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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

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Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. (No morning Mass on Wednesdays)

The Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 12 Noon or by appointment

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Established as a Parish in 1881*

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH!

If you are new to the area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in our celebration of the Eucharist. We invite you to become part of our parish family. To register or to update your address or phone number, please complete this form and mail it to the Parish Office or place in the collection box. *Thank you.*

☐ New Parishioner

☐ Address/Phone Number Change

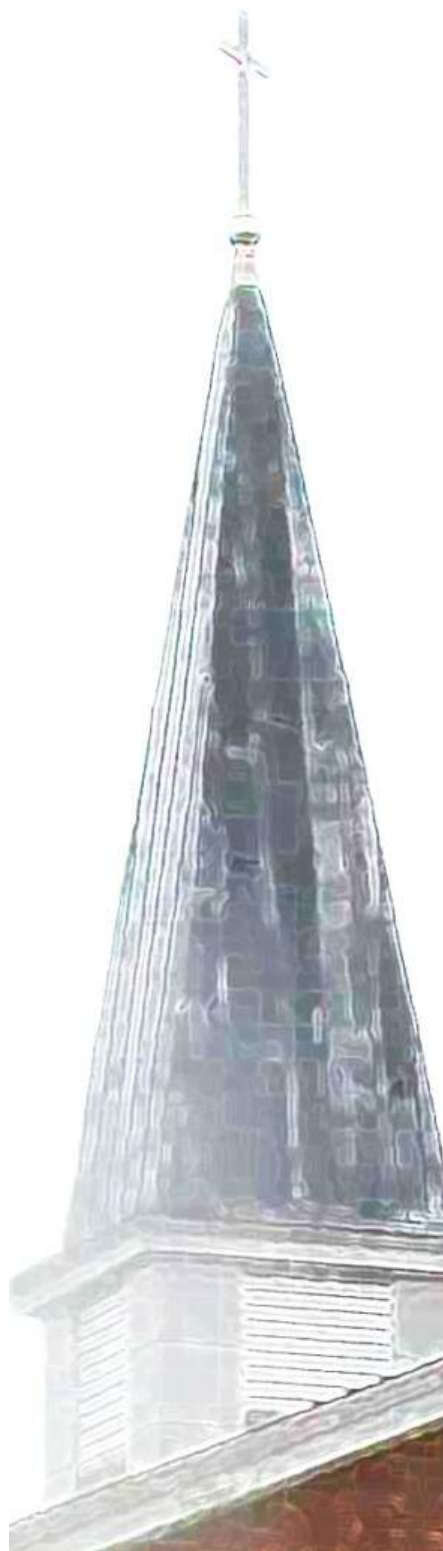
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“Do whatever He tells you.”

– Mary to the disciples of Jesus (John 2:5)



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, April 15th, *The Octave of Easter*

8:00 a.m. Angelina Calistro, Elizabeth Ball,
Pamela DeBlois Styers, &
Henry Martel, Sr., *1st Anniversaries*;
Rosia Plourde & Gary Sirois, *Month's Mind*

Noon Confession

Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

4:00 p.m. Leonora & Stanley Gryniuk requested by
Judy & Bob Anderson

Sunday, April 16th, *Second Sunday of Easter* *(Divine Mercy Sunday)*

8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners
10:30 a.m. Kaz Laszczewski, 10 years requested
by Jessica Murzyn
5:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Praying of the
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday, April 17th, *Easter Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Jeannette DeBlois requested by Friends

Tuesday, April 18th, *Easter Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Mary Alexander Kazokas
requested by Joe Raynock

Wednesday, April 19th, *Easter Weekday*

No Mass

Thursday, April 20th, *Easter Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Donald & Susie Flaherty requested
by Daughter

Friday, April 21st, *Easter Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Santo Aparo requested by Family

Saturday, April 22nd, *Easter Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Antonio Ettorre;
Lorraine Corsini, *Month's Mind*;
Richard King, *Month's Mind*

Noon Confession

Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. For the deceased Members of the
Autunno Family; Nye Family; & Slade Family
requested by Marge Rio

Sunday, April 23rd, *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners
10:30 a.m. Theresa Masse
requested by Linda Masse

Bulletin Submissions Deadline:

The next deadline for submissions to the April 16th
bulletin is **Thursday, April 20th by 4 p.m.** Call the
office at 860-747-6825 or send an email to
olmct@sbcglobal.net . Thank you!

A Thought for Second Sunday Easter:

Divine Mercy Sunday

Our Gospel reading today comes from John 20:19-31. In this reading we read that on the evening of that first day of the week, (that is the day of the Resurrection), the disciples of Jesus were afraid and locked themselves behind closed doors.

While the disciples were there cowering behind locked doors, Jesus stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. "The disciples were overjoyed," says the Gospel of John. You might have thought that Jesus' greeting of peace would have calmed all their fears. They did not. It wasn't Christ words that reassured the disciples, but his presence. It was knowing he was alive.

Fear is a part of life. We all experience fear in various degrees and at different times in our lives. The most important antidote to fear is our faith in God, in knowing that we are not alone.

**Jesus has Risen. He has truly Risen.
Alleluia!**



God Bless,
Father Ray

Holy Week Collections



Good Friday: \$2,229

Palm Sunday: \$7,620

Easter Sunday (1st Collection): \$4,583

Easter Sunday (2nd Collection): \$6,267

Easter Flowers: \$2,783

**Thank You for Your Continuous,
Generous Support & May God Bless You!**

Confirmation Candidates

The following young men and women from our Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today at the **Cathedral of St. Joseph** at 2 p.m. Please remember their intentions in your prayers.



Bella Elizabeth Apruzzese

Sofia Natale Isabella Bocompani

Peter John Paul Bocompani

George Raphael Burkard

Paul Tarcisius Burkard

Amelia Teresa of Calcutta Cieslik

Ethan Michael Francis Chasse

Nathaniel Maurice Cranson

Nikolas Luke Dahlstrom

Grace Katherine Drexel Gibson

Evan Michael Bruno Giannini

Abril Carolina Benedict the Moor Gonzalez

Sophia Katherine Augustine Haslam

Victoria Anna Hamel

Paige Maria Goretti Iwanicki

Sophia Gemma Leonetti

Nariah Ariana Martin de Porres Velez

CONGRATULATIONS!

A Special Thank You to:

Lisa Melninkaitis and Ted Rogers

for sharing their time, talents, and faith

to prepare our youth for the

Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Tabernacle Lamp:

is lit for the Greater Glory of God and in recognition of the Real Presence of Christ. This week the candle is flickering for the Special Intentions of:



Jennia Faiazza

Requested by Family & Caminiti Faiazza

Divine Mercy Sunday:

Please join us today for the **Praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 5 p.m. The prayers will be led before the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction taking place at the end.

Looking Ahead:

The Parish Life Committee will hold a Plant Swap on **Saturday, May 20, 2023** from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Parish Center. Bring your plants, cuttings, bulbs, perennials, etc. to exchange with other people who love plants.



Selection Process:

Pastoral Council Members:

Please invoke the Holy Spirit for guidance as to whom you feel you should nominate for the Pastoral Council. If you feel the nudging of the Spirit to nominate yourself, please feel free to do so. The deadline for nominations is **Sunday, April 23 by noon**.

Our Spiritual Baby Corner

MONTH 1: (Weeks 1 – 3)

“My Heart is Beating!”



Your spiritually adopted baby is about ¼ of an inch long about the size of a grain of rice. Baby has been quite active over the past month. By the 20th day the baby has developed the foundations of a brain, spinal cord, and nervous system. Baby heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through their circulatory system. Mom's and babies blood types can be different. A primitive face takes form with large dark circles for eyes. The mouth, lower jaw, and throat are developing. Pray for the parents to safely bring our spiritual babies to birth so they can fulfill the mission God has for them.

For I know the plans “I have for you” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give hope and a future”.

Jeremiah 29:11

Annual Spring Tea:

The **St. Anthony's Spring Tea Party** will take place on **Sunday, April 30th** at **1 p.m.** in the Parish Center. They will be serving finger foods, hot tea, and pastries. Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses. Tickets are **\$15 per person**. There will be many raffle prizes to win. Please join us! Any questions, please contact Elaine Osipowicz at 860-747-2528.



New Britain Council of Catholic Women:

The **April** meeting of the New Britain Council of Catholic Women will take place on **April 27th** at **1:00 p.m.** at **St. Jerome Church**, 1010 Slater Road, New Britain. After a brief business meeting, we will have an Easter Bonnet Contest. Come with your Easter finery! The afternoon will conclude with light refreshments. Please join us and bring a friend.

Pancake Festival:



The Lion's Club of Plainville will hold a breakfast next **Sunday, April 23, 2023** at **8 a.m. to 12 noon** at our Parish Center. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, French toast, strawberries & cream, and beverages. **Tickets** are **\$8.00** for Adults; **\$5.00** for Senior Citizens and Children ages 7 to 12 years old; and Children 6 and under are **FREE**. Please join us!

Rosary Making Workshop:

The Parish Life Committee invites you to learn to make rosaries on **Saturday, April 22nd** at **2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** in the Parish Center in Room 102. Everyone is welcome and invited. A sign-up sheet is found on the oak table in the Gathering Space.

Religious Education

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Religious instructions for children in grades 1-5 on **April 17th** at **4:30 p.m.**

The Edge:

The next Edge session for Middle School Students will be held on **Monday, April 24th** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** with an open gym followed by a guided discussion. All middle school students are invited to attend.

Confirmation Preparation Classes:

Confirmation Group Year 1 will be held on **Sunday, April 23rd** at **11:45 a.m.** They will meet in the St. Timothy Room.

Teen Night:

The next Teen Night is scheduled for Saturday evening, **May 6th** beginning at **6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** in the gym. All teens are welcome to attend.

Thank You to Everyone



Parish Choir: Thank you to the members of the Parish Choir for sharing their time and talent to enhance my liturgies of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Also, we are very grateful to the Youth Ensemble for singing on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The music was beautiful! Thank you to **Eric Hoffman**, our Music Director and to **Teresa Burkard** who leads the Youth Ensemble.

Rice Bowls: Thank you to everyone who turned in their Lenten Rice Bowls. It is not too late to do so. They can be put in the designated basket at the Church entrance.

Volunteers: Thank you to our Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers and other Volunteers who share their time to assist at our liturgies. Your help is greatly appreciated and makes a great difference!

The Bulletin Board

Saturday, April 15th

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Virtus Training, Gym & Rm 102

Sunday, April 16th

No Activities Scheduled

Monday, April 17th

9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary, Room 102

4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Religious Ed., grades 1-5

6:30 p.m. Scripture Study, Room 102

Tuesday, April 18th

9:00 a.m. Scripture Study, Room 102

Wednesday, April 19th

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, April 20th

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, April 21st

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym

Saturday, April 22nd

2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Rosary Making Workshop, will be held in Room 102

Sunday, April 23rd

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lion's Club Pancake Festival, Gym

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