

# ST. RICHARD CATHOLIC PARISH

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018

### Welcome to St. Richard Parish

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Web: [www.strichard-parish.org](http://www.strichard-parish.org)

Facebook: "St. Richard Parish - Racine"

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass of Anticipation 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.

### Sacraments

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. • or by appointment

#### BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation for parents is held monthly.  
Pre-registration for the class is required;  
call the Parish Office.

#### MARRIAGE

Parish membership is required. Arrangements need  
to be made a minimum of six months prior to the  
wedding date. Contact Fr. Allen.

Racine Catholic Cemetery Assoc.....639-1071

### Pastoral Team

Pastor.....Fr. Allen Bratkowski  
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# Palm Sunday

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Hosanna in the highest!"

- Mk 11:9-10

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### Pastoral Council

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Kathy Garski, Trustee - Secretary.....554-6428

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Sheila Wroblewski, Vice Chair.....886-2826



## Team Talk

By

Terri Clarke

Hi, my name is Terri Clarke and I am the chairperson of the Finance Council here at St. Richard's. The Finance Council is responsible for making sure that St. Richard's continues to sustain itself as it has in the past. We do this by working closely with the Director of Administrative Services and the Pastor. We monitor the financial statements each month to make sure that the income either exceeds or stays even with the expenditures. We plan each fiscal year with a budget which we use to measure how we are doing. Canon law requires that we annually provide parishioners with a report of parish financial status. This report is provided to you in the fall after the fiscal year ends.

The council is made up of the two parish trustees, a representative from the Parish Council, the Director of Administrative Services, Fr. Allen, and three at-large members. The at-large committee members are appointed by the Pastor. Some of the projects that we, along with the Building and Grounds Committee, have overseen in the recent past include; the renovation of Fr. Ron's kitchen, the upgrade of the lighting for the space above the altar, and soon to be installed automatic doors at the South Entrance.

In addition, we are in the process of looking at ways to improve the condition of the Parish Center. This 100+ year old building is in need of some much needed TLC. Some of the projects include: updating all of the windows and replacing the plumbing and electrical systems. This building continues to be a vital part of the parish and we want to make sure it is fully functional in the years to come.

One way that you can help St. Richard's is to make sure that each family fills out a pledge card each year. We use the information from the pledge cards to help us plan the budget for the next year. If you have already completed one for this year, thank you; if you would like to complete one, they are available at the Parish office. Please just call and have one sent to your home. The completed ones can be returned via the collection basket on the weekend.

I hope that this has given you some insight to the Finance Council here at St. Richard's. If you would like additional information on the Finance Council, please do not hesitate to ask, I am always willing to help.

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

Our next blood drive at St. Richard will take place on  
Monday, 23 April  
2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

#### This Week in Our Parish

Tues. Mass at St. Edward—8:00 a.m.  
St. Vincent de Paul Meal - 1032 Grand Ave.  
Wed. Mass - 8:00 a.m.  
Adult Choir - 6:30 p.m. C  
Thur. Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m. at St. Edward  
Fri. The Lord's Passion - 12:00 p.m. C  
Sat. Blessing of Easter food - 10:30 a.m. C

### Stewardship Report

As we hear the Passion of our Lord today, we are drawn into the suffering and death of our Lord on the cross. How have we helped carry the cross of Jesus during our Lenten observances? Have we been by-standers cheering and wanting crucifixion or have we shouldered some of the cross and emptied ourselves for the suffering of others? As spring has begun, we sow new life in the soil of humanity when we give to help raise up those in need through our support of our parish. Last week's financial stewardship was \$1,863 in envelopes (38 entries), \$372 in anonymous gifts to God, \$25 towards our Building Fund, and \$832 from our online giving program, WeShare™. Thank you for sharing your gift of treasure and yourself for what we believe and live as life-sustaining ministries.

### Triduum

Mass of the Lord's Supper-Holy Thursday-29 March  
7:00 p.m. at St. Edward

The Lord's Passion-Good Friday-30 March  
12:00 p.m. at St. Richard

Blessing of Easter Food-Holy Saturday-31 March  
10:30 a.m. at St. Richard

Easter Vigil-Holy Saturday-31 March  
7:30 p.m. at St. Richard

Easter Sunday Mass-1 April  
6:33 a.m. - lakefront across from the DeKoven Center  
10:00 a.m. - St. Richard

### Beautiful Hope

The Stewardship Committee is giving a free copy of [Beautiful Hope](#) - a book of finding hope every day in a broken world. The book is a compilation of inspiring messages from many notable people. Representatives from the committee are handing them out today in the south entrance.

### St. Vincent de Paul Meal

St. Richard will sponsor the St. Vincent de Paul Community Meal on Tuesday, 27 March. Sign-up sheets and pans are available on the table in the back of church.

### Pollinator Gardens:Native plants that support pollination

How can the butterflies and the bees which are struggling be supported to survive and flourish? Learn the key plants that can be planted in your yard and gardens to provide a corridor for them. Please join the presentation at the Racine Public Library on Monday, 9 April at 6:00 p.m. to obtain information about a butterfly garden for your property and how to treat your backyard as an Earth community.

Recent Deaths in our Parish & Archdiocese

**Please keep them in your prayers**

Ann Nevin

Rollie Benzow

Mary Shaughnessy

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### Mass Intentions

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sunday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard  
and St. Edward parishes  
11:30 a.m. † John & Mary Orr

#### Tuesday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

#### Wednesday, March 28

8:00 a.m. † Lucille Majewski

#### Thursday, March 29 - Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward

#### Saturday, March 31 - Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

7:30 p.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard  
and St. Edward parishes

#### Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday

6:33 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard,  
St. Edward, and St. Patrick parishes  
10:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard  
and St. Edward parishes

### 2018 Calendar Raffle

03-11-18 \$50 - Rebecca Bohn - Racine  
03-12-18 \$25 - Joe Sievers - Glen Ellyn, IL  
03-13-18 \$25 - Rob Fogarty - Cudahy  
03-14-18 \$25 - Margaret & Theodora Zukewich - Lake Orion, MI  
03-15-18 \$25 - Quinn Darling - West Allis  
03-16-18 \$25 - Lynn Abler - Racine  
03-17-18 \$25 - David Helt - Union Grove

#### Readings for the Week of March 25, 2018

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: ChrisM Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

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### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a national program staffed by local volunteers to provide free preparation and electronic filing of tax returns.

If you live in Racine County and your household income is \$54,000 or less, you may qualify for free tax preparation and filing through VITA. VITA can help you get Earned Income and Child Tax Credit. Services are available until 16 April. Appointments are required. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To schedule an appointment please dial 211 for time and location.

### A.C.T.S. Youth Ministry News

#### Easter Vigil Lock-In

Please join us for the seventh annual Easter Vigil Lock-In. All teens in grades 6 thru 12 are invited to participate in this unique experience. Teens will meet in Vogel Hall between 9:30—11:30 p.m. on Saturday, 31 March for a night of supervised activities including fellowship, games, prayers, and small/large break-out sessions. Food and beverages are provided but each participant is asked to bring a snack to share with others. The vigil will end with Easter sunrise Mass held at the lakefront at approximately 6:31 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Participants must be picked up no later than 7:45 a.m. at the Mass site. For more information please call Eloy at 664-3111.

**Open Gym Wednesdays** at St. Patrick Cristo Rey Hall on 28 March from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. A permission slip is required and times may change without notice. Stay up to date by visiting [www.actsracine.org](http://www.actsracine.org)

#### Matthew Kelly Bus Trip

Do you want to become a better version of yourself? How about the best version of yourself? Don't miss Dynamic Catholic's and Matthew Kelly's largest event in Wisconsin on 23 June at 7:00 p.m. at the Miller High Life Theatre. Matthew Kelly, *New York Times* bestselling author and internationally acclaimed speaker, will inspire you to live every day with passion and purpose. St. Paul Parish has a limited number of spots available for their bus trip. Tickets are available at the St. Paul Parish Office for \$40 each (price includes ticket and bus). For more event details, please visit [DynamicCatholic.com/Milwaukee](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Milwaukee) or call 859-980-7900. Get your tickets before they're gone!

#### Lenten Cluster Collection – Welcome the Stranger

Due to their intense work load and confidentiality, Catholic Charities lawyers cannot provide stories of the people helped. They report that they are consulting with immigrant women and children who are trying to escape domestic violence; they also help with citizenship and green card applications. "The need in Racine is so great that it would be enough to keep two full time lawyers busy."

St. Vincent de Paul Society is committed to raise \$250 per week or \$13,000 (yearly) to support this service. Could you fund *Welcome the Stranger* with a gift of \$25, \$50, or even \$250? Please give generously to help our neighbors and parishioners.

#### Volunteers Needed

Our Harmony Club is proud to announce the opening of a new site at the Oak Creek United Methodist Church beginning in mid-April. Kitchen staff, crafters, entertainers, and friend volunteers are needed. Volunteers are needed at St. Richard as an additional 4th Thursday will be starting in April as well. Volunteers can donate time that works with their schedule. OHC is a 501C3 nonprofit providing day respite services for elderly members of our community who have Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, stroke, or are socially isolated. There are various locations open for six hours four days a week. Volunteers are asked to help clients with crafts, games, singing, and conversation. Can you donate an hour or two? Please contact Dawn Vlach at 880-5301 or email [DawnVlach@ourharmonyclub.org](mailto:DawnVlach@ourharmonyclub.org). You may also check out their website@[www.harmonyclub.org](http://www.harmonyclub.org).