

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | APRIL 7, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Sunday after Easter continues to reflect the joy of Easter as it should, and we should not let it fade from our daily lives so easily. It is something to be nourished through prayer and meditation. **The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central theme and event of all Christianity, and the more we understand it, the more meaningful our life here on earth will be to ourselves and to others.** Just listen to the readings and see how they tune into this concept.

The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (4:32-35). In this passage we read that all the followers of Jesus, not just the apostles, were so enthusiastic about this "new way" of life that they lived in communities in order to share everything, both material and spiritual. This way they could help in nourishing and sharing their newfound spiritual life in Christ with each other. Because of this joy many others came to believe and "*the Lord added to their number.*"

The Responsorial Psalm (118:2-24) is a continuation of the same Psalm from Easter Sunday. It is an important liturgical poem sung at the Jewish Seder or Passover Meal. It recalls how the Israelites implored the God of Israel to save them from slavery to the Egyptians and how God came to their rescue. The Psalmist then goes on to offer praises of thanksgiving acknowledging God's benevolence.

The Second Reading is from the First letter of John (5:1-6). This is a summary of the Christian life then and now. We should not think of Christ's Resurrection as something that happened 2000 years ago. Rather, we should be thinking about it daily as something that God does for us in every Mass that is offered on our behalf--not just those we attend, but all Masses. They are the greatest prayers of thanksgiving that one could offer for this sublime act of divine love.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John (20:19-31). Put yourself in this scene. It is the night of the Resurrection and Jesus appears in all His divine Glory before the apostles. Can you imagine the joy after the shock subsides? The apostles must have been bouncing all over the room. Then later, Thomas, who wasn't there, throws cold water on that first event when he learns about it by refusing to believe. It takes another appearance of Jesus to convince Thomas who then utters that great phrase of humility, "*My Lord and my God!*"

To doubt as Thomas did is not wrong or sinful; however, to leave it there and do nothing about it is wrong. Sometimes God allows doubts into our head, for us to get moving toward finding the truth through prayer or study or both. So, we need to ask ourselves: are we sometimes like Thomas, having a difficult time believing? If so, then what are we going to do about it? Do not let doubts rob you of the joy that God wants all of us to have. **Something to think about during your prayer time this week.**

~*Rev. Edward J. Smith*

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APRIL 7, 2024

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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Call the Parish Office

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Holy Communion - Marybeth Brailer

Lectors - Nadya Cole

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Ushers - Fran Stack

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts 4:32)

PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

SECOND READING: For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 Jn 5:3-4)

GOSPEL: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday - Apr. 7th - 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

10:00 am - †Norma Michalski

Requested by: Norman Michalski

Monday - Apr. 8th - The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 am - †Richard C. Salkowitz Sr. & Richard C. Salkowitz II

Requested by: Jeannette Salkowitz

Tuesday - Apr. 9th - Easter Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Steve Haller

Requested by: Carol Potter

Saturday - Apr. 13th - St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

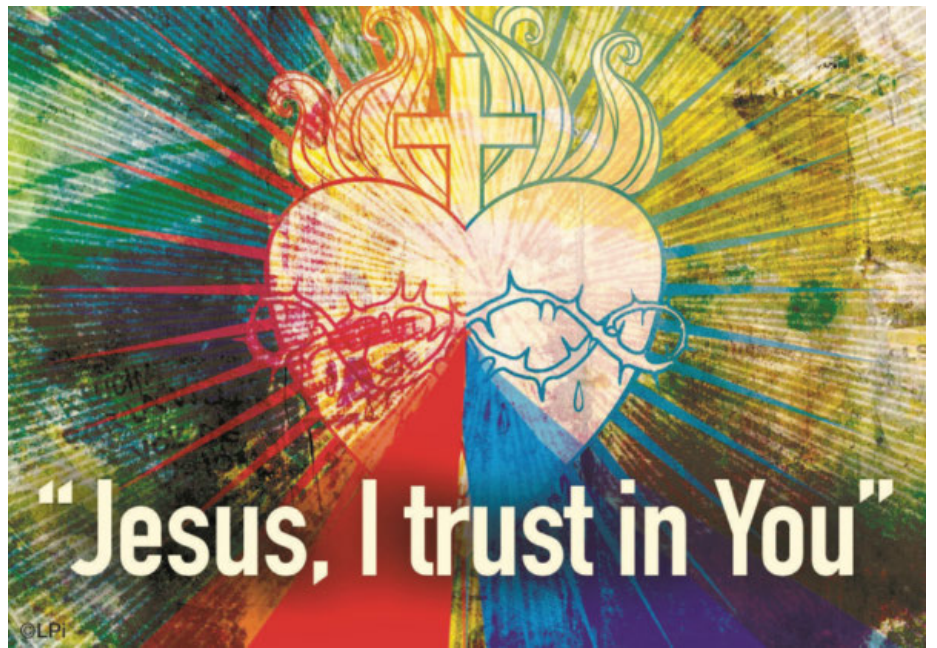
4:00 pm - †Owen Blake

Requested by: Stephen Blake

Sunday - Apr. 14th - 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 am - †Mary Miller

Requested by: Jim & Martha McBennett



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 13th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol B., Karen B., Joanne C.

Sunday, April 14th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna S., Anna A.

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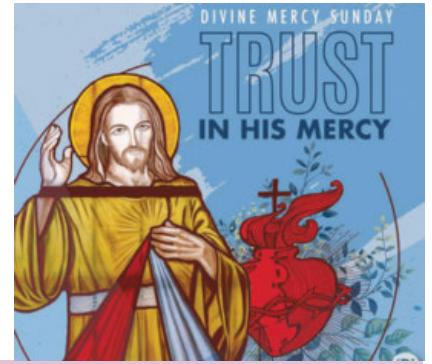
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/17/2024) \$4,028.36
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/-) BUDGET..... -(\$10,301.67)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



WHERE DID THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY COME FROM?

Jesus I Trust in You!

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, *“a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”*



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim “Swampy” Burton	Lynn Coscho
Pat Costello II	Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores
Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Brian Grace	Dan George
Renee Golowenski	D’Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez
Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Baby Jackson
Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan
Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Amy Schmidt
Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez
Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Richard Yurovich	Doris Zgola-Whitka	

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the “Prayer Line” for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

“Adore in the Most Blessed Sacrament My Heart which is full of mercy.” ~Diary, 145

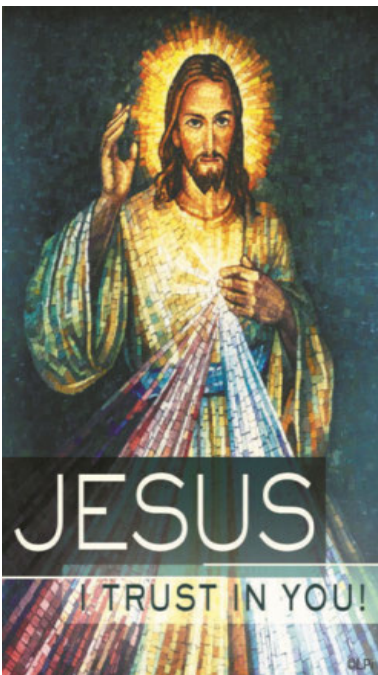
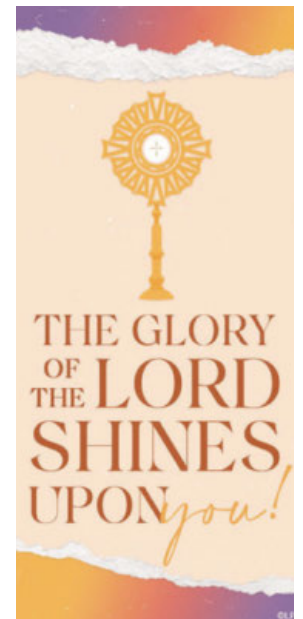
Jesus told St. Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament. . . *“Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. . . Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”*

~ Divine Mercy in My Soul, 699

I asked My disciples for something to eat, but to you I give My own Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Is this not love? What do you give Me for this excess of kindness? *“My Flesh is real food.”* You already know Me. You have contemplated My hands and My feet. Do you not feel, do you not see that I am He who invites you to calm the infinite desires of your heart? I loved you and gave Myself up to all sorts of sufferings and torments for you. Look at Me then, triumphant and victorious over death. I come also to you, so that by studying Me, you will know Who I am, and in knowing Me you will love your Jesus. *“It is My Father who gives you the true Blood from heaven,”* the Eucharistic Bread prepared for the salvation of all until the end of time. Come close with humility with unlimited confidence. Come so I can make you happy.

~ *“Look at My Hands and Feet; It is Really I”*

by Blessed Conception Cabrera de Armida



RECEIVE SPECIAL GRACES TODAY ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Let's begin by reading what is arguably the most important passage in St. Faustina's *Diary*, when Jesus tells St. Faustina:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (699).

There it is: **Jesus promises that the soul that's been to Confession and receives Holy Communion will be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our soul.** Those stains are sin and the punishment due to sin. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul. Don't let this grace pass you by.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

Many of the people who are opposed to abortion have been led to believe they should not *“impose”* their morality on others.

Think about this:

The unborn child is created in the image of God.

This child is God's child and is part of God's world.

So the life of this child is not ours to take.

Therefore, it is a sin to take this child's life for reasons whether of birth control, gender selection, convenience, or avoidance of embarrassment.

Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!



APRIL PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICES

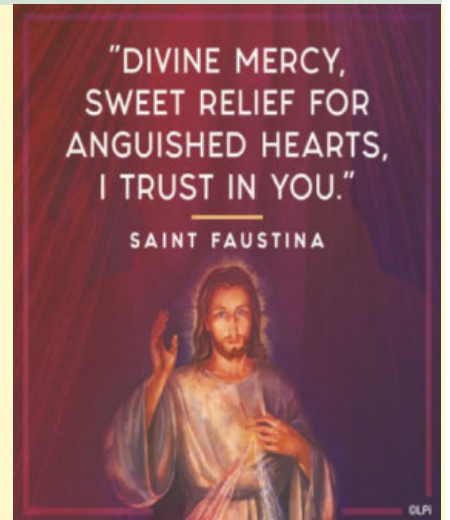
The following churches are having special services for Divine Mercy Sun., 4/7:

St. Jude, 590 Popular St., Elyria -
Hour of Great Mercy Devotions at 2 pm
Exposition, Readings & Reflections of the Diary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Vincent de Paul, 41295 N. Ridge Rd., Elyria -
Divine Mercy Prayer Service at 3 pm

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 418 W. 15th St., Lorain -
Divine Mercy Devotions at 3 pm

St. Joseph, 32929 Lake Rd., Avon Lake -
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 4/21

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free, monthly grief support groups both In-Person at 3 pm & Virtually at 5 pm via Zoom on the same day.

Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart.

The April Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 21st with the closest location at **St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon at 32789 Detroit Rd.**

The Topic will be *"Mother's Day and Grief"*.

Your RSVP is appreciated but not required to attend.

Please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 for more information or sign up for the virtual group at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

Visit www.clecem.org for the most updated schedule of events with the CCA.

MARIAN GUILD NEWS

The Marian Guild will sponsor **Donut Sunday on April 21st** after the **10 o'clock Mass** in the main vestibule of the church.

Please stop and have a tasty treat and visit with your fellow parishioners!

On Sunday, May 19th the Marian Guild will have their annual May luncheon at 11:30 am at the Lorain Senior Center on Garfield Boulevard.

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!

We will have the crowning of the Blessed Mother, officers will be installed and new members will be honored.

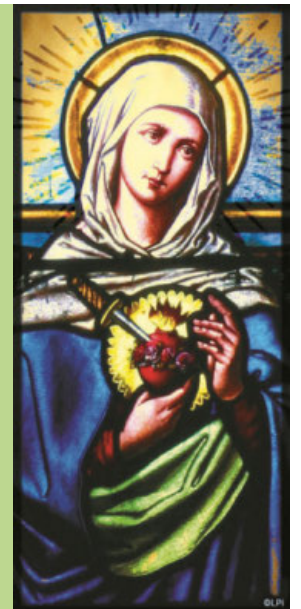
In addition to a very tasty lunch, we will be entertained with several games of Bingo!

All winners will receive a little prize.

Very nice door prizes will also be given to a lucky few!

Please join us as we close out another prayerful and inspiring season.

For reservations, please call Terri George, 440-320-3270, or mail your reservation with \$15 to Terri George, 2220 E. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052 by May 13th.



THE FEST

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Noon -10:00 pm • Wickliffe, Ohio



Instruments of Peace!

Join us this summer on Sunday, August 4, 2024 for The FEST. It's a perfect day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE. This year's theme for FEST 2024 is, Instruments of Peace. Come and enjoy the best national bands: Caleb and John, Cochren & Co.; We the Kingdom, and on their 20th anniversary tour – Casting Crowns.

There will also be plenty of crafts, activities and displays to help all of us reflect on the vision of the Kingdom of God – a Kingdom of Peace and Mercy for all of God's people. **The highlight of The FEST is a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8 pm with Bishop Malesic and Bishop Woost. Check out all the details by going to: www.theFEST.us**

Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to join you at The FEST – faith, family and fun – all for FREE.



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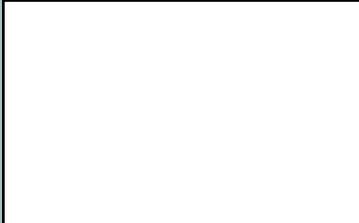
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