



March 27, 2026

QUICK NOTES

If only someone would ask me to take pictures of Church During Holy Week

We are in need of volunteer photographers to snap pictures during Holy Week liturgies next weekend. Great way to apply your hobby/passion to documenting our new sanctuaries debut for Easter. Intrigued? Email Jonathan Matthes below.

Contact Jonathan

Music This Holy Week by Colleen Pingel



As we enter into Holy Week, our music invites us to pray more deeply with the mystery of Christ's Passion. Each liturgy is shaped by simple, reflective chant and song that allows space for contemplation and participation. On Palm Sunday, we sing Stay With Me and O Sacred Head, entering into the journey toward the cross. Holy Thursday centers on Anima Christi, a prayer of intimate union with Christ. On Good Friday, we offer Lord, We Adore You, Jesus, Remember Me, and Per Crucem, music that draws us into stillness and reverence. We invite you to continue praying with these pieces throughout the week. Audio links are provided so that these songs may accompany your personal prayer at home.

Palm Sunday
STAY WITH ME | O SACRED HEAD

HOLY THURSDAY
ANIMA CHRISTI

GOOD FRIDAY
LORD WE ADORE YOU | PER CRUCEM
JESUS, REMEMBER ME

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
AT ST. JUDE

HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 2 6 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3 3 PM

EASTER VIGIL
APRIL 4 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5 7:30 AM
10 AM
11:45 AM

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

Grow Your Faith

DEEPEN THE WELL

Diving into the Palm Sunday Readings



Dr. Pitre is back, second week in a row, this time to peer into the well that is the Palm Sunday Gospel. The depth of these readings is so delectably rich. The full video is just over 10 minutes, best ten minutes you can spend for your faith. My suggestion, take the full bite.

Lenten Reflection by 8th Grade Mary & Jesus: Paola Vasquez-Rocha & Mac Kramer



Holy Week is almost upon us and we can feel the anticipation for what is to come. There may be a sense of quiet or even emptiness when you enter the church as if waiting. There will be sadness as we hear the words of the Passion and the knowledge that the Crucifixion of the Lord is near. We will weep for the pain Jesus must endure so that we can live in glory. But we will also experience joy and gratitude upon His Resurrection. The Stations of the Cross performed so beautifully by the 8th Grade class allows us to experience the emotions of Jesus, Mary, and all those who walked that painful journey to Golgotha. These amazing children of God boldly accept this opportunity and portray their roles with compassion, faith, and love. This year, Paola Vasquez-Rocha will embrace the role



of Mary, faithfully walking in the footsteps of her son, while Jesus is portrayed by Mac Kramer who will carry all our sins upon his shoulders and accept the cross as his fate.

Paola (Mary)

I was interested in taking on the role of Mary because she was a wonderful person who was kind and humble. Witnessing past representations of the Stations of the Cross, I always knew I wanted to be Mary. Another reason for my interest was because Mary is very important, and I want to do my very best to represent her. Mary is a very significant role and I am extremely blessed, happy, and grateful to portray her this year.

Having the role of Mary has shaped my Lenten season in many ways. Compared to past years, I have been reflecting a lot more during this Lent. I think about all the pain Jesus suffered, and how much Mary also suffered seeing Jesus go through this pain. This reflection on Mary and Jesus is one of the ways my Lenten season has been impacted.

Completing our Lenten promises is hard, but we should keep doing them because we love Jesus. We should also be kind to all of those around us including our siblings, parents, and friends. I know it is hard to do some of these things, so if you are having trouble just take a little moment, and ask God for help.

Mac (Jesus)

Playing Jesus gives me the opportunity to be closer to God. I was interested in the role of Jesus because of the impact I can leave on the St. Jude community. It is an honor to know that I am seen as a leader in our community, particularly in my faith.

Playing this role is like being held to certain standards and it is very beneficial in my Lenten journey. Knowing that others believe that I can stay faithful to my commitments during Lent is a confidence booster. Being picked out of the applicants for the role of Jesus is something very important to me, and seeing the Stations of the Cross from prior classes has been inspiring. The Class of 2024, especially my sister's participation as Mary, helped me give the Stations a closer look.

I hope my class and I are able to bring people closer to God through our showing of the Stations of the Cross. Lent is closer to being finished than it is to beginning, and hopefully most people have stayed loyal to their Lenten sacrifice. Even if they haven't, that doesn't mean they cannot try and try again. God is telling them to finish strong and embrace the rest of Lent!

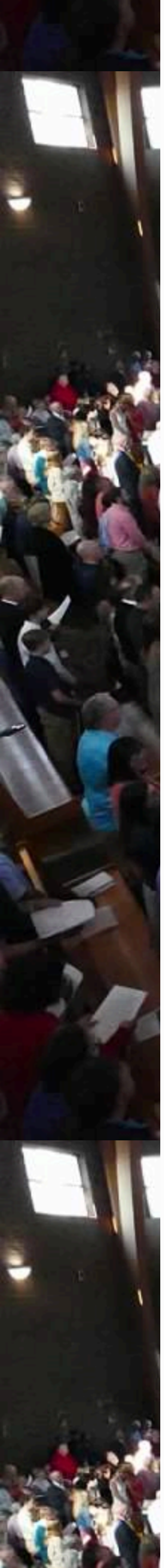
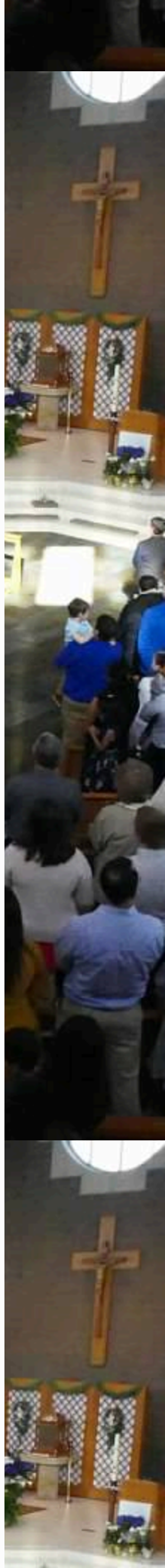
This Week Around Campus

Today Mar 27

Wednesday Apr 1

Thursday Apr 2

The **Parish Office** is closed today...But it's also your last Chance to pray the **Lenten**



Stations of the Cross, 6 pm
inside Church.



April 12: Join us in Church for a Prayer Service for Divine Mercy Sunday at 3 pm, including Adoration & Benediction



The Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
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4 March 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

800 years ago, the Church entrusted the guardianship of the Holy Land to the Franciscans whose purpose is to support its people and maintain the holy sites. The Franciscans preserve the holy places and make it possible for Christians to remain in the land of Jesus.

In these days of escalating tensions and war in the Middle East, our attention is drawn to the instability in the region and the dangers experienced by the people living there. The following message from the Custos of the Holy Land describes the dire situation and the need for our participation in **The Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land**.

"The war, the violence and the insecurity have hit Gaza, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon and Syria hard. To all this was added the long absence of pilgrims, which has aggravated a situation already complicated for many families who no longer have the means to support themselves.

Young people are finding it increasingly difficult to imagine a future here, in their land. Hope itself appears wounded, in Bethlehem, in Jerusalem, in the North of Israel, as well as in Lebanon and in Syria. In this context, the words of the Holy Father resonate strongly, who has called us back to the urgency of prayer and fasting for peace, asking with force for an end to the conflict in the Holy Land.

Good Friday, then, takes on an even deeper meaning for us. The Pontifical Collection Pro Terra Sancta is not just a gesture of solidarity: it is a concrete sign of communion with the Church of Jerusalem. Thanks to this Collection we can support schools, parishes, charitable works, social projects and emergency interventions, keeping the Christian presence alive in the Places of Redemption.

Today more than ever we are called to rebuild: not only buildings, but we are called to rebuild relations, trust, hope. And this passes above all through education, through the youth, through families, through the places where a culture of encounter and peace can be born."

May our prayers, sacrifices and financial offerings lead to peace for all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Charles C. Thompson

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Adult Confirmation

St. Jude plans to offer classes with Father Tony on Tuesday evenings to prepare adults who are baptized Catholics for confirmation. The classes will be at 6:30 pm, starting on April 21 and continue through May 19. Adult Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 31, at 2 pm at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Please reach out to Christie Denzer to register via the email below or call the parish center.

Email Christie

JUDED

**FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT:
SYMBOLS OF
RESURRECTION**

WITH:
SCOTTY BIGGS
DIRECTOR OF ONE BREAD ONE
CUP @ SAINT MEINRAD

Tuesday, April 7th
From 7-8pm

Located at St. Jude Catholic Church
5353 McFarland Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46227

A Space for Healing

SUPPORT, REFLECTION, AND SHARED UNDERSTANDING

This group offers a safe, welcoming space for those navigating grief or loss. Through quiet conversation and shared presence, we come together in care and understanding. This is a mixed group and all are welcome. Participation is optional.

St. Jude Catholic Church, April 9th - 6 weeks,
5353 McFarland Rd, Door 1, Hospitality Room
Indpls. IN 46227

RSVP: Patti Collins, 317-786-4371 or
pcollins@stjudeindy.org

Rosary Leaders Needed

We are in need of someone to help lead the weekly Tuesday and Thursday Rosary at 5:20 PM starting the week of March 29th before the 6:00 PM Mass. Rosemary and Richard Rybicki will not be available to lead the rosary due to personal commitments and would like to see the rosary continue on these days that we are gone and absent from St Jude. If you feel a calling to take on this responsibility, please call Richard at (812) 371-2461. I know that you too, will appreciate the beauty, and significance of this rosary if you elect to take on this responsibility. Thank you for your consideration of answering our Mother Mary's call to pray the rosary.

If you still haven't registered for our OSV Online Giving Platform, no time like the present. [Click Me.](#)



Supporting the Rome Pilgrimage



My name is Jacob Johnson. I have been a parishioner at St. Jude my entire life. I graduated from Roncalli last May and am continuing my education at Indiana University in Bloomington, studying Biology on the pre-medical tract. You may recognize me from my involvement in youth ministry programs here at St. Jude and as a former MC at Mass.

I first got involved in youth ministry through an invitation to Antioch, a weekend-long retreat offered each winter for high school students. From there, I continued to be involved in youth ministry, specifically, the MC server program. For those who are not familiar, an MC, or Master of Ceremonies, is a server role offered to high school students who would like to deepen their personal contribution within the liturgy. MCs have the responsibility to lead young less-experienced servers through the Mass

and provide additional aide to the clergy to ensure a smooth celebration. Through my three years of being an MC alone, I accumulated over 100 hours of service by serving weekend liturgies, funerals, Holy Days, and celebration Masses. As a "thank you" from the parish, high school senior MCs have the opportunity to participate in a pilgrimage to Rome. The trip is largely funded by St. Jude parishioners through various second collections during weekend masses.

Last summer, meeting the criteria of serving an average of two times per month for at least two years, I was fortunate to be one of nine seniors eligible to make this journey. For eight full days, we followed Father Peter Marshall through the streets of Rome. I connected with my Catholic faith on a whole different level. We saw countless relics of Saints, beautiful architecture (rarely seen in America), and enjoyed deep conversation over authentic Italian cuisine. We even were fortunate to see our newly elected Pope Leo driving around in the Popemobile on our trip to the Vatican! All of this made possible by the generous support of St. Jude parishioners! On behalf of the 2025 Rome pilgrimage participants, thank you! I am forever grateful for this once in a lifetime experience. I will pray for all your ongoing generosity to ensure this opportunity continues for years to come.

PTO Flower Sale

Hello St. Jude families – We are excited to announce the return of our PTO Flower Sale with Foertmeyer and Sons. We had a great 1st run last year with many of our families

praising the high quality of the plants we received. We hope you will join us again this year and spread the word as we aim to make this flower sale a cornerstone of our PTO fundraising that benefits teachers and students. Please register now below to prepare. The sale will go from 3/25 to 4/14 with delivery happening on 4/25 this year. Get those plants for Spring and Mother's Day!

Register



Scan to Register

St. Jude 2026 Vacation Bible School

June 8 - 12, Monday - Friday
9:30 am -12:30 pm



Scan to Volunteer

Register now online! Registration will close on June 1st.

While walk-in registrations are accepted on June 8th, please try to sign up before the deadline in order to help us better prepare!

Participants: ages 4 through incoming 5th grade

Volunteers: incoming 6th grade though adults

Childcare available for kids under age 4 for parents volunteering at VBS.

Sign up the child as a participant and type nursery for grade level.

Contact: VBS Director, Lindsey Knust at lnknust87@gmail.com

Register

Volunteer

Last Week's Poll Responses

Movies peaked in the '90s. Which era had the best movies? The 1990's by one singular vote over the 1980's. Neither the oldest nor newest movies got much love.

- 1 1990s...25.0%
- 2 1980s...23.0%
- 3 1970s...17.0%
- 4 2000-2015...14.0%
- 5 1940-50s...9.0%
- 6 1960s...6.0%
- 7 2015 - present...3.0%
- 8 Pre 1940 ...2.0%

This Week's Poll Question

What busted your bracket?

My Own stupidity

It's not my fault, dumb kids should've played better

Only that like none of my 12 upsets actually hit

My Overconfidence in Miami Ohio

The Iowa Hawkeyes

Speak for yourself, I'm in good shape headed toward the weekend

Busted!? More like Boiler Up!!!

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