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April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
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Office hours: M, T, TH 9-11am; Wed 9-5pm; Fri 9-1pm (subject to change)

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ST TERESA PARISH WELCOMES NEW FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS MOVING INTO THE AREA. Please register by calling the rectory office. Any parishioners who are leaving the area or changing an address or phone number should notify the office.

BAPTISMS: Baptism will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month after Sunday morning mass. Call the office in advance to schedule. Parents are obligated to attend preparation sessions before a child's baptism if they have not attended one in the past five years. This can be done before the birth of the child. Call the office to register for class.

COUNSELING SERVICES: 1-937-299-9005 Offered by Bob Skipper at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

BULLETIN ARTICLES: due in writing by 5:00pm on Tuesday. You may email article to: stteresachurch@bright.net.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 6th 8 AM (Online Mass at IC)
Tuesday, April 7th 8 AM (Online Mass at IC)
Wednesday, April 8th 8 AM (Online Mass at IC)
Holy Thursday, April 9th 6:30PM (Online Mass at IC)
Good Friday, April 10th 1:00PM (Online Passion of the Lord at IC)
Easter Vigil, April 11th 5:00PM (Online Mass, Blessing of the Easter Candles at IC)
Easter Sunday, April 12th 8:00AM (Online Mass at IC)

Reconciliation

St Teresa April 8th 6:30PM
(Church open 6:30-7:30)

All indoor Masses/Liturgies for the Celina Cluster (IC, OLG, St Teresa) have been suspended through May 3, 2020. Closed masses can be found on IC website at Celina-ic.org. Updates will be posted on Facebook (@StTeresaRockford) and the website (stteresa-rockford.org) as information becomes available. Private prayer at St Teresa is Wednesdays 1-4pm and Sundays 10am-12noon

Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Email Communication: If you are not currently receiving email updates and want to be added to the list, please send an email to stteresachurch@bright.net

Your continued **financial support** is critical to each of our parishes even in this time of crisis. Offertory envelopes can be dropped off or sent to our respective parish offices or online contributions can be made to each of the parishes at <https://celina-ic.weshareonline.org>. Legacies and bequests help continue the faith. Please remember St Teresa Parish in your will and expressions of sympathy.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Today, **Palm Sunday**, marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred time of our liturgical year. It is a time that calls us to immerse ourselves ever more deeply in the life, death and resurrection of Christ and to experience again the life-saving power of Christ that brings Easter joy! With the suspension of all public masses/liturgies due to the coronavirus, we seem to be immersing ourselves more deeply into the death of Christ this year, but we also need to remember the fullness of the paschal mystery that leads to life again. We pray that the Lord may bring healing to all those afflicted and affected and healing to our world.

Closed Door Holy Week Services Broadcast online at www.celina-ic.org

Palm Sunday Mass, Saturday, April 5th at 5 PM– celebrates Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem.

Chrism Mass – On Tuesday of Holy Week, only the Deans of the Archdiocese will gather together with Archbishop Schnurr for the Chrism Mass. Here the sacred Chrism Oil, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. Normally, it is a time for priests to recommit themselves as servants of the Church. We too will need to do so online.

The Easter Triduum –Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter.
Holy Thursday Mass, April 9th at 6:30 PM Here we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist in a most unusual way this year receiving spiritual communion. Normally, the washing of feet is a reminder of our call to service, but omitted this year. The Holy Oils blessed at the Chrism Mass are presented to the parish. **Online adoration will continue until 8 PM.**

Good Friday, April 10th at 1:00 PM We celebrate the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. A barren and empty church with a wooden cross becomes our focus. The path to Easter joy must go through Good Friday. Even the death and affliction of the coronavirus will lead to Easter joy. **Online veneration of the cross will continue until 2:30 PM.**

Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 11th at 5 PM The Easter candles from each cluster parish, symbols of Christ, are blest. Sojourners in the rite of Christian Initiation, desiring to join us through the waters of Baptism and as fully initiated members in our Catholic faith will be postponed until a later date. Even in the midst of the pain and suffering caused by the coronavirus, we know the joy of Easter will still resound as Alleluias ring out.

Easter Sunday – April 12th at 8:00 AM We continue to celebrate that Christ the Lord has risen and that one day we shall join in the glory and majesty of His Resurrection. We pray the richness of Holy Week and the joy of Easter fill your hearts even in this time of crisis.
Fr. Ken & Fr. Tim

Easter Candy is available for pick up today, April 5th from 10am-12 noon. Thank you all for your support!

Palms are available for pick up Saturday, April 4th 1-3pm (on the back porch) or Sunday April 5th 10am-noon in church.

Ohio Bishops continue **suspension of ALL Public celebrated Masses/Liturgies** through May 3, 2020 due to the Coronavirus mandates. Please continue good hand washing and hygiene **and** social distancing. Feel free to wear **cloth** face mask (save surgical mask for professionals) to protect others and yourself.

