# SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



MARCH 24, 2024 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH 38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday at 8:30 am WEEKEND MASS: Sunday at 9:00 am

ST. GILES CHURCH 1045 COLUMBIAN AVENUE, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES (THIS WEEK ONLY): Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 am; Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:30 am;

PLEASE SEE PAGE 4 FOR FULL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE.

## Fr. Carl's Corner



I hope all had a chance to read my letter in last week's bulletin or on the website or in E-news. If you did not read it, please be sure you take the time to go back and do so as it helps clarify any uncertainty about the road ahead.

Today, Palm Sunday, we journey into Holy Week and the most sacred rituals and celebrations of our liturgical year. If there is a single day on the liturgical calendar that illustrates the dissonance at the heart of our faith, it is Palm Sunday. More than any other, this festive yet ominous and complicated day

of palms and hosanna banners warns us of that. The paradoxes we might not like or want are woven right into the fabric of Christianity - God on a donkey, dying to live, a suffering king, Good Friday. These paradoxes are what give Jesus' story its shape and texture, calling us at every moment to hold together truths that seem bizarre and irreconcilable. We live in a world full of pain and suffering, mystery and contradiction. Our religion is able to bear the weight of our messy world.

To this point, Frederick Buechner, a Presbyterian minister, wrote, "Despair and hope. They travel the road to Jerusalem together, as together they travel every road we take. In the end my solace is this: it is not that I hold paradox, it's that paradox holds me. I am held and braced by a God who is too big for thin, one-dimensional truths – even my own cherished one-dimensional truths."

#### I offer this beautiful prayer for reflection:

Humble Jesus who rides into our cities, who draws near to our lives. We too rise to greet you, to shout our hosannas, to feel life stir within us, to sense hope quickening in our hearts.

For you are a great God, a compassionate ruler, a loving friend, a wise counselor.

But deep in the distance in some far corner of our being, we fear your arrival.

For you gently offer us a choice, and to choose you means letting go of jealous resentments,

our private wars against others and our timid acceptance of ourselves.

Like the people of Jerusalem, we discover you are more than we first thought.

Beyond loud hosannas you ask for our obedience and our worship. And we are learning, piece by piece, to turn that over to you.

This day, this week, move us into deeper levels of ourselves.

Let us feel again your pain of that last week.

Let us touch our own wounds, trusting you.

Easter is the sign of new hope for us. Amen.

EASTER IS THE SIGN OF HOPE FOR US!! Where do we need to take this to heart in our families, our community, and the challenging situations in our lives, as we journey together building a new reality who we are as church?

Please pay attention to ALL our Holy Week Services being offered at each of our parish worship sites. Plan to join us for these beautiful liturgies which are at the heart of our faith.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.



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## Spiritual Life & Worship

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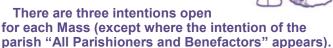
Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jessica Scanlon Bailey, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Marissa Becker, Kyle Becnel, Joe Bigliotti, Baby Sofia Rose Bond, John Botti, Danita Bowie, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Herbert Breidenbach, Melissa Brumund, Pat Burke, Susan Cadero, Phil Calabrese, Patrick Cibula, Jim Cimms, Ray Cimms, Patricia Crotty, Lucille Dalbis, Bill DeBiase, Judy DesLauriers, Andrea Dickson, Virginia Evans, Wanda Farmer, Mike Fenske, Carla Michelle Rodas Ferreira, Katherine Fisher, Mary Ellen Frank, Paul Frauenfelder, Earl Gallermo, Jack Gallo, Michael Gallo, Sr. Regina Gallo, Marcial Gomez, Baby Michael Haiduke, Jennifer Hanna, Deborah Harris, Maggie Astacio Hedges, Paul Hefner, Deacon John Henricks, Bill Holmes, Ben Houghton, Ginny Jones, Phillip Jones, Joe Karas, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Pat Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kimberly Lester. Gabriela Rodriguez Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Lynne Tallon Matassa, Patricia McDonald, Leolina Rodriguez Meira, Sebastian Mitchell, Willa Montgomery, Anne Muldihill, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Amelia Patterson, Mary Phillips, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Tom Rezek, Lillian Ricci, Paul Schleitwiler. Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Maureen Sloan, Nick Sorrentino, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Samantha Struett, Sarah Such, Joann Taylor, Maria Vaccaro, Shirley Venerable, Nancy Wesclitz, Nichol Williams, LaShonda Wilson, Brenda

(Names will be periodically removed from this listing in the bulletin and also from the list of recurring intersessions spoken at weekend Masses. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the parish office to include someone on this prayer list or to request inclusion in the weekend Mass intercessions, or to request a Prayer Shawl.)

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died.

## **Mass Intentions for 2025**

Those wishing to schedule a Mass for the intention of someone who has died or for special intentions may come to the Parish Center to do so. Masses will be scheduled on a first-come basis.



All Holy days and all holidays are designated for the intentions of the parish; no individual intentions may be added to those days.

Open dates for Mass intentions are still available in the 2024 Mass Book. Please contact the Parish Center with any requests that you may have.

## Mass Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

#### **TRIDUUM**

#### Holy Thursday, March 28

Morning Prayer - 8:30 am at St. Giles Church

Mass of the Lord's Supper - \*7:00 pm at St. Giles Church with the Adult Choir and the Handbell Choir Adoration until Midnight Night Prayer - 11:45 pm

#### Good Friday, March 29

Morning Prayer - 8:30 am at St. Giles Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - \*3:00 pm at St. Giles Church with the Adult Choir

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church with the Praise Choir

Living Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm at St. Giles Church with the Teen Choir

Family Mass Community Good Friday Prayer Service with Silent Passion - 7:30 pm in the St. Giles School Gym

#### Holy Saturday, March 30

Morning Prayer - 8:30 am at St. Giles Church Blessing of Easter Food - 11:00 am at St. Giles Church and at 1:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church

Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter - 7:00 pm at St. Giles Church Initiation of New Members (No 4:30 pm Mass at St. Giles Church)

#### Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunrise - **6:00** am in the St. Giles Courtyard (weather permitting, otherwise in Church)

\*8:00 am and 10:30 am at St. Giles Church

9:00 am at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church with the Adult Choir.

10:00 am Family Mass Community in the St. Giles School Gym

\*These Masses will be livestreamed.
Please see our Lenten events website,
tinyurl.com/2024OakParkLent,
for a complete listing of offerings
across the greater community,
or our parish website, www.stgilesparish.org,
for further information.

#### **WEDDING BANNS**

I Lindsey Collier and Dominick Rauba
II Kimberly Truppa and Gino Casciola



## Praying the Rosary on Zoom Fridays at 7:00 pm

Join Deacon Kevin and Marci Morgan on Zoom to pray the Rosary on Friday evenings.

https://us02web.zoom.us/ Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490 Passcode: 634955



## The Triduum

This week we enter a holy time. We come together, from all of our diverse backgrounds and communities, to walk with Christ as one family of faith.

## Holy Thursday, 7:00 pm: St Giles Church



Tonight, after hearing the scriptures, we wash each other's feet. We respond to Christ's command: Love One Another. As we participate in or witness the footwashing, we are reminded of the great love of Christ, and his call to us in this **profound act of love and service**. Then, united ever more firmly in love, we are called to the Table. "Do this in memory of me." **Finally, we are called to the garden—we process with Christ in the Eucharist to the altar of repose.** We place our candles beside the altar. "Stay with me, remain here with me."

## Good Friday: Multiple Opportunities for Prayer and Adoration (see the full schedule)

Good Friday dawns, and the cross becomes the central figure. We hear the story of the Passion, and we respond in trust by lifting up the needs of the world in the ancient form of the intercessions dating back to the early church. Then, we adore the cross—no longer a symbol of pain but a symbol of amazing, astounding, love. On Good Friday, we have multiple ways at all the worship sites that we can spend time with Christ remembering his Passion and Death, including Living Stations with the teens.



## Easter Vigil, 7:00 pm: St Giles Church



All day Saturday, we wait. We now come to the Easter Vigil with great expectation. *This is the night* we gather outside as the light of the new fire is blessed, the fire that will shine for us throughout the Easter Season and at every baptism and funeral. *This is the night* that we hear and sing the Exsultet that proclaims our redemption and calls us to recognize the power of this night. *This is the night* that we listen to the scriptures that tell our salvation history—from creation to resurrection. *This is the night* we ask all the saints to stand with us as we bless the baptismal waters. *This is the night* that we initiate new members into our church. *This is the night* that we celebrate the great Easter Eucharist.

These nights of the Triduum are profound and like no other time of our liturgical year. Come in person with your whole family. Children will be mesmerized by the sights and sounds of these liturgies! Continue your celebration at home with our home activities found on the website. May we all draw closer to the Risen Christ through our participation in these liturgies—renewed, strengthened, and inspired.



## Some more FAQs of Holy Week!

## •What do I do with the Palms from Palm Sunday?

You can place them behind a crucifix in your home or office. Some braid them into crosses and use them as decorations on their own! The palms remind us all year of the great love that God has shown. Next year, as we near Lent, the palms will be burned for ashes.

## •Aren't the Holy Week liturgies better for adults?

No! It's true, the Holy Week liturgies are mostly in the evening, and they tend to be longer than a typical Mass because of the special customs that happen during the liturgies. But those customs—waving palm branches, washing of the feet, the lighting of the Easter fire, the special processions—are so different and interesting, which can captivate kids (and adults!) All are welcome, always.

## •Why do we bring in jars of oil on Holy Thursday?

These oils have been blessed by the Bishop, and distributed to all the parishes for the sacraments. We use these oils all year for anointing the sick, those who are being baptized, and those who are being confirmed. The oil and these sacraments, a tangible sign of God's love, are celebrated with a special procession and movement. If you receive one of those sacraments this year—this is the oil that will anoint *you*.

## •Do I really have to get my feet washed?

While all are invited to have their feet washed—and wash other's feet—no one is forced to. We participate fully by praying and singing during the footwashing. The washing of the feet is a powerful sign of our love for each other. Sometimes, it is difficult to allow someone else to wash your feet. Sometimes, you might feel awkward washing the feet of someone you don't know. These are natural reactions. But—if we take a deep breath and put aside our awkwardness and fear—we may find God in this act that echoes the very love that Jesus showed his disciples.

## •Why are there so many intercessions on Good Friday?

Good Friday is the sacred day where we remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. Catholics celebrate Good Friday as a day of solemn prayer. As part of that, the intercessions in the Good Friday liturgy encompass prayers for the entire world, united with the cross.

## •Why are there so many readings during the Easter Vigil Mass?

As we wait for the dawn of Easter Sunday, we gather in the dark and listen to the story of God working throughout all of history. We read specific selections, read in every church this night, that lift up the amazing love of God bursting into the world.

These are only some of the special things that happen during Holy Week. If you have any other questions about the liturgies and customs of Holy Week, please email them to <a href="mailto:together@stgilesparish.org">together@stgilesparish.org</a>, or ask someone at church this week! Let's discover the answers together.

## Spirit and Light Collaborative

## A DAY AT THE RACES



3501 S. Laramie Stickney/Cicero, IL 60804

Join us for a fun afternoon of conversation, food and excitement at the track!

April 21 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm



\$55.00 a Person (includes buffet, 1 drink ticket and a \$2.00 betting voucher)

Click on QR code to register. Visit Ascension or St. Giles Parish office to pay cash or check.

## Proceeds benefit SPIRIT and LIGHT

## St. John of the Cross and The Living Flame of Love

Two days after Easter, join us for the upcoming Spiritual Classics discussion on St. John of the Cross and his mystical writing, *The Living Flame of Love*. We will meet on **Tuesday, April 2**, at **7:30 pm in the Ascension Parish Center Dining Room**. Jeff Wood will lead the discussion. All from the Oak Park parishes are welcome.

St. John of the Cross himself described *The Living Flame of Love* as "songs of the soul in the intimate communication of the union of love with God." He captures the mystical visions of his spiritual journey, describing the transformation of the soul in encountering the pure love of God. *The Living Flame of Love* consists of 24 lines of poetry followed by St. John's commentary, representing his teachings on the journey of the soul towards union with God.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about our monthly Spiritual Classics discussions, send an email to <a href="mailto:llaffc@ascensionoakpark.com">llaffc@ascensionoakpark.com</a> or check out the <a href="mailto:Spiritual Classics webpage">Spiritual Classics webpage</a> on the Ascension and St. Edmund website. Reading the book is not required in order to join the discussions – feel free to just come and learn more about the mystical vision of St. John of the Cross.

## Oak Park Catholic Community

#### MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: I want to wash their feet......

One of my favorite Holy Week traditions is the washing of each other's feet on Holy Thursday. Volunteer footwashers process up the aisle carrying white basins, pitchers of water, and clean towels. They spread out across the sanctuary and wash each other's feet, then invite the congregation to come and have their feet washed. It's a powerful act of humility and service to wash the feet of the other and allow another to wash your own feet. In this act, we recreate Christ's call to us to be humble servants and find Christ in one another.

Those of us involved in the Migrant Ministry have found Christ in our brother and sister asylum-seekers. I want to



wash their feet, the feet that crossed seven countries and 3000 miles across rivers, over mountains, and through deserts. I want to wash the feet that plodded through the deadly Darien Gap, 66 miles of thick jungle between Colombia and Panama. I want to wash the feet that were cut, twisted, bruised, and blistered but trudged on, carrying children and hopes for a safer and better life in the United States.

I want to wash the feet of Wilmary, a single mother who made the trip with a toddler and a nine year old blind son.

I want to wash the feet of Yeiny who lost her husband in the Darien Gap but continued the journey with her three children so as not to shatter the dream they had shared.

I want to wash the feet of Jose Leandro, an indigenous man who fled the drug cartels in Colombia. In the photo, he holds his tattered and worn shoes before throwing them away because he received new shoes in Chicago.

I want to wash the feet of Luis, battered and bruised because of his sexuality. Holy Thursday means more to me this year than ever before.

Thank you for your support of the Migrant Ministry. Currently, we are in great need of gym shoes for children, men, and women (smaller sizes) and men's Tshirts, sweatpants, and athletic pants. For more information, email immigrantministry@gmail.com.



We are also in need of items noted on the Amazon Wish List found by scanning the QR code here. Items do not need to be purchased from Amazon; it is merely a list of needed items.

Donations may be dropped off on Monday mornings from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at St. Edmund School. Please enter from the Pleasant Ave door.

For more information, email us at <a href="mailto:immigrantministry@gmail.com">immigrantministry@gmail.com</a>.



Financial donations are accepted to support the Migrant Ministry and can be sent to the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish Office at 1025 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302. Please mark your check for the "Migrant Ministry." Donations may also be made online through GiveCentral on the St. Giles website or by scanning the QR code at left.

Or donations can be sent to Ascension and St. Edmund Parish. Please note the Migrant Ministry on your check. Donations may also be made online through GiveCentral on the Ascension website.



Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

## Misa Bilingüe Bilingual Mass

Celebrant: Padre/Father Vittorio Bruscella, CMF

Como parte de nuestros Servicios Cuaresmales, tendremos la Misa en Español e Inglés.

Domingo de Ramos Domingo de Pascua 24 de Marzo a las 12:30 PM 31 de Marzo a las 12:30 PM

As part of our Lenten Offerings we are having Mass in both, Spanish and English.

Palm Sunday Easter Sunday March 24 at 12:30 PM March 31 at 12:30 PM

La Misa será en/Mass will be at: St. Edmund Church 188 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302

Cada Domingo habrá convivio y tiempo para compartir en el Murphy Hall (a un costado de la iglesia) desde las  $11:30\ PM$ , no falten.

Fellowship and hospitality at 11:30 AM at Murphy Hall (next to the church)

You're invited to join us! Están invitados.

#### Welcome to a sequel!

That is how Dennis Hamm, S.J., introduces his commentary on the Acts of the Apostles.

A group of parishioners gathers on Zoom every Thursday morning from 9:30 - 10:45 am to study and reflect on one of the books of the Bible. After Easter, on Thursday, April 4, we will begin a study of the Acts of the Apostles, guided by reading the New Collegeville Bible Commentary and discussing its historical context and scriptural insights.

We invite anyone interested in learning more about this important book describing the early Church community to join us. Commentaries will be provided. Please contact Eugene Wedoff at <a href="mailto:erwedoff@me.com">erwedoff@me.com</a> for further information.

We are all members of the "Sequel," those who have come after. This is an opportunity for us all to reflect on what that means.

## Parish Life

#### Faith & Fellowship



#### **Under Golden Arches**

James had the idea that we stop at McDonalds, and Eric arranged the transportation (he, Juan, and James rode in Connie's car, Lucas drove Ross). Lucas lined us up at the counter and handled the cash when we each gave our own order. The cashier couldn't have been more helpful and patient! There happened to be a large table where all six of us could sit together and scarf down Quarter Pounders, fries, Shamrock Shakes, and everything in between! All possible because our late friend Madonna Sloan had asked that memorial donations be made to Faith & Fellowship.

Not exactly the Last Supper, but a holy meal nonetheless.

Oak Park Catholic Community and Beyond

## Opportunity Renew -Children's Lenten Project 2024



Turn your Lenten Fast into a Gym! How? Take the money you did not spend on sweets, dinners out, coffee, or

alcohol and donate it to the CLP'24. This year, we are raising money to refurbish a dilapidated workout room at Opportunity Knocks in River Forest into an engaging and inviting space where Warriors can meet up with their friends to work out and have fun.

Meet Warriors JoJo and John. They



are pictured in front of a piece of artwork **Current OK GYM** 

shown for an OK art show.



Please support OK's work by donating to the Children's Lenten

Project 2024 through Ascension and St. Edmund GiveCentral, which you can access through the parish website, the QR Code here, or by text.

Three steps to **Text your donation**:

- 1. Text 708-400-7396,
- Type "knocks"
- Send, and poof, you are on the donation page for the CLP '24!



#### **Food For Thought** Lifeblood of the Covenant

"...The Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks,. broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes." (1 Cor 11:23-26)

> Matthew, Mark and Luke recorded how Jesus blessed the bread and wine at the Last Supper, diverging from tradition, where the body was the whole person, with the blood as the body's sacred life force.

When Jesus blessed and broke the bread. he added the daring statement, "This is my body," saying that as if he were the Gift from God, and then identified himself as the lifeblood of the covenant.

Jesus blessed, broke and gave them bread, offering them his very self. Jesus then took the cup, blessed it, and they all drank from it. Then he explained it was a Communion in sharing his life with the many.

The week went from joy into horror. Today the crowd shouted "Hosanna!" It later became "Crucify him!" Betrayed; Tried; Drama of God's Great Love! Beaten; bloodied; spikes driven in hands and feet. Hanging three hours; darkness falls; "It is finished!"

This week of remembrance leads us to ask: "Are we implicated with Jesus?" Do we believe it when we say: "Lord, by your cross and resurrection, You have set us free"?

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 3/24/24 Helpful Source: NCR, M. McGlone, 3/24/24

St. Giles Church is looking for an additional livestream operator for our Masses in 2024. If you know someone who either has some video experience or is a college student interested in broadcasting and would be interested in streaming one or two Masses per month, please contact the parish office.

## Parish Life

#### ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 25 Monday of Holy Week

6:30 — The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, March 26 Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 — Chester Hammer

Mary Anne and Terry Keshner Bob Carraher, for healing

Wednesday, March 27 Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30 — Chris and Anne Crispin Megan Shaker Dixie Haddad

8:30 — Michael Cunningham, for healing

Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday

8:30 — Morning Prayer

\*7:00 — Mass of the Lord's Supper

11:45 — Night Prayer Adoration until Midnight

Friday, March 29 Friday of the Passion of the Lord Good Friday

8:30 — Morning Prayer \*3:00 — Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 — Living Stations of the Cross

7:30 — Family Mass Community Good Friday Prayer Service with Silent Passion in School Gym

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday

8:30 — Morning Prayer 11:00 — Blessing of Easter Food 7:00 — The Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

6:00 — Sunrise Mass in the St. Giles Courtyard (weather permitting, otherwise in Church) All Parishioners and Benefactors

\*8:00 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

10:00 — Family Mass Community in School Gym 10:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

\*This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website. stgilesparish.org.

#### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 26 8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Friday, March 29

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Good Friday

7:00 — Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30

**Holy Saturday** 

1:00 — Blessing of Easter Food

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 9:00 — Áll Parishioners and Benefactors

## ST. EDMUND CHURCH

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

11:00 — All Parishioners and Benefactors No 5:00 pm Mass



#### ONE IN LOVE LGBTQ+

Ministry meets the second Saturday of each month.

We offer a friendly and safe place for Ascension and St. Edmund Parish,

St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish and the St. Giles Family Mass Community LGBTQ+ individuals, their families and friends to share through deep listening circles.

#### **JOIN US SATURDAY, APRIL 13** from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

St. Giles Parish Center, 1025 Columbian Avenue If you have questions, please contact: Kathie Nash kathienash1023@att.net.



#### **Our Parish Weekly Stewardship** For Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Weekly Budget	3/17/2024 Total \$30,000.00	YTD \$1,140,000.00
Envelopes	\$13,199.00	\$ 624,046.67
Loose	\$ 4,962.18	
Electronic*	\$11,023.63	\$ 442,584.17
Total Giving	\$29,184.81	\$1,066,630.84
*3/12/24-3/18/24		
Shortfall	\$ 815.19	\$ 73,369.16

Thank you to all who continue to support St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish. Those wishing to make their donations online through GiveCentral can find the link and easy-to-follow instructions on the church websites:

#### www.stgilesparish.org OR www.stcatherinestlucy.org.

Contact Sharon at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430 Ext. 420, with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you!

#### Mass Count Week of 3/17/24

3/16/24 4:30 pm	194
3/17/24 8:00 am	115
3/17/24 9:00 am	86
3/17/24 10:30 am	320
3/17/24 Family Mass	118
Total Mass Count	833

## Parish Life



## **COMMEMORATIVE EASTER FLOWERS**

# Honor deceased loved ones Decorate our churches for the Easter Season Support the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles ASP Trip

Our Appalachian Service Project (ASP) 2024 Team is accepting donations for Easter Flowers in remembrance of those who have gone before us into eternal life. Each plant is \$25. The flower plants purchased in memory of deceased loved ones will decorate our churches during the Easter season. The donations will assist our ASP Team in meeting our fundraising goals for teens to attend our week-long service trip this summer! The names of those honored will be published in the parish bulletin after Easter.

Please enter the name of the person(s) you wish to honor in the space provided. *Please print legibly!* 

The cost is \$25 per plant. Please make checks payable to *St. Giles ASP*. Donations can also be made through GiveCentral by scanning the QR Code here.

I would like to donate plants (# of Easter flower plants) in honor of:				
Enclosed is my total donation of \$ (\$25 per plant).				
Name and address of donor (for receipt purposes):				
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Please return order forms and donations to the Parish Center marked "Commemorative Easter Flowers" by Monday, March 25.



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