

April 6 & 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter- Divine Mercy

We are called to be merciful as God is merciful.

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus asked Saint Faustina to institute this feast during one of his appearances to her in 1931. On this day, we are encouraged to trust in God's merciful love for us and draw near to him, and also to perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy out of love for God, who redeemed us by his suffering and death.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus shows the disciples his hands and his side. His glorified body still bears the marks of his passion, signs of what he suffered for our sake. It is out of his side that the blood and water flowed when Jesus was pierced with a spear, while he was on the cross. In the Divine Mercy image, we see the rays of red and white pouring from Jesus' heart, representing that blood and water, and symbolizing the graces available to us in the sacraments. We are encouraged to approach him in the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist to receive his healing and nourishment.

When Jesus gave the Divine Mercy image to Saint Faustina, he instructed her to include the words, "Jesus, I trust in you." As Jesus told Thomas in today's Gospel, Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. To be in right relationship with others, we must first be in right relationship with God. As we hear in our second reading, this means loving God and following his commandments. When we go astray, or miss the mark, we can trust that God will forgive us, no matter how great our sins may be.


In today's Gospel, Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained. It is through this gift of the Holy Spirit, passed on through apostolic succession and priestly ordination, that we can be assured of the gift of God's forgiveness today. Each time we turn back to God, we will find that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.

When we receive God's mercy, it frees us to see more clearly who we are and how we are to act. Today's feast invites us to perform acts of mercy out of love for God. We are invited to share the truth with others, because we know that Jesus desires to show mercy for their souls, as he has for ours. As children of God, what we are given is meant to be shared. We are called to be forgiving because we have been forgiven, to be merciful as God is merciful.

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Saint John Paul II decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would be kept each year as Divine Mercy Sunday, and this beautiful title draws our attention today to the way in which that mercy is ordinarily extended to us after Holy Baptism: by going to Confession in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. ~ Feel God's loving mercy. Join us at St. Cecilia today at 2:30 pm.



Hospitality Volunteers: Sign up sheets for brining food items for the Saturday hospitalities is at the back of the church. Sign up to bring your favorite goodies.



Starting next weekend, April 13 & 14, 2024, we will have a new combined Pastorate bulletin. Due to this change, the deadline for submissions to the bulletin will be Monday mornings by 12:00 noon. Anything coming in after that will have to wait a week or be sent by Flocknote. So please contact the office with your items for the bulletin at 608-985-7558 or holyangels7558@gmail.com. Thank you.




Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are on April 27-28 in Mundelein, IL, May 4-5 in Muskego, WI, or August 3-4 in Wisconsin. Visit our website at alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Finding Grace

Reflect: "Contemplate how you are being asked to give your heart to God amidst everyday activities. Be prepared to meet your grace in every circumstance of life."

Pray:
Ever-present, loving God,
Help me to slow down enough
to be open to the moments of grace
you abundantly send my way today.
Help me find unexpected graces in the people,
circumstances, and places that I encounter.
Amen.

Act: Look over your calendar for tomorrow. Note several "everyday activities" that have become routine, humdrum, or even dreaded. Pinpoint one where you will deliberately give "your heart to God" so you might "meet your grace" in that moment.

Holy Angels Parish Masses This Week

Tue 4/9 Holy Family (HFL) 9:00 am Adoration

Fri 4/12 Holy Family (HFL) 9:15 am Mass-Dick Pape

**Sat 4/13 Millions of Monicas (SHR) 9:00 am
Holy Family (HFL) 3:00 pm Confessions
Holy Family (HFL) 4:00 pm Mass-Jerry Fogarty
(Key HFL is Holy Family, La Valle, SHR is Sacred Heart, Reedsburg)**

Sun 4/14 St. Cecilia (STC) 2:30 pm Divine Mercy Sunday Event
See details just below



Divine Mercy Sunday This Sunday, April 7, 2024
St. Cecilia Church, Wisconsin Dells will host a Divine Mercy Sunday event for St. John Paul II Pastorate on Sunday, April 7, 2024. The schedule is as follows: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:30 pm (Confessions), and Chapelet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm followed by Benediction at 3:30 pm. (There is no Mass planned at this event so be sure to fulfill your Sunday obligation if you are planning on attending).

John Paul II Pastorate Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Masses
3:00 pm Confession - Holy Family, La Valle (HFL)
4:00 pm Mass - Holy Family, La Valle (HFL)
4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph, Baraboo (STJ)
5:30 pm Mass - St. Cecilia, WI Dells (STC)

Sunday Schedule
7:30 am Mass - St. Joseph, Baraboo (STJ)
8:00 am Mass - Sacred Heart, Reedsburg (SHR)
8:00 am Mass - St. Cecilia, WI Dells (STC)
10:00 am Mass - St. Cecilia, WI Dells (STC)
10:00 am Mass - St. Joseph, Baraboo (STJ)
10:30 am Mass - Sacred Heart, Reedsburg (SHR)
3:00 pm Mass (Polish TBD) - St. Cecilia, WI Dells (STC)
6:00 pm Mass (Spanish) - St. Cecilia, WI Dells (STC)

"While the whole world is doing everything it can to avoid and drown out their pain and suffering, we are reminded each Sunday at Mass that our pain and suffering have tremendous value when united to the pain and suffering of Jesus on the Cross."
Matthew Kelly, from 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory
~Dynamic Catholic

Jesus gave the disciples the gift of peace during their darkest moment, and Jesus gives us the gift of peace too. * When you are at your darkest place, don't forget you have Jesus' peace.

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Thank you.

Rice Bowl: Return your Rice Bowl now. Be sure you print your name & address on the Rice Bowl so we can include it in your 2024 contribution statement.

Men's Retreat: Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Camp Gray
All men are invited to the 18th Annual Men's Retreat at Camp Gray hosted by St. Joseph's, Baraboo and John Paul II Pastorate. The retreat begins at 8:00 am with Mass with Bishop Hying and includes: small group discussion, Rosary, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration and a grilled steak lunch. Contact the St. Joseph's Faith Formation Office at (608) 356-5353.

Raise Our Voices in Praise: All women of the Sauk Vicariate parishes are invited to attend the Spring meeting to hear Sharon Hilliard share the story and history of the Shrine of St. Philomena in Briggsville WI. Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 8:30 am-1:00 pm. Sacred Heart Parish, Reedsburg Cost is \$15.00 per person, paid by our CCW. Make checks payable to Sauk Vicariate MCCW. Send to Deb Stieve, 820 4th St, Baraboo by April 27, 2024. Questions, Call Jo Heath-608-963-8290.



If you would like to add an intention to our Prayer Chains, please call the parish office at 608-985-7558, and we will put your intention on our prayer chain. It can be added with no names for privacy.

Called & Gifted Workshop Coming soon!



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Patrick Conley and Colleen O'Dowd from the Catherine of Siena Institute will offer the introductory Called and Gifted workshop on Saturday, April 27, 2024 starting at 9:00 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall. The workshop sold out last year, so register soon! To register or find out more, go to: www.madisondiocese.org/called-and-gifted or contact Amy Klarkowski at amy.klarkowski@madisondiocese.org or 608-821-3068.

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin for a night out with fellow pro-lifers at our Spring Social on April 18, 2024 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Lodge at Mauston (104 Lodge Lane Mauston, WI 53948). Enjoy dinner, drinks, fantastic company, and hear powerful real-life testimony from one of our faithful sidewalk counselors, Mr. Don Hudzinski. Tickets are \$40 each available through Monday, March 25. For more information and to register go to Pro-LifeWI.org/spring-social.

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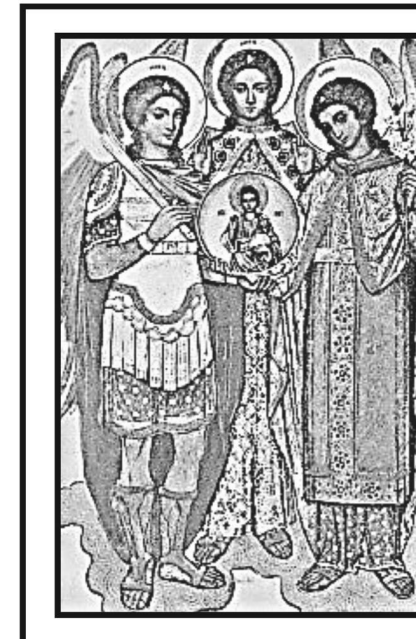
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Saturday
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Mass 4:00 pm Holy Family, La Valle

Weekday Mass Schedule
Friday
Confession 8:30 am Holy Family
Mass 9:15 am Holy Family, La Valle



Sacraments

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