

April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday



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BAPTISMS

Contact Father at least 6 weeks prior to desired date.

WEDDINGS

Contact Father 6 months prior to the desired date

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact Father

HOMEBOUND / HOSPITAL VISITS

Contact Father

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation - (217) 321-1155

Father's Corner

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (2nd reading)

The feast of Divine Mercy celebrated this 2nd Sunday of Easter is to send the entire world an important message: God is merciful and He loves all of us.

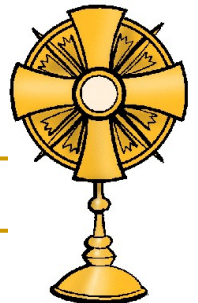
In 1980, St John Paul II issued the encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*, which not only views Jesus Christ as the “Incarnation of mercy”, but also teaches that mercy is “the fundamental content of the messianic message of Christ and the constitutive power of His mission”.

The ramification of such a bold way of describing Mercy challenges human beings to move beyond a basic understanding of justice. St John Paul II notes that “mercy has the power to confer on justice a new content, which is expressed most simply and fully in forgiveness”.

Forgiveness in an age of self-centeredness and rabid individualism is often seen as weakness. And yet, through the seeming weakness of the Cross, his “sorrowful passion,” forgiveness, love, and mercy are offered “to us and to the whole world” (cf. Chaplet of Divine Mercy). They are confirmed in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ who appears to his disciples and takes away all doubt, bringing peace to those in fear. All of the baptized are called to carry on this mission of Christ that offers mercy to a suffering and broken world. A life lived in mercy will lead to greater unity with one another. St. John Paul II when he canonized the visionary of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina Kowolska, and declared the Second Sunday of Easter, “Divine Mercy Sunday,” in the Jubilee Year of 2000, said in his homily that day, that Jesus “showed us the many paths of mercy, which not only forgives sins but reaches out to all human needs...every kind of human poverty, material and spiritual” (Homily for Divine Mercy Sunday).

True and lasting forgiveness that leads to living a life of deeper compassion and mercy can only occur with trust. The Apostle Thomas in the Gospel passage of this Divine Mercy Sunday did not trust the word of witness of his brothers and sisters in the Upper Room. He needed to experience the mercy of Jesus Christ for himself, as do we. It is only through a personal encounter with Christ as the Merciful One that we have the graced strength to say, “Jesus, I trust in You!”

(From Fr. Frank Donio, SAC. on Divine Mercy)



-Year of the Eucharist-

Is it important to praise God in the Mass, and if so, when does this occur? (Gloria)

Yes. The whole Mass is a continuous praise of God. But there is also a special hymn of praise called the Gloria (“Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth”).

This is an ancient hymn of the Church, in which the congregation praises the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). The Gloria is said or sung on Sundays and other solemn feasts outside of Advent and Lent.

How do the introductory rites come to a conclusion? (Opening Prayer)

The introductory rites come to a conclusion with the Opening Prayer or Collect. The people pray with the priest in God’s presence as he leads them in the opening prayer after a moment of silence. The Opening Prayer expresses the theme of the Mass while calling on God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And the people give their assent by the acclamation, saying, “Amen.”

Bible Study

Tuesdays
St. Mary at 10:00 am || St. Raymond at 6:30 pm

Family of Faith

Next class: April 19th
K of C Hall in Morrisonville 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Reconciliation Times

St. Maurice - Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
St. Mary - Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
St. Raymond - Sunday 7:00 am - 7:30 am

Caruso-Sperl Charitable 501(c)3 Trust

Are you concerned about the influence of secularism on your child? Are you interested in placing God at the forefront of your child's education? The Caruso-Sperl Charitable Trust provides qualified financial assistance toward Catholic K-12 school tuition or for accredited Catholic home school curricula. To learn more about this trust, we encourage you to look under the Parish Life (Parochial School Education) tab at www.sacredheartvirden.com/catholic-education. To request application materials, contact Larry James (217.725.4473 or larrita@royell.org). Application materials processed from schools need to be postmarked by May 5, 2023.

2023-2024 school year registration open at St. Louis Catholic school (SLS) in Nokomis

If you are interested in learning about the quality education SLS can give your child, please contact the office for more information at 217-563-7445. A few registration packets are available at the back of the church or registration information can also be accessed at slsk8.org/registration. SLS offers transportation to and from school as well if needed! Deadline is May 1st to secure an opening for your child/children. SLS is a Pre-k through 8th grade state accredited elementary school and offers a very low teacher to student ratio in a Christ-centered, academic focussed setting and co-op extra-curricular activities like cheerleading, scholastic bowl, band, softball, baseball, basketball, football, soccer and volleyball. SLS students experience prayer and the word of God each and every day, along with Mass two times a week! Let SLS be a part of your village in helping to raise your child up in the ways of the Lord!!

Join us in praying for life

Every Friday morning at 9:00 am
in St. Raymond's main church

St. Raymond's CCW is sponsoring Ladies Spring Fling

Ladies from all three parishes are invited
Bring a parent, friend, or daughter
Wednesday, April 19th at the Raymond K of C Hall
A light catered meal will begin at 6:00 pm
Entertainment by the Lincolnwood Drama Club,
singing selections from their production of The Little Mermaid

RSVP by April 12 to

St. Mary - Kathey Rovey 217-820-3375
St. Maurice - Micki Goebel 217-229-3179
St. Raymond - Pat Pope 217-825-3360 or
Rita Bruntjen 217-2293606 / 217-259-3605



Has the Shrine of Our Lady of the Highways made a positive impact on your spiritual life? If so, please contact Betty Parquette at frenchybg@gmail.com. She is writing an upcoming article for the Catholic Times about how the shrine played a role in her journey to the Catholic Church and would like to include stories from others who have been positively impacted.

St. Louis School Now Hiring 2023-24 School Year Positions

Principal:

Candidates should be practicing Catholics with appropriate experience who have a strong desire to build Catholic culture and grow the faith environment of our school.

Full-time Teacher:

7/8th grade class room teacher. Preference is for a practicing Catholic with appropriate experience. Other qualified candidates may apply.

Part-time PE Teacher:

Preference is for a practicing Catholic with appropriate experience. Other qualified candidates may apply.

Applicants for all positions may apply by submitting their resume and cover letter to Fr. Michael at
311 S. Elm Street.

All positions and information available at
www.slsk8.org/hiring

Our Prayer Corner

Carrie Alkire, Margaret Angle, Wayne Angle, Ralph Bawden, Speed Beaty, Kathy Beckmier, Carrie Beeler, Martha Beeler, Ivan Benning, Kathy Bergschneider, Larry Bergschneider, Amy Bethard, Cooper Bethard, Helen Boehler, Monte Busen, Kathy Caraway, Tammy Carter, Susie Carter, Gaye Catlin, Raymond Coatney, Ruth Coatney, Mike Colbrook Jean Cole, Ron Cole, Georgetta Dean, Gerald Dean, Aaron Dejaynes, Carl Durbin, Adam Edwards, Jason Fark, Joyce Fesser, Mary Lou Fleigle, Susan Fleigle, Pat Forbes, Briar Gard, Derek Gatton, Joe Grundy, Nide Grundy, Ramona Grundy, Dale Gudgel, William Gudgel, Bobbie Harker, Elayna Harker, Cameron Harmon, Gail Hartman, Harold Haslett, Bill Held, Gary Held, Colette Herrmann, Ben Hobson, Sarah Hopf, Clarrissa Hupp, Angie Janssen, Gary Jones, Lori Johanson, Bob Karasch, Joan Keller, Larry Lanter, Scott Lindquist, Janet Locander, Drake Lucas, Peter Luczak, Brad Lush, Chad Lush, Christine Lush, Valarie Lush, Debbie Marten, Mike Martin, Alan McFarlin, Erma McKinnie, Frances Meyer, Jonathon Millburg, Boggy Miller, Dan Miller, Deanna Miller, Heather Miller, Chris Mizera, Hans Mizera, Missy Mizera, Shirley Mizera, Dave Mullen, Alta Mundhenke, Marilyn Murphy, Bodhi Niewinski, Rose Ann Olinger, Trevor James Oller, Millie Olsen, Brenda Ouelette, Ron Painter, Randy Patterson, Diane Pitchford, Michael Poleon, Roy Prose, Mary Ellen Rogers, Opal Ryan, Larry Saxe, Mike Sheedy, Rita Sloan, Dan Smith, Lenora Spencer, Tracy Stephens, Greg Stewart, Teresa Todt, Mary Frances "Toots" Walch, Larry Weber, Brant Weitekamp, Bev Weitekamp, Ed Weitekamp, Greg Weitekamp, Jodi Weitekamp, Steve Weitekamp, Pat Whalen, Jenny White, Larry Williams, Sandy Williams, Mary Zueck

Help us keep this list up to date! To add or remove someone, please contact Kateri Marten

St. Mary

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, April 15

5:00 pm Thomas Marten, in discernment of the priesthood (Mary Marten)

Tuesday, April 18

8:00 am Alvin & Delores Seelbach (Michelle Pingsterhaus)

Saturday, April 22

5:00 pm The Parishioners of St. Mary, St. Maurice, & St. Raymond (Fr. Florent)

Tuesday, April 25

8:00 am Dorothy Heaton (David & Maria McFeggan)

Extraordinary Minister Schedule

April 15 - Patty Clarke & Mary Ann Rimini
 April 22 - Mary Jane Schmid & Patty Clarke
 April 29 - Bea Leonard & Mary Jane Schmidt
 May 6 - Glenn Rovey & Bea Leonard
 May 13 - Mary Ann Rimini & Glenn Rovey

Lector Schedule

April 15 - Mary Jane Fuchs
 April 22 - Tony Krager
 April 29 - Dan Martin
 May 6 - Kathy Rovey
 May 13 - Carol Hupp

Collection for April 8

Envelopes & Loose	\$310
Rice Bowl (April 5)	\$50
"My Easter Offering"	\$1,370
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$45
Seminarians (April 9)	\$195
Candle Fund	\$
Maintenance Fund	\$
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$1,970

Finance Council

Bob Wagahoff
 Patty Clarke
 Donna Krager
 Bill Brown
 Fr. Florent

St. Raymond

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, April 16

8:00 am The Parishioners of
St. Mary, St. Maurice, & St. Raymond
(Fr. Florent)

Wednesday, April 19

No Mass

Sunday, April 23

8:00 am Terry Brockmeyer
(Larry & Debbie Lucas)

Wednesday, April 26

8:00 am Special Intention
(Barbara Powley)

April Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Chris Meisner

CANTOR Tim Marten

HOSPITALITY Joe Pope

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Dianne Hampton and John Barto

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

April 2 - Mary & Julie Krager

April 9 - Dick Lyons

April 16 - Carl Marten

April 23 - Noller/Morehouse

April 30 - Dick Lyons

SERVERS:

April 2 - Denny Held

April 9 - Avery & Luke Pope

April 16 - Dan Held

April 23 - Morgan Hampton

April 30 - Denny Held

Collection for April 9

Envelopes and Loose	\$1,480
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Candle offering	\$8
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Bell Tower	\$50
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Rice Bowl (April 5)	\$2.31
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Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$70
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Seminarians (April 9)	\$50
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Catholic Times (Jan 8)	\$15
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Total Collections:	\$1,675
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Finance Council

Bill Held
Marlene Marten
John Barto
Allen Poggenpohl
Fr. Florent

St. Maurice

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, April 16

10:00 am Donnie Harris and
Billy Harris
(Family)

Friday, April 21

8:00 am Kenny Rosenthal
(Keith & Cynthia Hancock)

Easter Sunday, April 23

10:00 am Howard & Rita Fishburn
(Fishburn Girls and Families)

Friday, April 28

8:00 am Sr. Leola Brown
(Darlene O'Brien)

Ministry Schedule

April 16

LECTOR Dereke Dunkirk

USHER Bill O'Connell and

Dan & Linda Johnson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Ed Goebel, Dale Brockamp,
and Catherine O'Connell

SERVERS Macie Ferrill and

Adelaide & Gentry Dunkirk

April 23

LECTOR Diane McWard-Sullivan

USHER Bill O'Connell and

Dan & Linda Johnson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Gerry Goebel, Larry Goebel
and Charlie Golitko

SERVERS Nathaniel and

Nicholas DeBrun

Collection for April 9

Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$1,820
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Rice Bowl (April 5)	\$215
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Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$71
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Seminarians (April 9)	\$165
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Catholic Charities (March 2)	\$25
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Church Improvement Fund	\$60
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Candle Fund	\$
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Total Collections:	\$2,356
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Finance Council

John Fleigle
Deb Forbes
Brenda Deardorff
Charlie Golitko
Dale Brockamp
Fr. Florent