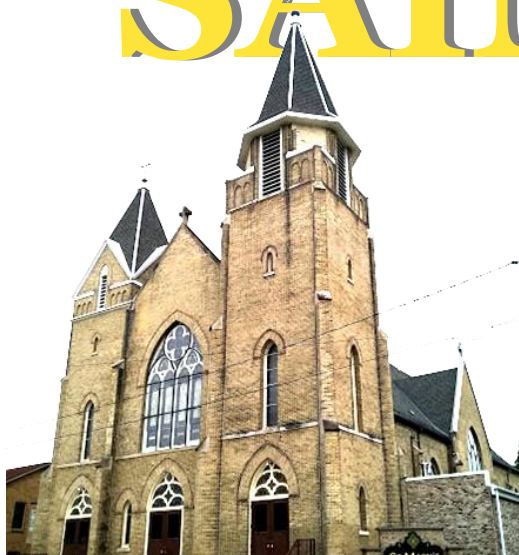


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April 7, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Tue, 5:30 pm Wed, Thurs, & Fri, 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:25 am

Confessions

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm
by appointment

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm Sunday 8:35 am & 12:35 pm

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 5:30 pm	April 9 † Mary Ann Strack By: Rita Hall
Wednesday, 7:15 pm	April 10 † William Zenk By: Family
Thursday, 8:30 am	April 11 † Allan Hale By: Pete & Linda Lochner
Friday, 8:30 am	April 12 Isabella Glavin By: Gabrielle Glavin
Saturday, 7:00 pm	April 13 † Edward & Linda Miszczyszyn By: George Miszczyszyn
Sunday, 9:00 am	April 14 † David Guyse By: Jim & Carol Cauley
1:00 pm	Parishioner Mass

Upcoming Events

- Prayer Shawl Gathering**
April 13th, St. Mary's @ 10am
- Cemetery Committee Meeting**
April 9th @ 3:00 pm
- Jubilee Celebration Preparation Meeting**
April 21st @ 6:30 pm
- Ladies Sodality Blood Drive**
May 3rd
- May Crowning & First Communion**
May 5th @ 9 am Mass
- Memorial Mass @ Cemetery**
May 26th
- Ladies Banquet**
June 18th 5:30pm



Eternal Contemplation of God's Mercy

Taken from My Catholic Life! online

Saint Faustina writes in her *Diary*:

“My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy” (*Diary* #699).

What will it be like to contemplate the love and mercy of God for all eternity? To some, this might not at first seem that appealing. Won't it become boring if all we do for all eternity is contemplate God's mercy? If that is a question that resonates with you, then the reason this idea initially lacks appeal is because you cannot fathom how fulfilling and glorious this will be. Jesus said, “My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

God willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents.

By analogy, if you were given a new car but never drove it, the car would be of no use. Or if you won the lottery and the money simply sat in your account unused, what's the benefit? Or if you were gravely ill and were given a medicine that would cure that illness but you never took it, then you would remain ill. So also, if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, but never allow the Mercy that is given by that act to transform us, then we have missed the point. The Divine Mercy is the point of life. It's the only thing worth seeking. It's the only source of satisfaction and fulfillment. It's the only cure for our ills. It's the only source of true riches. In three short words: It Is Everything!

When Jesus says that our eternity will be spent contemplating His Mercy, He doesn't only mean that this is something we will do after we die. True, the fullness of the revelation of His Mercy will be set before us when we enter into the Beatific Vision and contemplate God forever. But “eternity” includes today. It includes the here and now. Therefore, our contemplation of The Divine Mercy must be the single most important goal in our life today. When it is, everything else in life will fall into place in support of this goal.

In order to make the contemplation of The Divine Mercy the most important goal of your life, you must begin to understand it. That's why we were given this special day, this most solemn Feast of Mercy. Therefore, use this day as an opportunity to deepen your contemplation of this Gift. Begin by reading about God's Mercy as it was revealed to us through Saint Faustina. Try to spend time reading Jesus' words, His explanations, descriptions and revelations about His Mercy. As you do, if you find that it remains incomprehensible, don't worry. It is incomprehensible! However, since Jesus promised us that our eternity would be spent in contemplation of His Mercy, then we must believe that the more deeply we enter into that contemplation now, the more glorious our lives will become. If we can truly taste of this Mercy, gain a small glimpse of its grandeur, and comprehend even a small aspect of its meaning, then we will truly find much satisfaction in this endeavor.

Reflect, today, upon The Divine Mercy. As you do, humble yourself through prayer by admitting to God and to yourself that His Mercy is beyond what you will ever comprehend. Do this in prayer. Reading about God's Mercy is important, but it will only be through prayer that we begin our contemplation. And it will only be through this contemplation that we will begin to live the central purpose of our lives.

St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Mary Jean Cauley, Chris DeLange, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Chuck Huber, Roseanne Kenneth, Noah, Mary Claire Marshall, Lizzie Mitchell, Pat Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Marie Senzig, Preston Shields, MV, those who are sick, unemployed, in need, & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, & anxieties; Families & Friends, please...



PRAY THE ROSARY!!!



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Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email

projectrachel@diolc.org. There are also post-abortion healing retreats offered in the Diocese of Madison (next one: Nov. 8-10 2024). For more information, visit madisondiocese.org/rachel or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code on the right.



Attention High School Seniors!!

St. Mary's Parish will again be offering **\$250** Scholarships this year to graduating seniors that have been an active part of St. Mary's Parish. Guidelines and applications can be requested from the parish office by phone, e-mail, or pick up at the rectory. Application deadline is: **April 30, 2024**



There is a basket in the vestibule to collect Rice Bowls and Mite boxes, or you can place in the collection basket during the offertory time at Mass. Please turn them in by April 14th so the funds can be forwarded. Thank you to everyone who participated!



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Upcoming Ladies Sodality Officer Elections

We will be having an election for Vice President and Treasurer at our next Sodality meeting on Thursday, May 9th at 1pm. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please submit your name to Linda Lochner by Wednesday, May 8th so that you will be on the ballot. Election of President and Secretary will take place in 2025.

Ladies Banquet

The Ladies Banquet is Scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th at 5:30pm. More information will be available in future bulletins. We are in need of 'A Few Good Men' to help serve the food. If you are able to help out, please call Linda Lochner at 847-867-4941



Financial Stewardship

March 31, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1848.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$11.00
Offertory.....	\$616.00
Easter.....	\$2125.00
Votive candles.....	\$76.00
Total	\$4,676.00

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Percent of Goal Pledged: 53.58%

Number of Donors: 49

There are envelopes in the back of church if you would like to contribute.

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Liturgical Roles

Saturday, April 13, 7:00 pm

Lector.....Katelyn Browne
EMC.....Mary Crowley
Servers.....Stella Finucan
Beckett Finucan
Ushers.....Dan McGowan
Dennis Franek, Jason Franek
Gift Bearers.....McGowan Family
Musician.....Heidi Finucan

Sunday, April 14, 9:00 am

Lector.....Larry Mueller
EMC.....Larry Mueller
Teri Mueller
Servers.....Nellie Jo Erickson
Anton Erickson
Brian Fox
Ushers.....Jim Cauley
Craig Kobylski
Tom Kowalke, Connie Walsh
Gift Bearers.....Tom & Sheri Guyse
Musician.....Jade Pusel

Sunday, April 14, 1:00 pm

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Usher.....Rodney Senzig

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COMMENTARY ON THE INVOCATIONS OF THE LITANY OF LORETO (Part 7)

Gate of heaven, pray for us! In her priestly prayers, the Church honors the Immaculate Virgin as the glorious gate of heaven. Mary is the gate of heaven, because through her came Jesus, who opened again for us the doors of the heavens that had been shut, who said: "I am the gate" (J 10:9).

Help of Christians, pray for us! "O Mother, come and help me to pray! O Mother, come and help me in my struggle! O Mother, come and help me in time of suffering! O Mother, come and stay with me! You, after all, are able to help me, O Most Powerful One! You wish to help me, O Best of helpers! You must help me now, O most Faithful one! You will also come to my aid, O Most Merciful One!"

