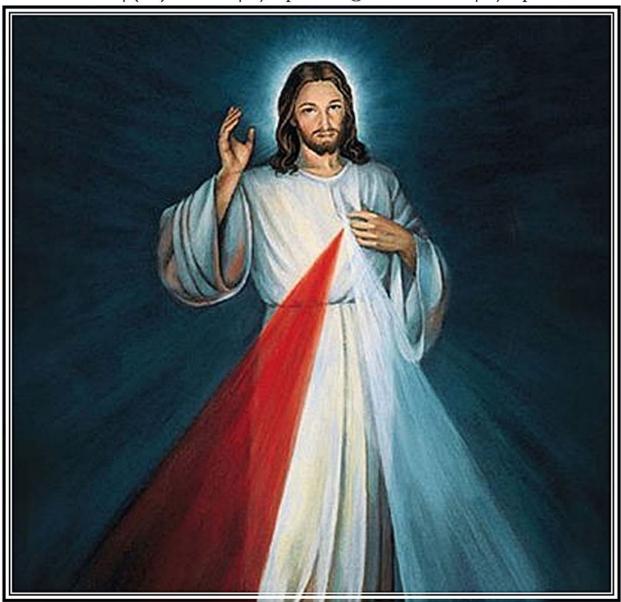
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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday within the Octave of Easter, April 27

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention

8:30 a.m. Rosary

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Fathers of Tom & Becky Jackson

#### Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 28

#### - Second Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Leo Volk +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

#### Monday, April 29

8:00 a.m. Joseph Schandler +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

#### Tuesday, April 30

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:00 a.m. Lily Sunio & Purita Sumabat +

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Confessions

8:30 a.m. Rosary

#### Wednesday, May 1

6:25 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Beatrice Hickert +

#### Thursday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Leo & Florence Gillig Family

8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction

#### Friday, May 3

8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Welling +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

#### Saturday, May 4

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention

8:30 a.m. Rosary

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Leonard Smythe +

#### Sunday, May 5

#### - Third Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Gerald Beckman +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

#### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8 Tues., Apr. 30 - St. Pius V, Pope - Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15

**Wed., May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker -** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thurs., May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36 Fri., May 3 - St. Philip and James, Apostles - 1

Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14

Sat., May 4 - Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21

**Sun., May 5 - Third Sunday of Easter -** Acts 5:27-32,40b-41/ Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Please pray for: Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, and Heidi Geisel.

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019– C**

To conclude the Octave of Easter, the Church celebrates today as Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast day was instituted by Pope St. John Paul II at the beginning of the new millennium and arises from apparitions received by St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Sister of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw, Poland, living in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. At the prompting of her spiritual director, she kept a diary of the apparitions and messages that she received from the Lord. With the assistance of a local artist, she was also able to create the image of the Divine Mercy that is so familiar to us today. Following her death in 1938, devotion to the Divine Mercy quickly spread throughout Poland and the world

Among the many beautiful devotions that have come from St. Faustina's writings, the Divine Mercy Chaplet has remained ever powerful. This chaplet, which can be prayed on a Rosary, beseeches our Lord's intercession as our Merciful Savior and guides each of us to always show to one another the mercy that God has shown to us. This chaplet is often prayed at three o'clock in the afternoon, recalling the time of Jesus' death on the cross. By gazing upon the cross of our Lord and meditating upon that greatest of sacrifices He offered for us, we most clearly see the Divine Mercy that we are called to imitate.

In recognizing the Divine Mercy poured forth upon the world through the cross, we also recognize the beautiful inner-working between the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession. In our readings today, we hear of how our risen Lord enters into the lives of the Apostles and calls them back to Himself. Upon seeing Him, the Apostles find forgiveness, healing, and restoration. Like the Apostles, we meet Christ first in the confessional, acting through His priest (John 20:22-23), and experience His forgiveness and mercy. In this sacrament, His mercy and peace wipe away those sins in our lives that prevent us from full union with Him. And, then, in the Eucharist, we enter into that full communion with Him (John 6:56), receiving our Lord in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. No greater gift can be given to us this side of Heaven than that of our Lord Himself.

Continuing in our Easter joy, we have many celebrations and events quickly approaching. Next weekend, we will join in the great celebration of the First Holy Communion of our second graders and our yearly May Crowning. At the 10 AM Mass this coming Sunday, ten children will receive our Lord in the Eucharist for the very first time. May we keep these ten children in our prayers, offering them in a special way to the protection of our Blessed Mother throughout this coming month of May. As they experience this greatest of gifts for the first time as they receive our Lord, may we also ask our Lord to renew our own zeal each time that we receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. (*Please Note: Incense will be used at the 10 AM Mass.*)

The following week (after Mother's Day Weekend), we will join in the great celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our seven Confirmandi. Bishop Rhoades will celebrate this Mass of Confirmation on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM at St. Mary's in Decatur (which all are invited to attend). In receiving this Sacrament, our Confirmandi will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, like each of us, will be sent out to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. As we pray for our Confirmandi, let us also ask the Lord to renew in each of us the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit that each of us received when we were confirmed. May these great graces be stirred up in our souls and keep the flame of faith burning brightly in our souls. (If any adult has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please let me know and we can work together to ensure you can receive the graces of this great Sacrament.)

Our celebrations continue even further into Eastertide as we celebrate Sr. Rose's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious Profession with the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes. Mark your calenders for this potluck celebration on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, following the 10 AM Choir Mass. Sr. Rose has served us here at St. Joseph's for the past 16 years as our Director of Music and, as she marks this wonderful anniversary, we pray for her and thank the Lord for her religious vocation.

This coming Friday is the first Friday of the month, which is a day dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In honor of this devotion, in addition to our 8 AM Morning Mass, we will also offer a special evening Mass this Friday (May 3) at 6 PM. This evening Mass will be offered as a Low Mass according to the 1962 Missal, meaning the prayers (except for the Readings and Homily) will be prayed in Latin. Missalettes with Latin/ English translations will be available. Following the Mass, there will be a chance to discuss the experience. If you've never had the chance to experience the Mass in this form, I would encourage you to attend.

For those who have not yet received copies of either the "Little White Book" from the Diocese of Saginaw or Scott Hahn's "Signs of Life" given out this Easter, we have more copies on order. As soon as they arrive, they will be made available in the narthex. - In the risen Christ, Fr. David



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#### MEETING REMINDER!

The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, May 7, 2019, with recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church; 7:00 p.m. meeting in the social hall.





#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 5, 2019

Cecilia 'CeCe' Andrews, daughter of Colin and Lauren Andrews Parker Christal, son of Mike and Angel Christal Charley Fosnaugh, daughter of Charles and Jessica Fosnaugh

Anna Hartman, daughter of Todd and Anjie Hartman Gabriella 'Gabby' Hoffacker, daughter of Tyler and Laurie Hoffacker

Angela Mayer, daughter of Matt and Jeannette Mayer Audrey Mechling, daughter of Eric and Tammy Mechling Macy Onweller, daughter of Carrie Onweller Anderson Schaible, son of Derrick and Shana Schaible Eli Seago, son of Kevin and Jessica Seago Please keep these ten children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time on May 5th.



#### ALL DAY ADORATION EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, May 2, 2019 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction-6:45 p.m.

#### PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun., Apr. 28 Last Religious Education Class of the school year
- Thurs., May 2 All Day Exposition/Adoration 8:30a.m. 7:00 p.m. /Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.
- Fri., May 3 First Friday Low Mass 6:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 5 May Crowning/First Holy Communion Mass 10:00
- Mon., May 6 New Evangelization Team Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 7 Knights of Columbus recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church - 7:00 p.m. meeting in social hall
- Wed., May 8 Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Sat./Sun., May 11/12 Sat./Sun., June 8/9 Helping Hands Baby Bottle Campaign
- Sun., May 12 at 8:30 a.m. & Wed., May 15 at 7:30 p.m. Discussion Forum on Mary, our Blessed Mother
- Mon., May 13 Confirmation Mass at St. Mary's, Decatur, IN-7:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 14 St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 14 Alpha Leaders Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 19 A Celebration of Sr. Rose Clare Ehrlich, CSA, 60th Anniversary of Religious Life, carry-in following 10:00 a.m. Mass. Sign up sheet in the narthex. All are invited and welcome!
- Thurs., May 23 Mass at Christian Care 10:30 a.m.
- Mon., May 27 Memorial Day Office Closed
- Thurs., May 30 Mass at River Terrace Estates 10:30 a.m.

#### **WEEKEND OF MAY 4/5, 2019**

#### **CANTORS:**

5:00 Larry Leitz 7:30 Donna Geisel

> 10:00 Nancy Leitz (Choir/First Communion Mass)

#### ECTORS:

5:00 **Knights of Columbus** 7:30 Carol Butler

10:00 Michelle Paxton

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 Knights of Columbus

7:30 Dave Gruss, Barb Ault, Sherry Makowski

10:00 Missy Huss, Jessica/Kevin Seago, Monica Harris, Diana

Cole, Sandy Smythe

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 **Knights of Columbus** Doug/Janet Lehman 7:30

**10:00** Mike Painter, Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family

#### **SERVERS:**

5:00 Knights of Columbus

7:30 Mark/Beth Geisel, Abby Wagner

10:00 Wyatt Girod, Jacqueline Mayer, Alex Mechling

#### Collection for Weekend of April 20/21, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$2,139.00 Child Envelopes-\$6.00 Loose- \$370.00 Religious Ed. Fund- \$212.00 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$21.00 Easter Offering- \$937.00 Paper Gator- \$50.71 Votive Candles- \$163.22 Alpha Donation-\$94.00

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Ride Needed! We have a new parishioner, Teresa McIntyre, who lives at Capri Ct. Teresa is in need of a ride to Mass on the weekends. Her first choice is 5:00 Mass and her second is 10:00. Please call the Parish office if you can help 824-1380. Thank you!

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