senior or incoming freshman at a university, college or vocational school.
1-\$1000 scholarship for an upperclassman attending a university, college or vocational school.
Applicants must have a parent or family member that is a member of St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings. Applications may be picked up at St. Thomas More Parish Office. Due Date is April 26, 2024. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, principal and/or parish member are required. Transcripts of grades for upperclassmen must be furnished along with the application form.

Counter Schedule March 31st

Wally Stuck, Michele Sage, and Mike Monnens

Last Week's Donations

From March 14-20, 2024

Weekly Budget \$ 14,942.31 Year to Date \$ 567,807.78
Weekly Giving \$ 17,830.50 Year to Date \$ 643,871.72
Last Year's Giving July-March \$ 631,170.27

CFSA: Goal: \$ 162,200

Amount Pledged:104,855

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: CGS Catechists Needed: "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Catholic religious education program for 3-12 year old children. CGS uses hands-on materials to assist the child in knowledge of liturgy and scripture. Children meet weekly in a specially prepared environment called an atrium. In the atrium adult catechists present materials to children, either individually or in a small group allowing them to work with and meditate on scripture, liturgy and the life of the church. They learn through relationship, prayer, and discussion. Because the children are able to return to the work as often as they choose which is immersed in scripture, it becomes a form of Lectio Divina or contemplative prayer for them." We want to bring CGS back to STM, but we need people to get trained to help with this. If you are interested in getting trained or interested in being in the classroom as an aid, please let Natalie know coordinator@stmbrookings.org.

Welcome! New to Brookings or have you been coming to St. Thomas More for a while but not a member? You can join our St. Thomas More Church family by contacting the parish office and filling out a short form. Contact us today at 605-692-4361

Don't forget that we have "**hearing devices**" located on the table between the doors of the Church. You can use the provided headphones, or bring your own set. Also, there are two "neckloop telecoil couplers" that will transmit the sound directly into one's hearing aid.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Corine Thomas, Mother of Paul Thomas. May Corine and all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Easter Memorial Flowers:

If you would like to give a donation for Easter flowers or a memorial, please do so by enclosing your gift with a note indicating for whom and from whom. You may drop it off in office or place it in the collection marked Easter flowers memorial. If you prefer to give online, go to stmbrookings.weshareonline.org.

Holy Week March 28– 31, 2023

	Thurs., 7:00 PM March 28	Fri., 12:10 PM March 29	Fri., 3:00 PM March 29	Sat., 8:00 PM March 30	Sun., 8:30 AM March 31	Sun., 10:30 AM March 31
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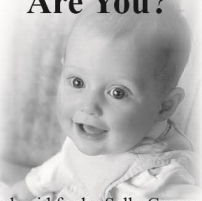
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