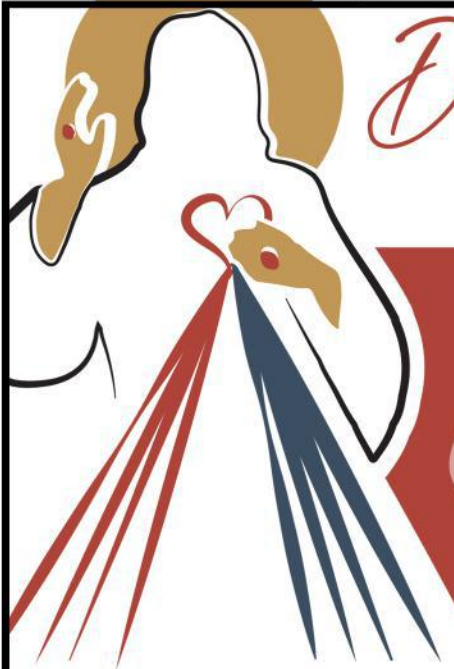


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Divine Mercy Sunday

PLENARY INDULGENCE

THROUGH PRIVATE REVELATION TO ST. FAUSTINA, JESUS REVEALED:

“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy (1109). The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).”

- Diary of St. Maria Faustyna Kowalska -

DIVINE MERCY IS FOR YOU

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated annually on the first Sunday after Easter. A Plenary Indulgence removes all temporal punishment due to forgiven sin ("Temporal punishment" is the "making up" for sin to which we are obliged after we are forgiven). A Plenary Indulgence can be applied to one's self or to anyone who is deceased. A Plenary Indulgence can be gained once per day.

THREE NORMAL CONDITIONS FOR GAINING ANY PLENARY INDULGENCE



Sacramental Confession within 20 days of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023

Eucharistic Communion



Prayers for the Pope's Intentions



ONE SPECIFIC WORK REQUIRED ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy.

OR

In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

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Administrative Assistant / DRE: Michelle Paxton | **Director of Sacred Music:** Teresa Smith

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 15

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Makowski Family

Sunday, April 16

**Second Sunday of Easter
or Divine Mercy Sunday**

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

Monday, April 17

No Public Mass

Tuesday, April 18

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. Steve Hickert +

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, April 19

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. Nancy Kreutzer +

Thursday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +

Friday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Saturday, April 22

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Lucila Santanilla +

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) - APRIL 16, 2023

A special "Thank You!" to Fr. Dave Ruppert for being the celebrant at our Saturday vigil Mass this weekend while I am away celebrating the wedding Mass of two of our parishioners, the now Mr. and Mrs. Stephen and Becca Vanderkolk, at St. Mary's in nearby Bluffton, Ohio.

This weekend (April 15th/16th), the Church celebrates the **Octave Day of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday**. Throughout the past week, each day was celebrated as if it was **Easter Sunday** itself. The end of this octave, however, does not end our Easter celebration, but now fully enters us into **Eastertide** itself. Our forty days of fasting in **Lent** have opened us to fifty days of feasting and celebration throughout the entire **Easter season**.

Throughout these fifty days, we hear from the **Acts of the Apostles**. In this book of the Bible we see that the story of Jesus continues through the life and mission of His first disciples in the Church. In this way, we learn that the Resurrection isn't the end of a story, but only its beginning. The story of Jesus continues even today through the missionary activity of the Church as we, Her members, continue to bring the Gospel, by word and deed, to all people.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This coming Saturday (April 22nd), five of our Eighth Graders will join with students from St. Mary's of the Assumption in Decatur to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Rhoades will preside at the Mass and serve as the minister of Confirmation to our students. Please keep these five students (*Josephine, Kari, Gabriella, AnneMarie, and Bartolo*) and their classmates (*Angel and Sam*), who have previously received this Sacrament, in your prayers.

ECCE—THE LOVE OF GOD CONCERT

Join us on **Sunday, April 30th, at 1 PM** in the Church for a free concert hosted by the **Ecce Young Adult Choir**. The choir consists of young adults from the Fort Wayne-area and offers a variety of concerts throughout the year.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES PILGRIMAGE

One of the things I've hoped to do as a priest, but not yet had the chance to do so, is lead an international pilgrimage. That is, until now! With the end of my studies in sight, I've used some of my new found free time to begin planning a pilgrimage for either late Fall 2023 or early Winter 2024. This pilgrimage will take us to Italy for 10-11 days, where we will visit a number of cities where Eucharistic miracles have occurred (*Rome, Lanciano, Cascia, Assis, and Siena*).

As we will soon enter into the national year of the Eucharistic Revival, this seemed an appropriate theme for such a pilgrimage. And, traveling in the Fall / Winter will move us away from the busy tourist seasons and the hot weather. I am still working with and narrowing down various tour groups to try and set the best arrangements for this pilgrimage, while keeping it as affordable as possible. We hope to have plans set soon. If you are interested in learning more about this pilgrimage opportunity, please let me know.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Last weekend, we resumed distribution of the Most Precious Blood at our weekend Masses. Moving forward, the Most Precious Blood will be distributed every weekend at our 10 AM Sunday morning Mass with the assistance of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. (*The weekly Minister's Schedule is in the bulletin.*) We do not yet have enough volunteers to resume with regular distribution at our 5 PM Saturday vigil or 7:30 AM Sunday morning Masses.

We are continuing to request volunteers to assist at both the 5 PM Saturday vigil and the 7:30 AM Sunday morning Masses. If you would like to assist and are willing to be trained and commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office (824-1380). Once we have enough volunteers, we will plan to resume the regular distribution of the Most Precious Blood at these two other Mass times.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 17 - Easter Weekday - Acts

4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 18 - Easter Weekday - Acts

4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 19 - Easter Weekday - Acts

5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 20 - Easter Weekday - Acts

5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 21 - Easter Weekday - St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church- Acts

5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 22 - Easter Weekday - Acts 6:1

-7/ Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, April 23 - Third Sunday of Easter -

Acts 2:14,22-33/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Margaret Pogue.

ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS



THE LOVE OF GOD
A SACRED MUSIC EVENT
Sunday, April 30th at St. Joseph Parish
1300 N. Main St., Bluffton
10:00 a.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
11:15 a.m. Potluck in the Parish Social Hall

Please see the sign-up in the Narthex for the Potluck
1:00 p.m. Concert of Sacred Music

THE ENTIRE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL



ASK FATHER

Our Ask Father Sessions will resume on Thursday, April 27th, at 5:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall. All are welcome!

Please join us for a
Praise and Worship Holy Hour
Wednesday, May 3



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Apr. 15 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 16 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
Sun., Apr. 16 - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
Tues., Apr. 18 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
Tues., Apr. 18 - No Children's Choir Practice
Wed., Apr. 19 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 19 - Adult Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 22 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
Sat., Apr. 22 - Confirmation Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, IN - 10:00 a.m.
Sat., Apr. 22 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 23 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
Sun., Apr. 23 - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
Tues., Apr. 25 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
Tues., Apr. 25 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
Wed., Apr. 26 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 26 - Adult Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 26 - Finance/Budget Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
Thurs., April 27 - Ask Father - 5:30 PM in Parish Social Hall
Sat., Apr. 29 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
Sat., Apr. 29 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 30 - Mass 7:30 a.m.
Sun., Apr. 30 - Religious Ed. Classes (last day)-8:30-9:45 a.m.
Sun., Apr. 30 - ECCE Young Adult Choir - The Love of God - A Sacred Music Event (Please see note within this bulletin).

Weekend of April 22/23 Weekend



5:00 Sam/David Smith
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Glenn Ryan
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson



10:00 Monica Harris, Tammi Helm, Diana Cole (Choir)



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
7:30 Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of April 8/9

Adult Envelopes- \$4,562.00
Loose- \$180.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$484.07
Religious Education Fund- \$125.00
Votive Candles- \$41.30

Total- \$5,392.37

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,420.05 ahead of our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$115.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.

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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, May 5, 2023
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.
'Spend an Hour with me.' - Jesus

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 10:00 AM
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

Please remember in your prayers our 2nd grade class who will be making their First Holy Communion, they are:



- Louis Andrews, son of Colin and Lauren Andrews
Dominic Bedwell, son of Tracey and Sarah Bedwell
Maya Cerna, daughter of Roy and Mayra Cerna
Jackson Felger, son of Joe and Christy Felger
Grace Fosnaugh, daughter of Charles and Jessica Fosnaugh
Jesse Haiflich, son of Andy and Jennie Haiflich
Jacob Hoffacker, son of Tyler and Laurie Hoffacker
Ethan Howell, son of Brett and Amy Howell
Easton Roembke, son of Greg and Rachel Roembke

A special 'Thank You' to Kevin and Jessica Seago, 2nd grade Catechists who have prepared these children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist.



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