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**Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 23, 2025**

## Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm**

**Sunday Mass: 8:30am inside & 11:00am**

### Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

**Confessions:** Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

### Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—9pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email [adorers@hspalmyra.com](mailto:adorers@hspalmyra.com).

**Baptism:** To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email [church@hspalmyra.com](mailto:church@hspalmyra.com).

**Sponsor Forms:** Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

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### Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30am—4pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Wednesday: 12noon—6pm

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

## OUR MISSION

*To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.*

**PASTOR’S MESSAGE**

Celebrating **Holy Family Month** in February is important because it provides an opportunity to reflect on the virtues of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of a faithful and loving family. This observance encourages families to strengthen their relationships, deepen their faith, and embrace values such as love, obedience, humility, and trust in God.

**Reasons for Celebrating Holy Family Month:**

1. Promoting Family Unity – It encourages families to spend quality time together, pray, and support one another in their spiritual and daily lives.
2. Following the Example of the Holy Family – The virtues of the Holy Family serve as a guide for families to cultivate love, patience, and sacrifice in their relationships.
3. Strengthening Faith in the Home – It reminds families that faith should be at the center of their lives, helping them overcome challenges with trust in God.
4. Encouraging Moral and Spiritual Growth – Families can use this time to reflect on how they can live out Christian values in their daily interactions.
5. Building a Culture of Love and Respect – Recognizing the Holy Family inspires families to treat each other with kindness, forgiveness, and compassion.

**Ways to Celebrate Holy Family Month:**

- Praying together as a family, such as the Rosary or the Holy Family Prayer.
- Attending Mass and offering special intentions for family unity.
- Reading and reflecting on Bible passages about the Holy Family.
- Engaging in acts of service and kindness within the family and community.
- Hosting family gatherings to strengthen relationships.

Observing Holy Family Month in February is a meaningful way to renew commitment to family life and Christian values, fostering a home centered on faith, love, and holiness.

**CALENDAR & INTENTIONS**

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Frank Macus (From Fran & Maria)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29  
9:00am Mass † Antoinette “Toni” Grant

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37  
3:15pm Cenacle  
7:00pm Folk Group

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40  
5:00pm Legion of Mary  
5:30pm Rosary † Elva Amelio  
6:00pm Mass  
6:40pm Confessions  
6:45pm Women at the Well

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50  
9:00am Mass † Jill Longchamp  
4:45pm Shine Fitness  
7:00pm Sunday Choir; Knights of Columbus

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12  
7:00am Mass † Adele Grimes

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16  
4:00pm Mass † Dot Shelton  
5:00pm Confessions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45  
8:30am Mass † Pete Cali  
9:30am CGS-6th Grade PREP  
11:00am Mass For the People of the Parish  
2:00pm Jr. Youth Ministry Paramount Sports  
6:00pm 7th & 8th Grade PREP

**TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Last week’s offerings will be reported in the next week’s bulletin due to an early submission deadline to our publisher.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO CGS-6TH GRADE PREP CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 23. EXTRA DAY OFF.

### Awaken Lenten Book Study

Join our group for a Lenten study of *Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem* by Fr. Mark Toups. This study will be on Wednesdays, March 5—April 9, from 9:30am—10:30am, or Monday evenings, March 3—April 7, from 6pm—7pm, in the third-grade classroom. A limited supply of journals is available for \$8.50. Anyone who wishes to do the study is welcome to attend or drop by when able. For information or to register, contact Kathryn Gentry at 717-838-6521, or email at [faithstudy@hspalmyra.com](mailto:faithstudy@hspalmyra.com).

### Mass Intention Book is now Open

To schedule Masses, candles, or flowers, stop by the parish office. The Mass intention book is now open for May, June, and July.

### Grief Support Group

Losing a loved one can be one of the most difficult experiences we face in life. Holy Spirit Parish is starting their fifth grief support group for individuals suffering from the loss of a spouse, an adult child, or a parent. It will start the week of March 3 and run for 10 weeks. To join or for more information, please email [griefsupport@hspalmyra.com](mailto:griefsupport@hspalmyra.com).

### Charismatic Mass at Saint Theresa's

There will be a Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing at St. Theresa Church, New Cumberland on Tuesday, March 4, at 7pm. All are welcome! For additional information, please call Vicki at 717-364-6260, or Mary Ann at 717-512-3628.

### 2025 DAC GOAL: \$118,700.55

You can send your donation directly to the diocese or make an online donation at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign/ways-to-give/>. Or visit our parish website for more information and links. Select Church of the Holy Spirit. Envelopes are available on the narthex table.

### Rosary Recitation during Lent

The rosary will be recited, during Lent, before all daily and weekend Masses beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 5. If you would like to lead the rosary, please contact Kathie at [jimkathieb@comcast.net](mailto:jimkathieb@comcast.net).



### Fish Fry 2025

Come join us for our annual Lenten Fish Fry. Dine-in, to go, and online curbside to go is available. Fridays: March 7, 14, 21, & 28 and April 4 & 11, from 3pm—7pm. Featuring N. Atlantic Haddock (Baked or Fried), crab cakes, shrimp, clam strips, pierogi, soup, & mac-n-cheese. To volunteer, please sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60BOC4EADA629A3FA749225444-fish>, or send an email to [fishfry@hspalmyra.com](mailto:fishfry@hspalmyra.com). We will need soda and water donations. Please drop off any donations at the church.

### Lost and Found

Please take a moment to check the Lost and Found bin, located above the coat rack across from the restrooms. The last day to check the lost and found bin is March 9, 2025. We will donate the items after that weekend.



From Pope Francis' address to Congress: "Our world is facing a refugee crisis of a magnitude not seen since the Second World War. This presents us with great challenges and many hard decisions...thousands of persons are led to travel north in search of a better [safer] life for themselves and for their loved ones... Is this not what we want for our own children? We must not be taken aback by their numbers, but rather view them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories, trying to respond as best we can to their situation. To respond in a way which is always humane, just and fraternal. We need to avoid a common temptation nowadays: to discard whatever proves troublesome. Let us remember the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you'" (Mt 7:12), <https://time.com/4048176/pope-francis-us-visit-congress-transcript/>. **PRAYER:** Lord give me empathy for innocent victims fleeing war, terrorism, gang violence, and famine.

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