

# THE BRIDGE

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The Stations of the Cross are a Catholic devotion which commemorates the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each of the fourteen stations represents an event which occurred during Jesus' Passion and death at Calvary on Good Friday. The Stations were originally performed many centuries ago by Christian pilgrims who visited the Holy Land and the sites of Jesus' Passion. Promotion of the devotion to the Stations began in earnest with the Franciscans, who were given custody of the Holy Places in the Holy Land in the 1300s. Countless Catholics have all enriched their spiritual lives with this powerful devotion. The Stations of the Cross, also called The Way of the Cross, is a devotion to the passion of Christ consisting of prayers and meditations on fourteen occurrences that were experienced by Christ on His way to the crucifixion. During the time of the crusades (1095-1270), it became popular for pilgrims in the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary. After the Moslems recaptured the Holy Land pilgrimages were too dangerous. As a result, the Stations of the Cross became a popular substitute pilgrimage throughout Europe. The Stations represented critical events from Scripture or tradition of Jesus' journey to Calvary. Originally done only outdoors, the Stations were allowed inside churches in the mid-18th century. Eventually fixed at fourteen, the Stations soon became a familiar feature in all Catholic churches. The devotion may be conducted personally by the faithful, making their way from one station to another and saying the prayers, or by having an officiating celebrant move from cross to cross while the faithful make the responses. The stations themselves must consist of, at the very least, fourteen wooden crosses, pictures alone do not suffice, and they must be blessed by someone with the authority to erect stations. The devotion originated in the late 4th century when pilgrims flocked to the Holy Land from all parts of the world to visit the land of Jesus. Heading the list of places they visited was the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which had been built by the Emperor Constantine in 335 AD atop Calvary and the tomb of Jesus. Processions of pilgrims to this church were common. Egeria, a woman from Gaul who traveled to the Holy Land in the 4th century, recalls in her diary how she joined Christians from all parts of the Roman world walking westward on Holy Thursday from the garden of Gethsemane to the church of the Holy Sepulcher, where they celebrated Jesus' death and resurrection. Christian pilgrims contributed to the European development in Europe of the Stations of the Cross in its present form. Returning from the Holy Land, they brought oil from the lamps that burned around Jesus' tomb, soil, and relics from the holy places. More important, they brought memories of the liturgies, devotions, and shrines they experienced. Soon, churches and shrines were being built throughout Europe modeled on the pilgrim sites, and Jerusalem's devotions and liturgies influenced the liturgical and religious life of western Christians. The Moslem conquest of Palestine in the 7th century contributed to the building of replicas of the holy places in Europe, as Christians, finding access to the holy places more difficult, sought places of pilgrimage nearer home. If they could not go to Jerusalem, they would have reminders of Jerusalem close by. Devotion to the Stations of the Cross spread rapidly throughout the Roman Catholic world in the 18th century, largely as a result of the preaching of the Franciscan, St. Leonard of Port-Maurice, who erected stations and promoted the devotion in over five hundred churches and places throughout Italy. His work was supported by the popes of his time, who saw the devotion as a means of strengthening faith. Another 18th century saint, St. Alphonsus Liguori, wrote a brief work on the stations that is still in use today. Religious communities like the Jesuits and the Passionists made the devotion part of their missions and retreats. By the 19th century, the Stations of the Cross had become a staple in Catholic prayer books and in churches throughout England, Ireland, and North America.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

CONFIRMATION  
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 7:00 P.M.

FIRST COMMUNION  
April 17 at 4:30 p.m.  
April 18 at 1:00 p.m.

### FAST & ABSTINENCE

A reminder that the Fridays during the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. Good Friday is a day of abstinence from meat and also a day of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal.

## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Christ redeemed us all, giving perfect glory to God, principally through His death and rising. Therefore, the Paschal Triduum of the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord is the high point of the entire liturgical year. This three-day observance has the same kind of importance in the liturgical year that Sunday has each week. Even though these are not holydays of obligation, these days are ranked higher than any other season or day in the liturgical calendar. Since these days are holier than any other holydays, our duty to observe the Triduum goes beyond mere legality. A large part of being a Catholic Christian means Sunday observance every week (both in church and in the home) and Triduum observance once a year (both in church and in the home).

The Triduum is neither considered part of the Lenten nor Easter season. It is a three day season all its own, unparalleled by any other celebrations in the Catholic Church. The schedule for Holy Week and the Triduum is as follows:

Monday – March 29  
6:00-800 p.m. Confessions

Tuesday– March 30  
8:30 a.m. Mass  
**NO CONFESSIONS**  
**FR ERIC WILL BE ATTENDING**  
**CHRISM MASS**

Tuesday, March 30  
Chrism Mass – 7:00 p.m.  
At the Cathedral

Wednesday-March 31  
8:30 a.m. Mass  
6:00-8:00 Confessions

Holy Thursday – April 1  
Exposition and Adoration  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 p.m.  
Night Prayer – 10:00 p.m.  
(The church will remain open until midnight  
for private prayer and devotion.)

Good Friday – April 2  
Morning Prayer – 8:30 a.m.  
Stations of the Cross – 12 noon  
Liturgy of the Passion – 2:00 p.m.  
**NOTE: THIS IS A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE.**  
**WE WILL NOT BE HAVING EUCHARIST ADORATION.**  
**NO BINGO AND THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**

Holy Saturday – April 3  
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Preparation Rites for the Elect  
Easter Vigil – 8:45 p.m.  
**NOTE: NO 4:30 P.M. MASS**  
**NO 3:00 CONFESSIONS**

Easter Sunday – April 4  
Masses at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION**

We will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, March 11, at 7:00PM. Confirmation Liturgy takes place at St. Jude Parish. Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr will be our presider, and 100 students from the Parish will receive the gift of the Precious Holy Spirit to enable them to live their faith and proclaim their belief in Jesus the Christ.

Parents of Seventh grade students will be hosting a reception in the undercroft after the Confirmation Liturgy. We are grateful to them for their help with this celebration.

**NUTS AND BOLTS OF OUR FAITH**  
St Jude Adult Faith Formation invites you to attend a series of talks about:

“Divine Mercy Sunday: What is it exactly”  
Thursday, March 18th, 2010 7:00-9:00 p.m.

All Presentations will be held at St. Jude Church  
By Fr. Eric Bowman  
Followed by refreshments in the Vestibule

**ATTENTION LADIES:** St. Jude Rosary Altar Society will meet Tuesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Undercroft. We will have our business meeting and then wonderful homemade desserts provided by our Hostess Committee. We will close the evening with Bingo.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

Easter is a beautiful time to remember your loved ones who have gone to be with the **RISEN LORD**. One way of doing this is by making a monetary donation in memory of your family member or friend. As in the past we will be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter until Pentecost Sunday with these donations. If you would like to be part of this beautiful memorial, simply follow these directions:

1. Fill in the form
  2. Put it in an envelope with your check made payable to **St. Jude Parish**.
  3. Mark the envelope Easter Flowers
- Drop it in the collection basket or take it to the church office.

Any amount is acceptable and appreciated. If you would like to donate an actual plant, please call Piepmeier Florist 574-6475 and they will deliver it to the church. After Easter we will publish a list of those who were remembered. May you and yours have a Blessed Easter.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL NEWS**

The school would like to thank the Rosary Alter Society for their annual Christmas donation to the school. We put their gift towards purchasing new Bibles for the junior high classes.

**Congratulations** to this year's 6th grade Bible Bowl team who came in 2nd in last month's competition one question off of 1st place. Team members were Janny Burdsall, Andrew Hetrick, Rachel Hoferer, Stacey Kramer, Angela Maurer, and Margaret Schroeder.

**Congratulations**, to our St. Jude "mathletes". These students took part in an all day competition at Sycamore Junior High on Saturday, Jan. 23. All 3 of our teams received the highest rating of SUPERIOR. They competed against 300 students on 67 total teams. **8th grade team:** 7th out of 26 teams: Anthony Bauer, JT Boiman, Josh Byrne, Tim Kramer, Matthew Nortmann. **7th grade team:** 8th out of 17 teams: Craig Mullen, Delaney Greiner, Nicholas Duke, Max Hammersmith, Mason Loth. **6th grade team:** 3rd highest of 24 teams, named an HONOR TEAM: Nathan Duke, Margaret Schroeder, Drew Seiler, Olivia Frederick, Mackenzie Beiersdorfer.

**THANK YOU**

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**Our next Baptism Program** will be Wednesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the DRE's office. Parents are expected to attend the class here at St. Jude before your child is baptized. It's best to attend before the baby is born. If you have already attended the class here, you do not have to attend again. Call the church office to sign up at 574-1230.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Krista Carlson	3279 Lakeview Street
M/M Brian Miller	6279 Berauer Road
Katie Werner	5796 Green Acres Court
M/M William Poland	4110 McFarran Avenue
M/M William Clark	7350 Wesselman Road
M/M Damon Roa	3662 Eyrich Road
M/M Marc Olden	220 Newpine Drive
M/M Adam Hilton	7169 Ruwe's Oak Drive
M/M Joe Doogan	7563 Zion Hill Drive
Anna Wendling	5754 Biscayne Avenue
M/M Todd Turner	5615 Frogdan Court

**BRIDGE GUIDELINES**

Inputs for the April edition are due on March 10. Please email to: trish.popov@thestjudeparish.org; typed or written input may be dropped off at the church office. Please include your name and phone number with all submissions. Contact Kathy or Trish with any questions 574-1230.

**COMMISSIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Parish Council—Members at Large. Please contact one of the Members-at-Large to discuss any concerns, ideas or suggestions:

Dan Meade-President	598-6323
Kathy Walsh-Vice-President	598-6031
Kim Holiday-Secretary	941-7443
Greg Saupe-(At Large)	574-1199
Jim Wherle-(At Large)	574-1546
Chuck Cole-(At Large)	574-5781
Finance Comm-Dan Cole	574-8801
Education Comm-Missy Meinhardt	574-0696
Worship Comm-Greg Williams	574-1230
Marriage Prep-Deacon Jim	574-1803
Rosary Altar Soc.-Joyce Franz	598-9643
St. Vincent de Paul	
Bob Meade & Bob Barry	574-1230
Boy Scouts-Frank Taphorn	574-5948
Girl Scouts-Kathy Davis	574-7216
Cub Scouts-Jim Batchelor	574-2332
Boosters-Scott Greiner	467-1369
Senior Citizens-Flo Knoepfler	574-7060
PTO-Jamie Singler	598-8313
Dan Meade-Web Page	598-6323
Festival Co-Chair- Ben Stauss	598-5787,
Festival Co-Chair Greg Martin	941-3874



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