

# St. Cecilia's Catholic Church

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## Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, 2025

### Calendar

#### 4/28/25 Monday

Acts 4:23-31  
Jn 3:1-8

#### 4/29/25 Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37  
Jn 3:7-15

#### 4/30/25 Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26  
Jn 3:16-21

#### 5/1/25 Thursday

Acts 5:27-33  
Jn 3:31-36

#### 5/2/25 Friday

Acts 5:34-42  
Jn 6:1-15

#### 5/3/25 Saturday

1Cor 15:1-8  
Jn 14:6-14

#### 5/4/25 Sunday

Acts 5:27-32,40-41  
Rv 5:11-14  
Jn 21:1-19

#### No Mass

8:30am  
**Assumption**

8:30am  
**Assumption**  
5:30pm  
**St. Cecilia's**

#### No Mass

8:30am  
**Assumption**  
9:45am  
**Care Center**

8:30pm pm  
**Assumption**

9:00am  
**Assumption**  
10:30am  
**St. Cecilia's**

### Mass Intentions

+ Ed Kava

+ Ray & Dorothy Kemper

+ Butch Boone

+ George & Mabel Lynch

+ Robert Ishaug Sr.

+ Ronda Smith

+ Vernon Goebel

For the People

### Liturgical Ministries

#### May 4

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Steve H., Mary Lou T., Curt S.

##### Lector:

Renee W.

##### Altar Servers:

Sam, Evan

##### Sacristans:

Jacob V.

##### Money Counters:

Rose B.

#### May 11

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen O., Jeff W., Arlen K.

##### Lector:

Amanda V.

##### Altar Servers:

Claire, Hailey

##### Sacristans:

Bryan K.

##### Money Counters:

Bryan K.

#### May 18

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Bryan K., Mike B., Tami H.,

##### Lector:

Amber P-N

##### Altar Servers:

Taylor, Cooper

##### Sacristans:

Steve H.

##### Money Counters:

Rose B

#### May 25

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Curt S., Karen O., Jeff W.

##### Lector:

Robbie B.

##### Altar Servers:

Sam, Claire

##### Sacristans:

Jacob V.

##### Money Counters:

Bryan K.

##### Ushers for April

Dave K., Curt S

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to have Masses said for living or deceased family members, or other intentions please send your intentions to Assumption Parish Office. Mass stipends are \$10 per Mass.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have someone who needs to be added to the Prayer Chain please call:  
Darlena Arends: 218.443.3441  
Rose Beck 218.789.7440

**Victim Assistance** If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, please contact local law enforcement. In addition, Cindy Hulst LSW, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at (218) 281-7895. (24-hour confidential number).

### Mark Your Calendars

Join us in rejoicing as we celebrate Confirmation and First Communion on Sunday, May 11, at our 10:30am Mass.

Those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are: Samuel Swanson, Cooper Kuehn, Jackson Willert, Evan Ratajczak, and Carter Ratajczak.

Please keep these young men in your prayers as they complete their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

Everyone is invited to join us following this Mass for a reception and luncheon celebrating those who have received this sacrament.

### Catholic Home Missions Appeal!

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

## Second Week of Easter

This is a wonderful week to pray in joy at God's merciful love for us, and for the unending forgiveness we are offered. We know we have done nothing to deserve that forgiveness and that we cannot earn it, and yet it is ours, if only we can accept it.

Over and over this week, we are invited to place our trust in God. The ever-human disciples didn't always put aside their fears, and neither do we. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors until he appears in their midst, inviting them not to be afraid. This might be a good week to spend time with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives which keep us locked up away from others. We can ask Jesus for the courage to trust in him. What would it cost us to let go of the fears that smother our lives? Our challenge might be to give up enough control in our lives to simply ask God for help and a growing trust. What would it mean for our lives and for the relationships in our lives if we were willing to let go of "the way we have always done things" and to beg Jesus for help? Our lives can change. We have a standing offer from God to fall into his forgiving embrace.

*Dear Jesus, it feels impossible to believe that my life can change, that I can move out of this rut I am in. I know I don't always live my life feeling your love and being my best self. Help me to trust in you, to drop my defenses and to feel how deeply I am loved and forgiven by you. Give me the courage to feel it in my heart when you say, "Don't be afraid" and "Peace be with you." I so long for that peace in my life but it feels so far away sometimes. Help me to believe in you, to drive away the doubts and unbelief that harden my heart.*

*I know my life can change, if only I can say with all my heart, "I trust in you, Lord. I believe in your mercy and I know that with your help, my life can be healed."*

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/collaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.



### Divine Mercy Sunday

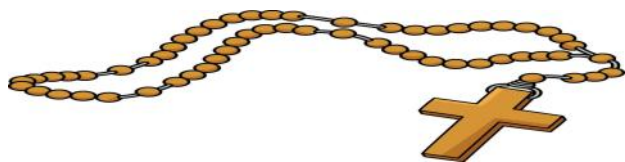
Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins

and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



## Life

Doug H.	4-27
Molly H.	5-6
Anna L.	5-7
Jolisa J.	5-10
Judy H.	5-12
Guy K.	5-15
Hannah R.	5-21
Sarah R.	5-28

## Life

Kelan & Nancy B.	4-27
Dustin & Anneleise R.	5-6-17
Jon & Nancy K.	5-16-09

### Pope Francis

**December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025**

"Although she constantly holds up the call to perfection and asks for a fuller response to God, the Church must accompany with attention and care the weakest of her children, who show signs of a wounded and troubled love, by restoring in them hope and confidence... Let us not forget that the Church's task is often like that of a field hospital." (Amoris Laetitia, 291) Pope Francis

As we pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, we are invited to take part in the Novendiales (Nine Days of Mourning) for the passing of a pope. The bishops of the United States have provided a Novena to be prayed for Pope Francis. This novena has been prepared to help pray for the Pope during the time of mourning. The daily novena – lasting for the novendiales period from April 26 to May 4, 2025 is a wonderful way for us to join with the Catholic Church throughout the world in praying for Pope Francis.

Please join in praying for Pope Francis and for the entire Catholic Church in this time of mourning and transition. The Novena can be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/novena-pope-francis-ENG.pdf>.

**Eternal rest grant unto Pope Francis, O Lord  
And let the perpetual light shine upon him.**

**May he rest in peace.**

**Amen**

**May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, though the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**Amen.**

**"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"**

**John 20:21**

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us. We appreciate your participation. If you would like to join our parish community, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to

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