

# Faith Formation



## Newsletter

**NO Faith Formation Classes Wednesday, March 14, 2018**



Dear Parents—

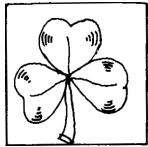
Palm Sunday is on March 25th this year. You can begin a new tradition with your family this year: The placing of the palms.

The palms we receive at Mass on Palm Sunday are blessed. Father blesses them in a prayer that asks for God's grace so that our entire lives and everything we do might acclaim Jesus as Messiah.

Attend Mass together as a family on Palm Sunday. After Mass, reverently carry your blessed palms into your home. Have family members take pieces of blessed palms throughout the house and place them with holy pictures, crucifixes, and other sacred items; have them bring back any palms that might be in those places from last year. Before the end of the day, responsibly burn all the old palms.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week that ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Holy Week includes Holy Thursday and Good Friday, which, together with Holy Saturday, are known as the Triduum. During this week we commemorate the Passion of Christ, who died on Good Friday, and rose on Easter Sunday. Please plan on joining us at St. Stephen as we celebrate this most blessed Holy Week.

Sincerely in Christ—The Faith Formation Catechists



# March Calendar

<i>Friday, March 2</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross (6:00 &amp; 7:00 PM)</i> <i>Youth Fish Fry (5:30-7:30 PM)</i>
<i>Sunday, March 4</i>	<i>First Communion Class (10-11 am)</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 7</b>	<b>Faith Formation: (5:30-6:30 PM) &amp; (6:45-7:45 PM)</b> <b>High School Youth: (6:30-8:00 PM)</b>
<i>Friday, March 9</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross (6:00 &amp; 7:00 PM)</i> <i>Youth Fish Fry (5:30-7:30 PM)</i>
<i>Sunday, March 11</i>	<i>First Communion Class (10-11 am)</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 14</b>	<b><u>NO FAITH FORMATION—Spring Break</u></b>
<i>Friday, March 16</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross (6:00 &amp; 7:00 PM)</i> <i>Youth Fish Fry (5:30-7:30 PM)</i>
<i>Sunday, March 18</i>	<i>First Communion Class (10-11 am)</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 20</i>	<i>Parish Lenten Penance Service (7 pm)</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 21</b>	<b>Faith Formation: (5:30-6:30 PM) &amp; (6:45-7:45 PM)</b> <b>High School Youth: (6:30-8:00 PM) or REBOOT - leaving at 6:15 pm</b>
<i>Friday, March 23</i>	<i>4th Grade Stations of the Cross (6:00 pm)</i> <i>Youth Fish Fry (5:30-7:30 PM)</i>
<i>Sunday, March 25</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>First Communion Class (10-11 am)</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 28</b>	<b>Faith Formation: (5:30-6:30 PM) &amp; (6:45-7:45 PM)</b> <b>High School Youth: (6:30-8:00 PM)</b>
<i>Friday, March 30</i>	<i>Good Friday</i> <i>Youth Stations of the Cross - 12 noon</i>

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Haylee Rodriguez	March 1
Fatima Vargas	March 2
Angelica Hernandez	March 4
Itzel Lara	March 7
Santiago Perez	March 18
Matthew Rose	March 18
Lorena Oerez	March 18
Jairo Hernandez	March 22
Mialy Suarez	March 29
Stephanie Villafranco	March 30

Lent & Holy Week	
<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <i>Friday's during Lent</i>	6:00 PM –English 7:00 PM—Spanish
<b>Fish Fry</b> <i>Friday's during Lent</i>	5:30-7:30 PM
<b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>March 25</i>	9 AM English Mass 11 AM Spanish Mass
<b>Holy Thursday</b> <i>March 29</i>	7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Washing of the Feet</i>
<b>Good Friday</b> <i>March 30</i>	12 noon Youth Stations 3 PM Veneration of the Cross
<b>Holy Saturday</b> <i>March 31</i>	9:00 PM Easter Vigil <i>(Sacraments of Initiation)</i>
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <i>April 1</i>	9 AM English Mass 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 AM Spanish Mass

St. Stephen Catholic Church  
**Lenten Penance Service**  
 Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
 7:00 PM

Join Us Every Friday During Lent  
  
**FISH FRY**  
 5:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall  
 ALL Proceeds benefit the St. Stephen Youth Group



4th Grade Faith Formation Class  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 Friday, March 23, 2018  
 6:00 PM