

# PALM SUNDAY-APRIL 13, 2025

Sat.	4-12	5:30 p.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b> (St. Francis) +Ed & Gert LaForge
Sun.	4-13	8:00 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	4-13	10:00 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b> (St. Francis) +James VanLeeuwen
Mon.	4-14	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Jane VanLeeuwen
Tue.	4-15	8:00 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed.	4-16	9:00 a.m.	<b>(PMRV)</b> +Marita Kemme
Wed.	4-16	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Pete & Marie Fager
Thur.	4-17	7:00 p.m.	<b>Holy Thursday &amp; Adoration until Midnight</b> (St. Francis) +Stan Beachner
Fri.	4-18	3:00 p.m.	<b>Good Friday Stations</b> (St. Francis & St. Ambrose)
Fri.	4-18	7:00 p.m.	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b> (St. Francis)
Sat.	4-19	8:30 p.m.	<b>Easter Vigil</b> (St. Francis) +Ralph & Loretta Carter
Sun.	4-20	8:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Sunday</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	4-20	10:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Sunday</b> (St. Francis) +Gerald & Joan Schoenhofer

### CONFESSIONS:

Holy Thursday beginning at 8:30 p.m. at St. Francis  
 Good Friday 3:30-4:30 p.m. at St. Francis  
 Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. at St. Francis  
 Wednesday 5:30-6:00 p.m. at St. Francis  
 30 minutes before each Mass.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you are going to have a significant surgery, please call for Anointing of the Sick before you enter the hospital.

**Please pray for:** Harrison Hill, Evelyn (Casey) Tajchman, Steve Kirk, Jill Coomes and the sick and homebound in our parish. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please call the office at 620-449-2224. The prayer list will be updated the first of each month.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### Total Amount Needed

St. Francis	\$7,795.00	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose	\$738.00	\$1,128.85

**Please remember your parish in your Will.**

### Fr. Matthew's Email:

[pastor.saintfrancisambrose@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.saintfrancisambrose@gmail.com)

### Sacramental Emergency Number:

**620-236-0705**

**HOMEBOUND:** If you know of someone who is elderly or can not attend Mass, please let the office know.

### ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Easter Sunday, April 20th-8:00 a.m.

**Altar Server:** Wayne Shively

**Lector:** Jim Carlson

**Gifts:** M/M Rusty Lero

**Ushers:** Brian & Carol Schoenhofer

### ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Holy Thursday, April 17th-7:00 p.m.

**Altar Servers:** Patrick, Henry, Julian, Kolton

**Lector:** Jene` Noe

**Eucharistic Minister:** Terry Diskin

**Gifts:** M/M James Voorhies

**Sacristan:** Jeff & Alice Corn

#### Good Friday, April 18th-7:00 p.m.

**Altar Servers:** Brec, Bensen, Knox, Isaac

**Lectors:** Mike McCracken & Mike Carter

#### Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19th-8:30 p.m.

**Altar Servers:** Patrick, Jackson, Bryton, Henry

**Lector:** Cindy Schoenhofer & Marcia Gard

**Eucharistic Minister:** Connie Spielbusch

**Gifts:** M/M Ron Brogan

**Sacristan:** Jeff & Marcia Gard

#### Easter Sunday, April 20th-10:00 a.m.

**Altar Servers:** Ava, Cassie, Brynlea

**Lector:** Ken Trepagnier

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rodney Noe

**Gifts:** Brock Aday Family

**Sacristans:** Ken & Cheryl Trepagnier

#### April Ushers:

**Saturday-5:30 p.m.-**Dennis Duling, Steve Spielbusch, Dennis Westhoff

**Sunday-10:00 a.m.-**Tim Harmon, Dan Vitt, Clark Westhoff

**Church Cleaners-April 19th-**Savannah Robison, Mary Smith, Sarah Hallacy

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER

**Holy Thursday, April 17 - St. Francis Catholic Church**

7:00 pm - Mass

8:30 pm - 12 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30 pm - Confessions

#### **Good Friday, April 18**

12:00 pm - Road to the Cross (*See below*)

3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at *St. Francis & St. Ambrose*

3:30-4:30 pm - Confessions following Stations at *St. Francis*

7:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion at *St. Francis*

#### **Easter Vigil, April 19 - St. Francis Catholic Church**

8:30 pm - Mass

#### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

8:00 am - Mass at *St. Ambrose Catholic Church*

10:00 am - Mass at *St. Francis Catholic Church*

**BIBLE STUDY** will be on Sunday, April 13th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Parish Hall.

**PENANCE SERVICE:** We will have a Penance Service for Lent on Palm Sunday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Church. There will be extra priests to hear confessions.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST** will be on Sunday, April 13th for Karen VanLeeuwen. Karen's benefit also includes a double-meat-affle which is described in Facebook posts, or tickets can be bought at the benefit breakfast. The Knights will have the April meeting after the Benefit Breakfast.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be at St. Francis on Wednesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Adoration at St. Ambrose will be on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to drop in anytime during Adoration to make a visit.

**PSR** will meet in the classrooms Wednesday, April 16th. If you have any questions call Bridget Paisley at 316-833-1722.

**HARVEST HOUSE** will meet Thursday, April 17th, at noon in the St. Paul Café. For more information call Marlene Clark 620-687-4401 or Judy Fager 620-423-9144.

**GOOD FRIDAY ROAD TO THE CROSS:** On Good Friday, April 18th, at 12:00 p.m. there will be a Road to the Cross procession. It will begin at City Hall in Erie and the people will follow the Cross down Main Street, stopping to pray at various Stations. This event has been organized by the Ministerial Alliance in Erie.

**CYM EASTER EGG HUNT:** The CYM will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning immediately following 10:00 a.m. Mass on the front lawn of St. Francis Catholic Church. Any donations for candy would be greatly appreciated!

**GRIEF SHARE GROUP:** This group meets on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 703 W State Street, Erie.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Totus Tuus will be July 13th-18th.

### PASTOR MUSINGS: Blessed Holy Week to all of you.

As everybody begins mowing their yards and we see all the grass turn green, it calls to mind memories of when I was in late middle school and early high school and I mowed yards for my summer work. I was the weedwhacker, and my buddy who ran cross country (I certainly did not) mowed – with a push mower! Hard to even find a push mower these days. But he would mow just as fast with that push mower, maybe even faster, than most people do with a self-propelled. We made good money in those days! In smelling the fresh cut grass and seeing the mow lines in the yards all these memories flood to my thoughts. Amazing how little can accomplish such a feat. This is the idea with the Church entering into Holy Week. It is “holy” because the whole week evokes the saving mysteries of Christ. As we go about our daily business, and then attend a Mass, it can feel like Mass is something different, separate from reality. And yet, never more so than during Holy Week, we recognize the liturgy of the Mass *is reality!* As Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem honored as a king with palms, we enter the church with palms and consider how to honor Christ. As Jesus is betrayed by Judas on Wednesday, we consider the difficulty of friendships in our lives. As Jesus has His Last Supper with His apostles and institutes the sacraments of Eucharist, Priesthood and command of fraternal charity, we immediately see these as life savers in a fallen world. We walk the Passion/suffering of Christ on Good Friday and venerate the Holy Cross. We look for the Risen Christ in the dark of night at the Easter Vigil with Mary Magdalene and Apostles. These are all given to evoke the memory of Christ within our hearts. To quote the Passionist motto, who of course were in St. Paul for many years as some of you grew up and built our beautiful garden: “May the Passion of Jesus Christ be ever in our hearts.” I pray you allow this week to be holy!

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Sharon Page, who passed away on April 5, 2025. *Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus for the breakfast, to Casey Beef & Vitt Farms and to all the community, family & friends for all your support and prayers. We are truly blessed! -Jill and Larry Coomes

**ONE FAMILY, FULLY ALIVE IN CHRIST! CAMPAIGN:** Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and send in your pledge card. You may speak with your volunteer or call the parish office if you have questions. Many thanks to our volunteer team for their dedication and commitment to the *One Family, Fully Alive in Christ!* Diocesan Campaign. Please pray the campaign prayer for our success and for our hard-working campaign volunteers who are giving of their time and talents.

**WEATHERPROOF EXTERIOR STONE:** The St. Francis Church exterior stone is in need of weatherproofing. Mike Grosdidier will be working on this for several months. Please call Mike at 620-423-9869 to help with this project. It is greatly appreciated.