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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 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 7, 2024



Eucharistic Communion

Prayers for the Pope’s Intentions



ONE SPECIFIC WORK REQUIRED ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We’ve Moved, here is our new information

Saturday, April 6

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. Louis Bradley +

Sunday, April 7

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Monday, April 8

No Public Mass

Tuesday, April 9

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Alan Jaffe +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, April 10

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +

Thursday, April 11

8:00 a.m. Lugene "Gene" Keys +

Friday, April 12

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Saturday, April 13

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. Julie Johnson +

Sunday, April 14

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 8 - The Annunciation of the Lord - Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Ps 40:7-11 / Heb 10:4-10

Tues., Apr. 9 - Easter Weekday - Acts 4:32-37 / Ps 93:1-2, 5 / Jn 3:7b-15

Wed., Apr. 10 - Easter Weekday - Acts 5:17-26 / Ps 34:2-9 / Jn 3:16-21

Thurs., Apr. 11 - Easter Weekday - Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr - Acts 5:27-33 / Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 / Jn 3:31-36

Fri., Apr. 12 - Easter Weekday - Acts 5:34-42 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Jn 6:1-15

Sat., Apr. 13 - Easter Weekday - Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr - Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / Jn 6:16-21

Sun., Apr. 14 - Third Sunday of Easter - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - APRIL 7, 2024

Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! This weekend (April 6th/7th), the **Easter Octave** comes to a close as the Church celebrates the **Octave Day of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday**. Each day of the **Easter Octave** has been celebrated as if it was **Easter Sunday** itself, exemplifying that the joy of **Easter** cannot be contained by a single day. The **Easter Octave** itself gives way to **Easter tide** as our celebration of the resurrection continues.

Even when **Easter tide** comes to a close following the **Ascension of the Lord** and **Pentecost**, our celebration of **Easter** is never far away from us. Every Sunday throughout the year shares in the joy of **Easter Sunday**. In the 4th Century, St. Augustine of Hippo referred to every Sunday as "*a sacrament of Easter*" and St. Jerome stated very clearly that every "*Sunday is the day of the resurrection, it is the day of Christians; it is our day.*"

For this reason, Christians gathered throughout the centuries every Sunday for to celebrate Mass. The earliest Christians, like many that are still suffering persecution today, were willing to give their lives to gather for Mass. In AD 304, the Martyrs of Abitinae in North Africa told their Roman persecutors: "*Without fear of any kind we have celebrated the Lord's Supper on Sunday because it cannot be missed; We cannot live without the Lord's Supper.*"

This seeming fearlessness in the face of persecution and martyrdom shows forth the strong belief in the resurrection of our early brothers and sisters in Christ. They believed, as we do today, that not only has the Lord risen from the dead, but that He invites us to participate in His resurrection. In the words of St. Ignatius of Antioch in AD 110, on Sunday we recognize that day "*on which also our life has sprung up again by Him and by His death.*"

Liturgically, this hope is reflected in our Paschal Candle. Blessed at the Easter Vigil, this candle, a symbol of Christ, stands burning brightly next to the ambo throughout the **Easter season**. It is marked with the "*Alpha*" and "*Omega*," reminding us that Jesus is the beginning and the end, and the current year (2024), as all times belong to Him.

A special "*Thank You!*" to parishioner Nancy Wagner, who has painted our Paschal Candle over the past several years. Following in our theme this year, "*Living Life Liturgically*," she incorporated elements of the liturgical year into this year's Paschal Candle, including the Nativity of the Lord, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection, as well as many of the liturgical colors marking the different seasons throughout the year.

A special "*Thank You!*" to our Religious Education Classes for the Alleluia banner that has hung above the main entryway in the narthex throughout the **Easter Octave**. Each class spent time decorating a letter to help spell out "*Alleluia*." Just before Ash Wednesday, the letters were collected and hidden away just as the "*Alleluia*" itself was "*hidden*" from our lips throughout the entirety of **Lent**.

Having entered the **Easter season**, "*Alleluia*" has returned to our lips as we proclaim it together before the Gospel reading. In the same way, this Alleluia banner decorated by our children has "*risen from the grave*" and greets us as we enter the Church. To paraphrase Pope St. John Paul II, we are an Easter people and "*alleluia*" is meant to be our song! This word, of course, is a liturgical Hebrew word that means "*Praise the Lord!*"

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS WITH BISHOP RHOADES

On Sunday, June 2nd, Bishop Rhoades will offer a Mass for adults in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral. If you have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, consider availing yourself to this opportunity to do so. Please contact me directly in the Parish Office (260-824-1380) if you would like to learn more and participate in this adult Confirmation Mass with Bishop Rhoades.



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.

G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

The G.I.R.L.'s Night Out group will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Conference Room.

If you are in need of a ride, please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380. All women of the Parish are Welcome!

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES of ITALY

Join Fr. David for a slideshow presentation of his recent pilgrimage to Italy, including visits to the Eucharistic Miracles of Lanciano, Orvieto, and the tombs of Sts. Francis, Clare, & Bl. Carlo Acutis.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH—6 PM—SOCIAL HALL

ASK FATHER

Ask Father returns Thursday, April 25th, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., April 6** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 7** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 7** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., April 7** - Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck - following 10:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall (approx. 11:30 a.m.)
- **Tues., April 9** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., April 9** - GIRL's Night Out Group - Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., April 10** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., April 10** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., April 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., April 12** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 13** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 14** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 14** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., April 16** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., April 17** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., April 17** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., April 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., April 19** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 20** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 20** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 21** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 21** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Weekend of April 13 and 14



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Dan Geimer
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Marita Crawfis



5:00 Laurisa Roper
7:30 N/A
10:00 Diana Cole



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
7:30 Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Gabby or Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Mar. 30/31

Adult Envelopes- \$4,985.00
Loose- \$224.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$320.83
Good Friday/Holy Land - \$981.00*

Total- \$5,529.83

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$434.38 ahead of our budget for the month of March.

ELEVATE Program—\$2,500.00**

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.

**The annual Good Friday Holy Land Collection supports Christians in the Holy Land, who rely on the help that comes from this yearly collection.*

***The ELEVATE Program is a fundraising program from our bank, Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, that gives back to local parishes.*

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It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the protection of children and young people. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org, under "Youth Protection".

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (260) 399-1458 or mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org; or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801; at (260) 399-1419; or at mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

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Before you speak...
THINK!
T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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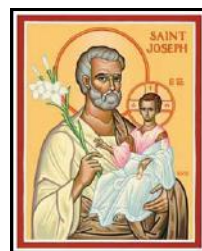
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