



## St. Michael Catholic Church

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## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Excerpt from a Homily by St. John Paul II,  
on Divine Mercy Sunday, 2001*

The Evangelist John makes us share in the emotion felt by the Apostles in their meeting with Christ after his Resurrection. Our attention focuses on the gesture of the Master, who transmits to the fearful, astounded disciples the mission of being ministers of divine Mercy. He shows them his hands and his side, which bear the marks of the Passion, and tells them: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (Jn 20: 21). Immediately afterwards "he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20: 22-23). Jesus entrusted to them the gift of "forgiving sins", a gift that flows from the wounds in his hands, his feet, and especially from his pierced side. From there a wave of mercy is poured out over all humanity.

The Heart of Christ! His "Sacred Heart" has given men everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification. St Faustina Kowalska saw coming from this Heart that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world. "The two rays", according to what Jesus himself told her, "represent the blood and the water" (Diary, p. 132). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3: 5; 4: 14).

Through the mystery of this wounded heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Help us too, St Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Savior's face, we would like to repeat with you: "Jesus, I trust in you".



### Daily Gospel Readings for this Week



Monday – John 3:1-8

Tuesday – John 3:7b-15

Wednesday John 3:16-21

Thursday John 3:31-36

Friday – John 6:1-15

## THIS SUNDAY – April 16<sup>th</sup>

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St. Michael's Church

3-4 PM, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Divine Mercy Sunday, and

### EASTER POTLUCK CELEBRATION to follow in the Kapaun Parish Hall.

All are encouraged to attend the Divine Mercy Holy Hour starting at 3 PM. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, have quiet time for prayer, and pray evening prayer together.

Following the holy hour, we will head over to the Kapaun Parish Hall for an Easter Potluck celebration! The hall will be open prior to the Holy hour so you can drop off your food items.

This year, please bring Central & South American themed food in honor of the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate. If possible, please bring a dish according to the list below, in reference to the first letter of your last name:

A – G: Side Dish

H – P: Main Dish

Q – Z: Dessert

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the Lord's Resurrection and His inexhaustible Mercy.



### Easter Flowers – Thank you!

Mass will be offered for your Easter Flower Intentions on  
April 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM at St. Michael's and  
10 AM at St. Dominic's.



Thank you to all who donated towards the Easter Flowers,  
and to those who helped to arrange them so beautifully.

Divine Mercy:  
the Second Greatest Story Ever Told



Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

**Episode 1: God's School of Trust**

The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament



*"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

Let your hearts burn for Jesus and your spouse. Learn how on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on July 14-16, 2023 in Rockville, MD and September 22-24, 2023 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit: <https://moments4marriage.org> or contact us at [applications@moments4marriage.org](mailto:applications@moments4marriage.org) or 301-541-7007.

**Mass Times**

Saturday: 5:00 PM St. Michael  
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM St. Michael  
10:00 AM St. Dominic

Tues - Fri 8:00 AM, First Sat 9:00 AM,  
1st Fri: 7:30 PM, all at St. Michael

**Confession Times**

Sunday: 7:30 AM  
Wednesday: 7:00 PM  
Saturday: 4:00 PM

**Daily Adoration**

Visit our [website](#) for the full schedule



**Please PRAY for our SICK**

*(Please notify us if you or your family member should be removed)*

Tiffany Barbour, Joe Bauer, Joanne Butler, Gavin Birl, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Grayson Bowling, Madison Brady, Flossie Brown, James Brown, Lynn Brown, Thomas Canavan Ann Canter, Larry Canter, Sr., Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Andrew Catterton, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Mary Connick, Finn Cusick, Stacey Danielson, Judy Dement, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Shaun Donnelly, Dorothy Dunston, Jonathan Fisher, Kathy Fisher, Robert Flum, Rosemary Flum, Bert Hall-Foxwell, Jerry Frisby, Gerald Gray, Frances Hall-Jones, Tim Hayden, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Crystal Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Marie Knobel, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Shirley Ann Lucas, Ida Makle, John Martone II, Teddy Miller, Ralph & Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Thomas Pancamo, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Michael Proctor, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Paul Richards, Ann Bowie Rice, Lorrie Riess, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Dave Spadaro, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, Patricia & Thomas Stuart, Stephanie, Fr. Larry Swink, George Thomas, Tara Turner, Doug Walker, Christopher Wallace, Jackie Weaver, Joseph & Patricia Welch, Jim Williams, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Dean R. Young, Lewis Young, Theodore Young.

***Jesus, Divine Mercy, heal and console us! Jesus, I trust in You!***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	4/15/23	5PM	JaNae Cole
Sunday	4/16/23	8 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	4/16/23	10 AM	Tracy Weir +
Sunday	4/16/23	11:30 AM	Rev. Frederick McIntyre +
Tuesday	4/18/23	8 AM	Maria Sanchez deMoreno +
Wed	4/19/23	8 AM	Rev. Frederick McIntyre +
Thursday	4/20/23	8 AM	Gabriel Camacho
Friday	4/21/23	8 AM	Rev. Robert Guillen +

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS - April 9, 2023**

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 8695.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 2247.00

May God reward your generosity!