

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations** to Whit Chaney, Aurelia Collins, Alexei Czajka and Kayden Reed Letson on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 10th! May the Holy Spirit guide you always.

**Church Office** will be closed April 17th-18th for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Office will only be open Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

**There** will be no morning Mass this Thursday, April 17th.

**Shoals Sav-A-Life baby bottles** need to be returned this Sunday or as soon as possible. Bottles may be left in the back of Church or turned into the office during business hours. Thank you!

**First Communion** is May 4th at the 10am Mass.

**PSR Recognition Breakfast** is May 18th.

**Mass Intentions** for 2025 are limited and are only available during the week. All weekend masses for the rest of the year have been taken.

**Children's Church** - Children ages 4-7 (that are not participating in First Communion preparation classes) are welcomed to follow adults to the Parish House for the duration of the readings, gospel and homily. If anyone is interested in helping please contact the church office or Melanie Connolly. Children's Church is only for the 10am Mass.

**Camp Saint Bernard** registration continues for campers ages 6-14 for June 2025. For more info, visit the website at [campstbernard.com](http://campstbernard.com) or email John Arndt, the Camp Director at [campstbernard@gmail.com](mailto:campstbernard@gmail.com).

**Friendly reminder** to please silence/turn off phones before Mass starts and to enter and leave Church quietly and respectfully!

**Cookbooks** are still available in the Church Office. About 35 books are left. Books are \$20 each with 450 recipes!

**Need a religious article?** Items are available for purchase in the Church Office. We have rosaries, scapulars, books, statues, etc.. We can also order items.

**Altar Servers!** Any child that has made their First Communion is eligible to be an altar server. If you child is interested and needs training please contact Deacon Steve. If volunteers are listed on the ministry schedule please note that any trained server is welcome to volunteer.

**Picnic Organization Meeting** is April 23rd after the 6pm Mass.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 15** - 7:30am Mass


**April 16** - 6pm Mass

**April 17** - Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm

**April 18** - Stations of the Cross at 3pm (in Church) and Good Friday Service at 7pm

**April 19** - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm

**April 20** - Easter Sunday Mass at 7:30am and 10am



**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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## DO YOU KNOW?

**Question:** Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

**Answer:** The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy "outside" the church, we symbolically reenact Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches – a symbol of royalty – to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.





## What we remember every day of Holy Week

### Palm Sunday

**Triumphant entry** of Jesus into Jerusalem.

### Holy Tuesday

Jesus **announces the betrayal** of one of the 12 and Peter's denial.

### Holy Thursday

**Last Supper:** Jesus institutes the Eucharist and the Priesthood.

### Holy Saturday

Jesus **descends into hell** and triumphs over death. We celebrate the **Easter Vigil**.

### Holy Monday

Judas rebukes **Mary of Bethany** for anointing Jesus' feet.

### Holy Wednesday

Jesus confirms **Judas' betrayal**.

### Good Friday

**Passion and Death** of Jesus.

### Easter Sunday

He is truly risen. **Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

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## This Week on Formed

Week of April 13, 2025



### Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



### The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



### How to make a Palm Sunday Cross

Have you ever wondered how to make a cross with palms? Join Lyn Dam from the Archdiocese of Denver on how to make a palm leaf cross for Palm Sunday!

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

**Job Opening:** St. Joseph School will have an opening for a Junior High Science/Math Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. We are seeking someone who is committed to fostering a positive, Christ-centered learning environment for our students. Please contact Elena Peralta at [secretary@catholichill.com](mailto:secretary@catholichill.com) for more information or to submit your resume.

## ACTIVITY DIRECTOR NOTES

**Grades 7-12!** You are needed! Sunday, April 13 after 10 am mass we will be filling eggs at gym. Come help and enjoy an occasional treat.

**April 19, 1 pm:** EASTER EGG HUNT in front of church. Ages 0-6th grade. Just bring a basket or bag. Afterwards enjoy snacks and a visit with some bunny special at gym.

**April 27:** 10 am youth mass with Fr. Dominic. Afterwards enjoy lunch, games in the gym. If any youth would like to sing, read, help in any way at this mass, contact Donna.

**Sat, May 17:** Soup Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church, Florence. Contact Donna if you would like to help.

**VBS June 9-11, Mon-Wed, 9-12 noon.** Our theme this year is TRUE NORTH, Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. We still need helpers for teachers, games, Snack Leader and snack helpers. And most of all, we need children! Grades K- 6th grade. Watch bulletin for meetings, sign up times or can sign your child up the first morning on June 9th. Just contact Donna now so will know that your child is coming. We all look forward to having fun as well as the kids learning more about Jesus!

**Meet at movies!** Sunday, 4/27 meet at 3:30pm for 4 pm feature of Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality. Carlo will also become the first millennium saint on this date in Rome. Meet at Cinema 12 theatre behind mall in Florence.

**Choir Practice for Holy Week** will be on Wednesday after 6 pm mass. It's still not too late to join.

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