

Devine Mercy Sunday

April 28, 2019

On this Octave Day (8th day) of Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast was instituted for the Universal Church by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000 at the Canonization Mass for St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who received a series of revelations from Jesus about the great gift of Divine Mercy He offers to His children. In her famous Diary, she recorded the following words from our Lord Himself about the feast day He intended to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary*, #699)

Confession is not something to be reserved only for Lent or Advent. It is a gift we are encouraged to make use of at any point we find ourselves in need of it, not delaying it lest we place our eternal salvation at risk. To be completely honest with you, I was a little disappointed with the amount of free time I had in the confessional waiting for souls to come encounter that gift during the Lenten season. My greatest fear as your Pastor is that there are some, and I fear many, who do not feel the need, are too scared, or, frankly, too

prideful to go to confession. I invite you to pray for the grace of humility to come to encounter this remarkable gift, no matter how long it has been. Jesus is waiting to flood you with His love and mercy, restoring you to the dignity and purity you received when the victory of the Resurrection was won in your soul on the day of your Baptism.

-Father Alford

Anointing of the Sick

If you are going to the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

Prayer List:

Jane Hendrickson, parishioner
Allan Dahlkamp, parishioner
Cece Foltz, parishioner
Robert Eifert, parishioner
Shirley Crawford, parishioner
Rene Runions, parishioner
Ray Roland, parishioner
Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
Kathy Smith, parishioner
Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
JoAnn Barber, parishioner
Ken Cardoni, cousin of Frances Tomashavich
Susan Decatoire, aunt of Mike Spainhour
John Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
Glen Limper, son of Al & Betty Limper
Hope Power, daughter of Yvonne Brandis
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
Julie Sinkus, daughter of Barb Sinkus
Tom Helling, brother of Gary Helling
Jim Felts, husband of Dianne Felts
Jerry McCormick, brother of Tom Walker
Jean Seward, sister of Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Bob Etherton, friend of Mary Bruno
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
Mike Geist, brother-in-law of Ray & Sue Roth
Craig Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker
Carol Slaughter, friend of Virginia Rentschler





Rice Bowls and Loving Arms Baby Bottles

THANK YOU to those who collected! If you still have your Baby Bottles and/or Rice



Bowls, now is the time to turn them in! Please bring them to the parish office or to church so we can send in money to these worthwhile organizations. Thank you for your generosity.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

- 8-noon** **Garage Sale**
- 3:30 p** Confessions
- 4:30 p** **Mass** (Int: Barbara Reid†)
- Sunday, April 28th**
- 7:30 a** **Confessions**
- 8:00 a** **Mass** (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
- 9:30 a** **Wyndcrest:** Krug
- 9:45 a** **Confessions**
- 10:00 a** **Rosary**
- 10:00 a** **Choir Rehearsal**
- 10:30 a** **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
- 12:00 p** **RCIA**

- Monday, April 29th**
- 9:00 a** Counting team #2
- 5:00 p** Confessions
- 5:30 p** **Mass** (Int: Tom Slaughter†)
- 7:00p** **Finance council mtg**
- Tuesday, April 30th**
- 7:00 a** Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a** **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
- 8:00 a** Scriptural Rosary
- Wednesday, May 1st**
- 7:00 a** Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a** **Mass** (Int: †)
- 8:00 a** Scriptural Rosary
- 6:30 p** **PSR**
- 7:00p** choir rehearsal
- Thursday, May 2nd**
- 7:00 a** Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a** **Mass** (Int: Don Barrett†)
- 8:00 a** Scriptural Rosary
- 7:00 p** men's prayer group
- Friday May 3rd**
- 7:00 a** Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a** **Mass** (Int: †)
- 8:00 a** Scriptural Rosary

- Saturday, May 4th**
- 8:30 a** Confessions
- 9:00a** **Mass**
- 9:30a-?** **Eucharistic Adoration**
- 3:30 p** Confessions
- 4:30 p** **Mass** (Int: for the parish)
- Sunday, April 28th**
- 7:30 a** **Confessions**
- 8:00 a** **Mass** (Int: Jim & Mary Kates†)
- 9:30 a** **Wyndcrest:**
- 9:45 a** **Confessions**
- 10:00 a** **Rosary**
- 10:00 a** **Choir Rehearsal**
- 10:30 a** **Mass** (Int: Issac Weitekamp†)

Parish Sacrificial Giving
Fiscal Year 7/1/2018-6/30/2019

	Last Week	Year-to-date
Collections (0)	\$ 0.00	\$227,412.07
Electronic Funds (1)	\$ 200.00	\$ 43,239.60
Bldg. Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 140.00	\$ 11,437.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,935.00
Poor Fund	\$ 40.12	\$ 2,136.55
Children's Offerings(3)	\$ 7.10	\$ 44.11
Cath. Home Missions(2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 170.00
Rice bowl	\$ 233.96	\$ 233.96
Holy Land (26)	\$ 662.00	\$ 919.00
Seminarians (50)	\$ 2,189.00	\$ 2,340.00
Easter Offerings (107)	\$ 5,121.00	\$ 5,466.00
Number of contribution envelopes used:		106
Number of Electronic Contributions:		1

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 4th – 4:30 p.m.

- Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Scheufele, Tomashavich, Deacon Roth
- Lectors:** Auxier, Day
- Servers:** Delgado, Krug, Western
- Hospitality:** Egizio, Foster, J & D Kratz

Sunday, May 5th – 8:00 a.m.

- Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, D & B Connolly, Deacon Walker
- Lectors:** Deimel, Hendrickson
- Servers:** Deen, Lauwerens
- Hospitality:** Eichholz family

Sunday, May 5th – 10:30 a.m.

- Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Crusen, Clare, Kuntzman, Warren
- Lectors:** Kerley, K. Livengood
- Servers:** A & A Livengood

Minister of Care: Fr. Alford
Hospitality: Zucco Family
CLOW: Toliver

→PSR NEWS←

It's that time of year again when we will be doing **early registration for the 2019-2020 PSR classes.** We will have Wednesday evening classes only. PSR registration forms have been sent out and the pre-registration dates are April 24th and May 1st. By registering early, you will help us have a good start in planning for next year's classes. **Please help us to prepare by registering early!**

- Frances Tomashovich

Volunteers for this week – April 29th – May 5th

Church Duster: Dianne Felts
April Recycling Volunteer: Jerry Calvert
May Recycling volunteer: Jan Pietras
April Food Volunteer: Jeannette Waters
May food volunteer: Mary Fox
Coffee & Donuts – Sun., May 5th:
Joe & Sarah Deen

St. Jude Parish Weekly Confessions Times

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.
Saturday – 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.

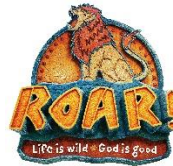
SCRIPTURE READINGS – APR. 28th – May 5th

Sunday: ACTS 5:12-16
RV 1:19-11A, 12-13, 17-19 JN 20:19-31
Monday: ACTS 4:23-31 JN 3:1-8
Tuesday: ACTS 4:32-37 JN 3:7b-15
Wednesday: ACTS 5:17-26 JN 3:16-21
Thursday: ACTS 5:27-33 JN 3:31-36
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 JN 14:6-14
Saturday: ACTS 6:1-7 JN 6:16-21
Sunday: ACTS 5:27-32,40b-41 RV 5:11-14
JN 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



The youth going on this year's Mission trip will be selling **raffle tickets after all Masses May 4th & 5th, and May 11th & 12th.** The tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Only 600 tickets will be sold. The

drawing will be Mother's Day, May 12th. The prizes are a choice of \$650.00 cash, a \$650.00 shopping spree at Scheel's, or a whole hog processed by Magro's Gourmet Meats. If you would like to purchase tickets but are not available to purchase them after these masses, please contact Kay Foster at yakyakf@comcast.net or 217-494-2984.



Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

Apr. 29 – 7:00 p.m. – Finance Council meeting
May 1 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR/pre-registration
May 1, 8, 15, 29 – Choir rehearsal
May 2 & 16 – 7:00 p.m. – Men's Prayer Group
May 5, 12, 19, 26 – 10:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
May 6 – 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council meeting
May 7, 21 – 6:45 p.m. – Women's Bible Study
May 8 – 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Bunco
May 8 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR Closing Mass
May 11 – 1:00 p.m. – Sew-n-Sews
May 14, 28 – 10:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study
May 14 – 6:30 p.m. – Pre-Jordan
May 15 – 6:30 p.m. – Confirmation
May 21 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting
Appreciation Dinner

Save the Date – ROAR VBS July 21-25

Mark your calendars because we're "Roaring" to have VBS this summer!

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate and helpers 6th through high school are asked to volunteer.

VBS will be from 6-8:30 in the Parish Center but will begin Sunday night with a Family Kick-off Cookout

Registration begins the first week of June, more information to come!

Please save newspaper, cardboard, and paper towel/toilet paper rolls so the VBS staff can begin transforming the Parish Center into a Zoofari!

You are invited to join the Ladies Bible Study Group! We meet the first & third Tuesdays of the month at 6:45 p.m., and the second & fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am.

In May the morning Bible Studies Group will start a new series on "Cultural Apologetics" – looking at hot button topics from a Catholic perspective. On Tuesday, May 14th, we will be talking about .

The evening Bible Studies Group are beginning a study on the Book of 1 Corinthians and seeing the ways which Scripture is applicable to our lives in today's world.

So, come and join us, bring a friend!

Women's Retreat

Join women of faith as we come together to take time for ourselves and journey together with Jesus. Talks, discussion, prayer, and worship music are just a few things you can expect on this one-day retreat. There is no cost, but a free will donation is appreciated. Join us on June 28th at Hagel's in Mt Sterling, IL from 6-9 to socialize with other women and meet those leading the retreat. Free appetizers are available as well as a cash bar, just come and go as you please! On June 29th, we will have the retreat at St Thomas Church Hall in Camp Point, IL starting at 8:30 and concluding with mass at 3:30. This is a Catholic based retreat, but all are welcome! To register, please contact Laura Evans at 217-316-1734 or levans@adams.net



Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right Now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to find essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations

support programs such as religious education, seminary formation and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions



Does Springtime give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you and your spouse planted the seed of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter will give you the tools you

need to help your marriage grow and blossom more beautifully! The next weekends are June 21-23, 2019 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL, or August 9-11, 2019 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314-649-7317.



The award-winning Rochester High School Music Department will present musical memories of the past by proudly sponsoring the Rochester High School 11th annual musical program for older adults. This event is scheduled for

Sunday, April 28th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Rochester Junior High School Gymnasium (on Rt 29) and is open to all area adults age 55 and older and their guests. Come listen to great entertainment from the Rochester High School Jazz Ensembles and the Rochester Vocal Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Dennis Jones and Mr. Joshua Spear. Some musical sets offer dance opportunities for guests. Drinks and desserts made by the high school students will be provided. This is a free event offered by the high school as a special service to area senior adults. Casual dress. Call 217-494-9192 or 217-415-4964 for additional information.

CULTURE REFRAMED PARENTS PROGRAM

Fr. Richard Chiola, Ph.D, is presenting Culture Reframed – Building resilience and resistance to hypersexualized media and porn, Wednesday, May 1st from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Christ the King Parish Center, Springfield, IL. This is a **parent only** presentation open to all parents whose children attend a Catholic School or Parish School of Religion. Questions and panel discussion will follow the 40-minute presentation. If you would like more information, please contact

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Lincoln Land Concrete
Matt Anderson, plant manager
Springfield and Curran, IL
217-697-8566



Recycling – Please do not put anything but rinsed aluminum cans in the brown wooden bin in front of the Parish Center. We were notified by Lake Area Recycling that they received old metal items (i.e.: bird feeders) and garbage in the last load that was taken in. They informed us that if it happens again, they will no longer accept materials from us. Money received from the recycling of cans is donated to St. Patrick School in Springfield.



Food Collection

FOR ST. MARTIN De PORRES
Each Sunday you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to mass and place them in the baskets as you enter the Church. All food is taken to St. Martin de Porres Center in Springfield to help their great mission to feed the poor and hungry.
Volunteers take the food in weekly to the Center.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th, the Cathedral will host devotions in honor of the day. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at Noon. Confessions will be available from Noon until 3PM with three confessors available during that time. At 3PM, the hour of Divine Mercy, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated as will the Chapelet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome!

Church Softball will be starting soon!

Any men, women, or high school students interested in playing can sign up in the back of the church or contact Barry Houmes at 971-1631. Adult players (over 18 years of age) must have attended a Protecting God's Children session.
