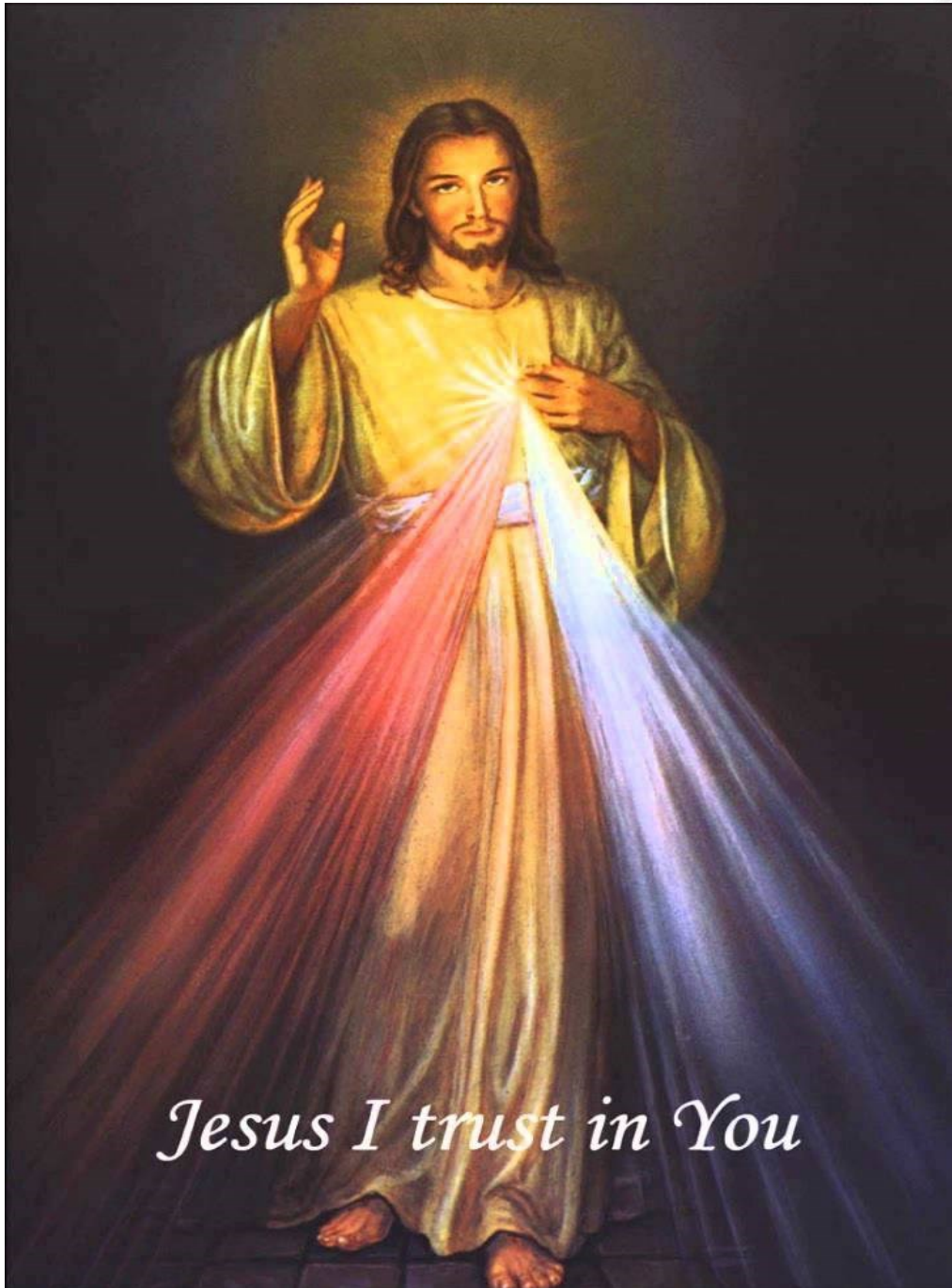


Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023



Jesus I trust in You

Blessed Sacrament Parish welcomes new residents and visitors. It is wonderful to celebrate the Eucharist with you. If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register.

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Call the Parish Office to register

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Divine Mercy Sunday

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, April 17

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Thomas R. Cooney

Tuesday, April 18

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: James "Mac" Graham

Wednesday, April 19

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joseph B. Haugh, Jr.

Thursday, April 20

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joe Reichle
Paul Killion

Friday, April 21

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Bertha Saiz
Sue Senger

Saturday, April 22

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Jasper Madonia
Ruth Bennett

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Mary Staudt

Sunday, April 23 - Third Sunday of Easter

7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Pat Kienzler

10:30am Mass: Betty King

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

**Rosary beginning at 10:05am is prayed
before the 10:30am Sunday Mass**

Dear Parishioners,

Divine Mercy Sunday. This weekend we celebrate a special solemnity emphasizing Jesus' divine mercy. It is a relatively new addition to the church's liturgical calendar; dating back to the year 2,000. On April 30 of that year, Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun to whom Christ revealed his divine mercy in a series of visions. During the canonization, the pope extended the celebration of the feast of Divine Mercy to the entire universal church and determined that it would be celebrated on the Sunday following Easter.

Sister Faustina was born in 1905 in a village near Lodz', Poland. At the age of 18, she left home to go to Warsaw intending to join a convent. After two years she was finally accepted into the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She remained a nun the rest of her life. In 1930, she began to show signs of an illness thought to be tuberculosis. She would live only a few short years after that. In 1931, she had a vision of Jesus in a white robe with red and pale rays emanating from his heart. Over the next eight years, until her death, she would experience a series of visions. Christ's divine mercy would be revealed and explained to her as Christ's love for man despite our sinfulness that separates us from him. The writings in her diary reflect the thoughts, prayers, visions, and conversations she had with Jesus concerning his divine mercy. Christ asked her to pray a novena to Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday and ending the Saturday after Easter. Because of this, Pope John Paul assigned Divine Mercy Sunday to the Sunday following Easter.

The eighth day following Easter was already an important day. It was on this day that Jesus revealed himself to Thomas, who was not present the first time he appeared after his resurrection. (He had already given them the authority to forgive sins.) To combine this event with a feast honoring Christ's mercy seemed a perfect fit. Therefore, we gather this weekend, we proclaim Christ as risen, victor over sin and death, and the source of divine mercy.

The Communion Cup. After a long absence, we have reintroduced the cup at communion for those who wish to receive from it. As before, the option to receive is left to the individual. For those who are still uncomfortable receiving from the cup, it is not required. However, for many Catholics, being able to receive under both forms is spiritually important and we are happy to make it possible. Please remember that if you receive the cup, take it in both hands, drink, and then hand it back to the minister. Intinction (dipping the host) is not permitted.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Let us pray for our Recently Departed:

Melissa "Missy" Leigh McDermott
Bennett Walter Lenkart

Blessed Sacrament School

Monday, April 17 - Welcome Back from Spring Break Students and Staff! We are currently in the fourth quarter of our school year. The students are anticipating end-of-year activities including field trips, the annual Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea, and the Days of Discovery, Class Trip, Awards Night, and Graduation for our 8th graders. The school year goes so fast!

Empower Illinois/Invest in Kids - Match Met! The good news for Blessed Sacrament School is that we have met the donation goal to qualify for the \$10,000 matching gift for scholarships! We currently have 10 students with confirmed scholarships for next year. The not-so-good news is that we still have 50 students on our waiting list for next year. Please consider donating to this program that is providing scholarships for 34 students during this current year at B.S.S. Remember, your donation to Empower qualifies you for a 75% percent Illinois income tax credit on the amount of the donation. For more information and detailed instructions on participating, go to www.empowerillinois.org. You may also contact Kim Hoffmann (hoffmann@bssbruins.org) for assistance.

Annual Fund - Have you made your donation to this year's B.S.S. Annual Fund? The Annual Fund supports the operating budget of the school, including curricular materials, technology, salaries, equipment, utilities, maintenance, and all of the things necessary to help our school survive and thrive. Donations are accepted in the collection basket, or online at www.bssbruins.org under the "Support Our School" tab

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (for those excused from Mass) WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY OUTSIDE OF MASS FROM 9:45-10:00AM

Mass will continue to be live-streamed and can be found by going to the parish website at www.bsps.org And click on WATCH MASS HERE.

Confessions are heard Monday-Saturday mornings from 7:30-7:45am and on Saturday afternoon 3-4pm.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will host a Divine Mercy Prayer Service this Sunday April 16th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. This prayer service will include exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural readings and devotional prayers, Veneration and Image of Divine Mercy, the Recitation of the Chaplet and Benediction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome.

Bereavement Ministry Cathedral parish will be hosting Grief Share, a weekly, faith-based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us beginning Tuesday, May 23, 1:00-2:30pm in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot) Grief Share runs for 13 weeks, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information go to <https://www.griefshare.org/> or contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com To register call 217/522-3342 or email Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome.

St. Joseph the Worker young people in grades 7-12 are having fundraisers for their upcoming Mission Trip. They are raffling a homemade quilt. This quilt is a very popular Star Wars Theme. Tickets can be purchased by stopping by the church on Saturdays, 4-6pm or Sunday, 7-9:15am or 10-12noon from April 22nd – May 7th. In addition they will be having a Drive Through Chicken Dinner, catered by Nelson's on Saturday, May 6th from 4-7pm.

St. Louise de Marillac is a group of Catholic women who meet once a month on the third Monday at Christ the King Parish Center starting in March. Our dues are \$15 a year and our dinners are \$15 each month. All monies raised go to Catholic Charities for their Holy Family Food Pantry and Crisis Advocacy Center. We welcome all Catholic women to come to one of our dinners to see what we're about. We have a different speaker or entertainer at each dinner It's a nice time to gather together. We not meet in January, February or July. If interested, please contact Linda Patterson at 217-971-1642 for more information.



2022 is over and a new year has begun! We all make promises to ourselves to begin new habits to better ourselves. Why not start from the inside and open your heart to what God has waiting for you? If you would like to sign up for a weekly hour in our Adoration chapel to spend an hour in the presence of Christ, email us today at bspeucharisticadorers@gmail.com or www.bsps.org or call one of our committee members: David & Karen Senger-525-6052--Eric & Susan Portz-718-4030

Spring has Sprung! And that means... baseball! Do you need cleats, bats, mitts or baseball pants? Stop by the School Office and pick up Dick's Sporting Goods or Scheels scrip. Or you can special order Adidas, Nike or Under Armour scrip - all of these special order items give an 11-13% rebate back to Blessed Sacrament School! Is your playing career over and you've moved on to spectating? Email scrip@bssbruins.org to find out how to order StubHub gift cards - perfect for Cardinals or Cubs tickets.

Men's Evening of Recollection A Men's Evening of Recollection will be held Thursday, April 27th at St John's Hospital Chapel (800 E. Carpenter St., Springfield), from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The recollection will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a meditation given by a priest, time for silent prayer and reflection, an opportunity for confession, a doctrinal talk and Benediction. All men throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature of *Opus Dei*. Check out: www.opusdei.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 17-21

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00am & 8:20am

Saturday, April 22, 4:30pm

Lector: Steven Scheufele

Servers: , Audrey Madiar, Greta Madiar, Grant Keller

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Campbell, Noreen Luhr, Vince Toolen

Sunday, April 23, 7:00AM

Lector: Ann Walker

Servers: Joseph Bonansinga

Eucharistic Ministers: Carrie O'Brien, Michael O'Brien

Sunday, April 23, 8:30AM

Lector: Clara Ushman

Servers: Andrew & Annaliese Hofner, Beatrice Hunt

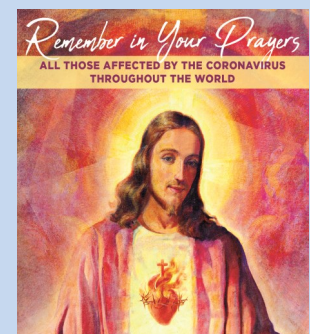
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Maloney, Michael Delvo, Laurie Mann, William Pittman

Sunday, April 23, 10:30AM

Lector: Tim Moore

Servers: Jack Majcina, Wade Naylor, Peyton Naylor

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Amon, Lori Criscione, Mary Tuttle, Patti Naylor



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of :
 Jimmie Hill, Robert Farris, Amber, Vernon Spiedger, Rita, Ron,
 Owen Doak, Denise S, Christopher Morgan, Dave, Betty, Ed
 Pauley, Steve, Hannah Clark, Peter Schofield, Ginny Schofield,
 Amy Gatewood family, Monica Larch, Austin Fields, Larry
 Theise, John M, Louie Rago, Gwinn, John, Claire, Mary, Ray
 Roland, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Kitty, Susan, Cindy, Barbara
 Schuh,, Annie, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Eric, Tom VonBerg, Donna
 Fitts, Ellen White, Barbara, Rose, Archer Senft, Suzie Culters,
 Tom J., Judy, Doug, Beth, Camden Spinner, Cindi, Andy Kates,
 Dave, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Jen, Family of Gretchen
 Hornickel Harrison, Joyln Jensen, Jack Rhinehart, Dorothy Wil-
 lenborg, Tom, Barry McCollom Tyra Redpath, Steve Kinsella,
 Destiny Renfro James, Clarita DeLargy, Steve, Karen, Steve,
 Maureen, Charlie Adams, Julie, Bill, Mary Coffey, Craig DeLar-
 gy, Brian Meredith, Destiny Jane, Katie Bronken, Cheryl, Fonda,
 Kristen, Tia, Jeff K., Laura M, Sue, Dave, Leo, Betty, Elizabe-
 thandrich, Melissa, Mary Jane Harshbarger, Troy, Sharon S,
 Laura Black James G., Anna Chougry, March, Charlotte, Shandi
 Chrysler, Andy, Donald Cole, Dave, Leo, Emily Amy, Gloria, Su-
 san McCain, Ray Shaw, Jeanette, Kevin Henry, Gary, Laurie,
 Gary Bartels, Don John, Dale, Peggy Cadigan, Sarah & Everett
 O'Connor, Mary, Rocky, Caleb Cross, Callie, Marlene Kelder-
 mans, Jeannie Marie, Gorman, Dcn. Ben Hoefler, Colleen, Den-
 ny McDaniels, Terry Jordan, Janet Ketchum, Michael Mauch,
 Steve Bartels, Bette Atteberry, William Burkey, Helen Rhinehart,
 Edward, Diana Schumacher, Melissa Brown, Mary, Beverly
 Rago, Jim & Cynthia Novello, Becky Wood, Denise Cindy
 Ramirez, Tod Pierce, Daniel, Janet Nelch, Kim, Bobby, Kathy,
 Janet Keating, Nicky, Nick, M. Blazis, John P. Steil, Sarah Bice,
 Bob, Jill Burwitz, Rich Brown, Pat H, Charlene Dolan, Millie Gillen,
 Nancy Jensen,, Jane Cloyd, Emily Monaghan, Kathy, Kim, Matt,
 Gabriele, Spencer, Kathy Pingsterhaus, Judy, Robert D. Fields,
 Barb McDermott, Kelly W. Miguelismo & Celia, Joe, Ed VDB, Lorie
 Allen, Jeanne McCarthy, Sharon Elliott, Becky, Mary Garvert,
 Mitch, Noah, Jeff Stauffer, Patty Redpath, Diane Canavan, Carol
 Jirousek, Cathy Napier, Chuck DeMoissey, Mark Schmidt

STEWARDSHIP
(Time / Talent /Treasure)
In the Spirit of Giving

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
April 2, 2023	\$20,972.50

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of
 abortion. For assistance call 217-698-4456

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation 217-321-1155

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line (cont)

Ursuline Sisters of New Orleans, Eloise Havey, Sam Atherton,
 Dodie Stannard, James Reynolds, Myla Jane Meisner, Joan
 Putrich, Walter Howe, Margaret Jordan, Pete Wayne, Jim Kane,
 Lori Lawless, Sue Furman, Rev. George Bernard, Mary K.,
 Michael Bresnan, John & Donna Maloney, Pat Maloney, Bill Reed,
 Marissa, Charles E., Kevin Geist, Marian Jenkins, Gregg L, Ron
 Walsh, Greg Benanti, Alexander Howe, Beverly Stinde, London
 Estelle, Chris Brown, Char Dolan, Michael, Richard Elvarado,
 David Willer, Cynthia Plouche, Sharon Jeffers, Jennie Chambers
 Donna Fleischli, Joe, Ken Reid