

Third Easter Sunday

May 4, 2025

Rural Parish Family H
DIVINE MERCY PARISH
Schuyler, Nebraska
St. Augustine's Church - 619 Banner St.
St. Mary's Church - 1019 Banner St.
Parish Office - 308 West 10th St.

OFFICE.....(402)-352-3540

FAX.....(402)-352-5971

www.divinemercyschuyler.com

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.;

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bulletin Notices: Submit by email to
joanhernandez9080@gmail.com by **Noon each**
Monday

Any question or concerns email Fr. Jairo or
Patricia at patriciag714@gmail.com or
enriquecongote@gmail.com

Sacraments

Baptism

A pre-baptism class is required. Our classes are offered in English by appointment with either Fr. Jairo or with one of the deacons. Due to low attendance, we will not be hosting monthly English pre-baptism classes anymore. Classes are offered in Spanish at St. Augustine's Hall on the fourth Sunday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Please call the parish office to sign up for a baptism class. Parents should be active in their faith and be registered in a parish. People from other parishes are welcome.

First Communion

Children must at least, take the first two years of our Faith Formation Program.

Confirmation

Students need to take our eight-year-Faith Formation Program

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. & 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's church. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: By appointment

Marriage

Contact the pastor at least six months prior to a wedding. Couples should either be registered in the parish or have some connection to the parish.

Ministry to the sick / Anointing of the sick

This Sacrament has been administered at Mass on the first or second Friday of each month. If you, a relative or friend are hospitalized or shut in, short- or long-term, and would like a visit from the Pastor, please call your parish office.

Holy Orders/ Religious Life/ Vocations

Do you have questions about vocations, or would like to talk about your vocation? Call the pastor or visit archomaha.org/ministries/vocations



Clergy

Pastor.....Father Jairo E. Congote

Deacons.....Danny Hastings & Paul Doerneman

Danny: (402)-615-0859 Paul: (402)-615-4179

Parish Office

Bookkeeper.....Patricia Gonzalez

Administrative assistantJoan/JAAN/ Hernandez

D.R.E/Evangelization Coordinator.....Flornsia Ramon

(402)-352-2149

Youth Minister.....Lesley Encarnacion

Catholic Faith Formation Secretary...Adriana Alarcon

Maintenance.....Mauricio Rocha

Rosary Crusade.....Carol Hastings

(402)-615-0858

Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - St. Augustine's

7:00 p.m.. - St. Augustine's (Spanish)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - St. Mary's

11:00 a.m. - St. Mary's (Spanish)

1:00 p.m. - St. Mary's (Spanish)

Daily

Tuesday: No Mass

5:00 p.m. - St. Mary's (Spanish)

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m. - St. Mary's

5:00 p.m. - St. Augustine's (Spanish)

Thursday: 8:15 a.m. - St. Mary's (Spanish)

5:30 p.m. - Confessions at Heun HT

6:00 p.m. - Holy Trinity Church

Friday: 12:10 p.m. - St. Augustine's

5:00 p.m. - St. Augustine's (Spanish)

Divine Mercy Parish Mission Statement:

Our mission is to be a living sign of God reflecting the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ.

From Fr. Jairo

The Scriptural Texts for this weekend offer us deep insights into what it means to follow Jesus faithfully, especially in times of challenge and uncertainty. They remind us that discipleship is not always easy, but it is always rooted in love, trust, and a commitment to serve others.



We see the apostles standing before the religious authorities who are angry and hostile toward their preaching on Jesus. Despite the threats and the risk of punishment, the apostles boldly proclaim that Jesus is the risen Lord. They are told to stop speaking about Him, but they respond with courage, saying, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.” Their unwavering commitment shows us that following Jesus sometimes involves standing firm in our beliefs, even when it is difficult or unpopular. The apostles’ joy in suffering for the sake of Christ is powerful. They see their suffering not as a defeat, but as a sign that they are truly living out their faith and sharing in Christ’s own suffering and victory.

This part of the story challenges us to reflect on our own faith journey. Are we willing to stand up for what is right and true, even when it costs us? Do we have the courage to speak out against injustice, to share our beliefs, and to live according to our values, regardless of opposition? The apostles teach us that our faith is not just about private belief but about bold witness and standing for truth, with trust that God’s Spirit will give us strength.

The Gospel is equally powerful. It takes place after Jesus’ resurrection, when some of His disciples go back to their everyday lives, fishing on the Sea of Galilee. They have been through so much confusion, fear, hope, and now, they are trying to resume their routines. Suddenly, Jesus appears to them on the shore, but at first, they do not recognize Him. When Jesus finally calls out to them and helps them catch a miraculous abundance of fish, it reminds us that Jesus is always present, even when we do not immediately see or recognize Him.

The most profound moment comes when Jesus turns to Peter, who had previously denied Him three times. Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me?” three times, each time, giving Peter a chance to reaffirm his love and commitment. Peter’s responses, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you,” and Jesus’ command to “feed my sheep,” show us that love for Jesus is at the heart of discipleship. Jesus’ restoration of Peter after his failure teaches us that no matter how many mistakes we make, God’s love and forgiveness are always available. Our failures do not define us; instead, they become

opportunities for renewal and commitment. This passage also emphasizes the importance of service. Jesus invites Peter to care for His followers, His “sheep,” by guiding, nourishing, and leading with love. True discipleship is about love in action: caring for others, serving those in need, and putting our faith into practice every day.

Putting these two readings together, we see a powerful message: Faith requires courage, love, and perseverance. The apostles faced opposition and hardship, yet they remained faithful because their trust was in Jesus. Peter’s story reminds us that even when we stumble or feel unworthy, God’s grace restores us and calls us to love and serve. For every one of us, these stories are an invitation. They call us to be brave in our convictions, to stand up for what is right, and to speak the truth with love. They challenge us to deepen our relationship with Jesus, to accept His forgiveness, and to follow His example by caring for others. Discipleship involves both going out into the world to proclaim the Gospel and staying close to Jesus in prayer and service.

In a world often filled with confusion, division, and suffering, these passages remind us that Christ is always present. He is the one who empowers us to be witnesses of hope and love. When we falter, His forgiveness restores us. When we are afraid, His presence sustains us. And when we respond with love and courage, we participate in God’s ongoing work of healing and renewal. May these stories inspire us to live with greater faith, courage, and love trusting that Christ walks with us every step of our journey.

The Eucharist

Eucharist: Sacrament of Ecclesial Charity

- As a necessary consequence of our union with Christ, the Eucharist also deepens our communion with one another, and thus it is the sacrament of ecclesial unity. St. Paul states this in 1 Corinthians 10:17: "For we, being many, are one bread, one body, all that partake of one bread."

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

Church	Goal	Current
Divine Mercy	\$26,053.94	\$21,881.71
Holy Trinity	\$ 2,234.55	\$1,700.00

% of Goal:

Schuyler- 82.13%

Heun- 76.08%



Archdiocese
of Omaha

Divine Mercy Parish Contributions: April 26th and April 27th

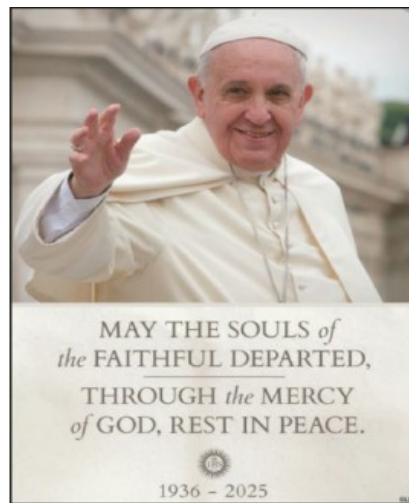
Weekly budgeted income: \$7,942.31

Envelopes:	\$ 2,956.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 2,133.03
Holy Easter:	\$ 345.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 70.00
Ascension:	\$ 40.00
Maintenance:	\$ 50.00
Fuel:	\$ 50.00
Air Conditioning:	\$ 10.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 10.00
Total Received:	\$ 5,674.03
C.R.S.:	\$ 20.00
4 in 1 Missions:	\$ 710.00
Seminarians:	\$ 10.00



Adoration:

Wednesdays: 6:30 PM - 9 PM at St. Augustine's
Thursdays: 7 PM - 8 PM at St. Mary's
(Vocations)



"I have received the news of the death of Pope Francis this morning with sadness. At the same time, I give thanks to God for his extraordinary life and ministry. His encouragement that we become missionary disciples, sharing the light of the gospel of Jesus especially with those at the peripheries, has shaped our pastoral vision in the Archdiocese of Omaha. Just yesterday, Pope Francis welcomed the crowds who celebrated Easter at St. Peter's in Rome. We pray that he will now be welcomed by the saints of heaven and by the Lord Jesus, who is gloriously risen from the dead."
-Most Rev. George J. Lucas

Welcome to the new Archbishop of Omaha



Bishop Michael McGovern Officially becomes the 6th Archbishop of Omaha on May 6th 2025.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Dorothy Spale

	Lector	EMHC/s	Alter Server/s	Usher/s	Rosary Leader
Saturday, May 10th 5:00 p.m. St. Augustine's	Ron Kluck	Jill Bailey	Ryan & Kendra Muhsman	Jim & Jane Kasik	Maggie Svec
Sunday, April 11th 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's	Doug Eisen- mann	Bonnie Brichacek & Jill Ruskamp	Andrew Har- ding & Eisen- mann Siblings	Charlie Heavi- can & Lumir Jedlicka	Susan Spect

Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass Intentions May 3rd - May 11th:

Saturday, May 3rd:

(A) 5:00 PM DMP

Sunday, May 4th:

(M) 9:00 AM † Norma Yosten

Tuesday, May 6th:

No Mass/Service

Wednesday, May 7th:

(M) 12:10 PM No Mass/Service

Thursday, May 8th:

(H) 6:00 PM † Allen Koliha

Friday, May 9th

(A) 12:10 PM S.I. for the living and deceased members of the Vodehnal and Wachal families

Saturday, May 10th:

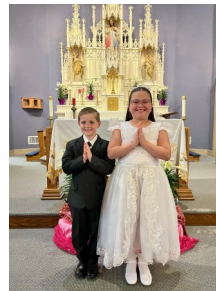
(A) 5:00 PM † Leroy Kracl

Sunday, May 11th:

(M) 9:00 AM † Laverna Brichacek & Wilma Podolak



Congratulations to the everyone who completed their First Communion last Saturday. A big thanks to everyone who made the communions possible last Saturday.



Congratulations to our Pastor Fr. Jairo Enrique Congote for his 14th priesthood anniversary.



Garage Sale

Artificial Flowers & Memorial day arrangements decorative wreaths & Misc.

Thursday & Friday

May 8th & 9th 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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May 15th & 16th 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Schuyler Hist. Soc. Annex

Location: 1112 C Street

(Former Schuyler Sun Building)

(Use North Door)

For more info call - Betty Brichacek 402-615-0857

Faith Formation Notice

Parents must come to the CFF office to complete a registration form for their children for 2025-2026 CFF classes. Summer office hours are Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm. Children entering the 1st grade in school, now is the time to register them for CFF level 1/1YFC. If you have (or know of) children who have not been in formal CFF classes or have not come since First Communion, encourage them to come to the CFF office ASAP so that we can get them started on catching up! We encourage you to keep your children in the CFF program. If you do not continue to enroll them, then want to get them in when it's time for Confirmation, they will have to "make up" the years they missed.

Last day of CFF is May 14th.



Faith Formation



Class of 2025 Graduation Mass on Saturday, May 17th at 5pm, St. Augustine's church. RSVP before Friday, May 16th! Please bring your cap and gown!

Call the Youth Ministry office or the CFF office at 402-352-2149 or through

email at youthministry.divinemercury01@gmail.com