

HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE

APRIL 2, 2026

The tradition of visiting churches started in Rome. Pilgrims would go to seven churches during the season of Lent, especially during Holy Week on Holy Thursday. It is a time to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament, remembering and meditating on the events of Our Lord's Passion, specifically remembering the events between the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. Each church corresponds with one of the seven 'stops' made by Jesus on His way to Calvary.

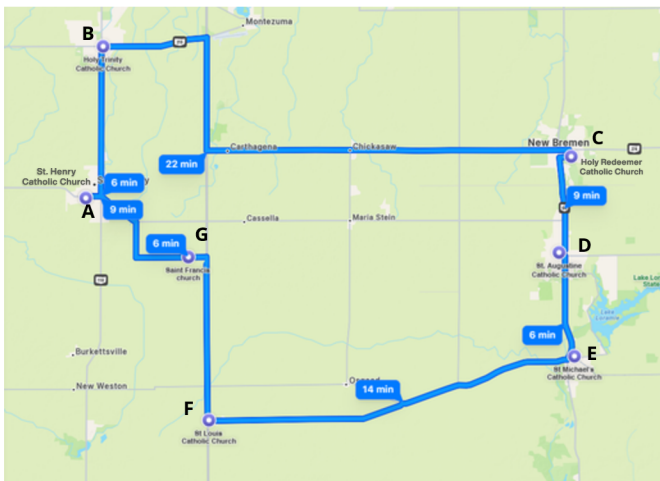


THE JOURNEY

Begin your **self-guided** pilgrimage at any of these churches listed after Mass has ended.

A. St. Henry	272 E Main St, St. Henry	7:00pm Mass	closing at 12:00am
B. Holy Trinity	120 E Main St, Coldwater	7:30pm Mass	closing at 8:00am
C. Holy Redeemer	120 S Eastmoor Dr, New Bremen	7:30pm Mass	closing at 12:00am
D. St. Augustine	48 N Hanover St, Minster	7:00pm Mass	closing at 12:00am
E. St. Michael	33 Elm St, Ft. Loramie	7:00pm Mass	closing at 12:00am
F. St. Louis	15 E. Star Rd, Rossburg	7:30pm Mass	closing at 11:30pm
G. St. Francis*	1509 Cranberry Rd, St. Henry	No Mass/Exposition	church closing at 12:00am

**In honor of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis.*



7 'STOPS' TO GUIDE YOUR PRAYER

A. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22: 39-46)

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

B. Jesus bound and taken before Annas (John 18: 19-22)

Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

C. Jesus taken before the High Priest Caiaphas (Matthew 26: 63-65)

But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.

D. Jesus taken before Pilate (John 18: 35-37)

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

E. Jesus taken before Herod (Luke 23: 8-9; 11)

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.

F. Jesus taken before Pilate again (Matthew 27: 22-26)

"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!" "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!" Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

G. Jesus given the crown of thorns & led to his crucifixion (Matthew 27: 27-31)

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.