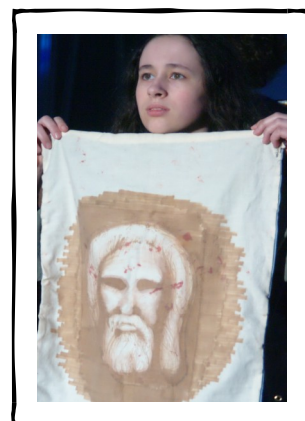
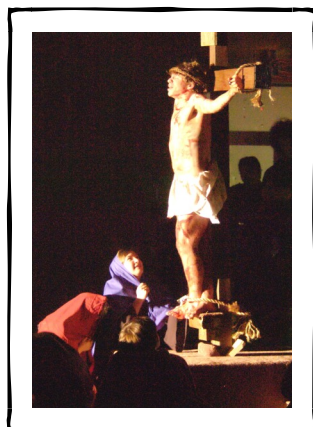


**St. Hilary Youth Group**  
presents

# **Living Stations of the Cross**

*"a prayerful re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross"*



**Good Friday, April 2nd**  
**8:00 pm**

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our sins, upon him was the chastisement that  
makes us whole, by His stripes we were healed."*

*ISA 53:5*

# The Living Stations

*A personal reflection by Monica Erickson, past member of the Youth Group.*

The Living Stations is a living prayer that the teens of the Youth Group present for the Parish. The service will be held on Good Friday, April 2nd at 8 pm. Jason Solomon, Youth Minister, comments: "I create a program that shows the teens as God's instruments. We don't ask for applause at the end. Monica has written an explanation of why we present this program."

People have asked me, "Why do you do this? Why do you even try to understand?" Well, to answer everybody's question, you can't. Nobody can understand the pain Jesus went through, every lash of the whip, every drop of blood. It is impossible. That is why He went through it, for you and me, for the anonymous. Past, present, and future, He died the most excruciating death because that was the greatest gift He could give us.

His blood was spilled that day because we are sinners. We ourselves nailed Him to that cross. We like to think of ourselves as good Christians, but every lie that we speak and every sin that we commit pushes that nail in deeper and deeper into His hands that healed leprosy, and feet that walked Him across water. It is explained more from a quote from the prophet Isaiah; "But He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by His stripes we were healed." ISA 53:5.

Jesus died in hope that we remember what happened that day so that we have an excuse to bow our heads in prayer, because that is what it is. The Living Stations that St. Hilary teens put on for the church is not a skit, or a play, but a prayer. Every person performing does it because of their love for Jesus. When we attempt to retrace the steps that Jesus went through the last day of His life, we think not of the people watching us, but try to be there with Jesus when he was condemned to death, when soldiers shoved a spear into His side or crowned Him with thorns. Our tears fall freely from our eyes when Jesus falls, and our hearts break when He is nailed to His cross.

This prayer is to help you embrace Jesus. As I have said before, it is impossible to understand, but that doesn't mean you can't accept. Please come, as we share this prayer with anybody who wishes to be absorbed in God's love. All I ask is that you come with an open mind, and an open heart, for with God, nothing is impossible.

