

Palm Sunday  
Sunday, April 10, 2022

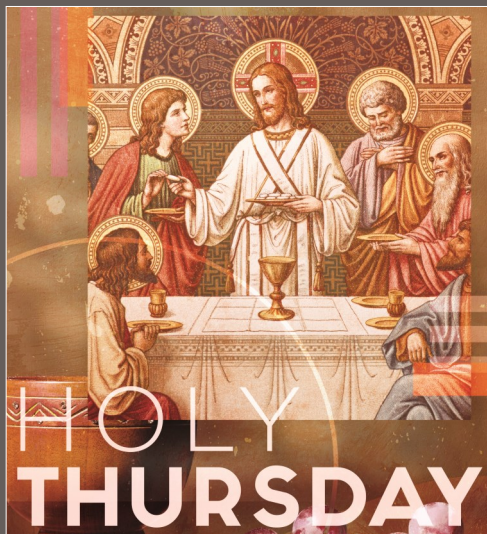


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# MASS Intentions

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## April 9, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy  
Secular Discalced Carmelites  
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families  
❖ For Sophia Skrocki & Family
- 5:30PM For Special Intention  
❖ For Augustine Hermiz (B'Day) req. Abshara Family  
❖ For Gloria Duzey req. Friend ❖ For Alicia Lavisky  
❖ †Major Socorro Pulumbarit-Calara req. Balagtas  
Family ❖ †Dustin Fickle req. Spindler Family  
❖ †Nick Wesenberg req. Lamerson Family

## April 10, Palm Sunday - Kvetná Nedeľa

- Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56
- 7:30AM For Paul, Linda & Families  
❖ †Casmir Kochan ❖ †Patrick Harding  
❖ †Ishak Youhanna Gorgees  
❖ †Nick Wesenberg req. Lamerson Family  
❖ †Ulysses Edward Burney, Jr. req. Sharon Brown &  
Family ❖ †John Maciag req. Wife
- 9:30AM For Forgotten Souls in Purgatory req. Maria Sinishtaj  
❖ For Tim, Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖ Living & Deceased Members of Kalaj Family  
req. Maria Sinishtaj ❖ †Rory Twomey  
❖ †Marlene Acervo req. Bob & Cindy Hasenauer  
❖ †Barbara Fabina req. Bob & Cindy Hasenauer  
❖ †Louis Allawerdi req. Sarah DePalma
- 11:30AM (Slovak)  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 6:00PM (Latin)-Tridentine:  
For Roeby & Beth Ledford & Family
- 8:30PM For Jason Joseph ❖ For Sam & Amy Shamoon & Fam.  
❖ For Rosemary & Simon Shadda req. Family  
❖ For Brandon & Samantha Mansoor & Family req.  
Family ❖ For Nadira Thwaini  
❖ For Jamila Jouja ❖ †Violeta Adao

## April 11, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Luce Grishi & Family  
❖ †Cynthia Sherit req. Walker Family  
❖ †Nick Wesenberg req. Lamerson Family
- 12:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ †Anna & †John Farrier req. Granddaughter  
Shawn ❖ †Angel & †Tarik Jazraw

## April 12, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Steve Mazurkiewicz req. Family  
❖ For Prisoners  
❖ †Nelson Curell req. John & Elizabeth Curell
- 12:00PM For Christopher Zabawa req. Langlois Family  
❖ †Walid Bahoura req. Stephanie Bahoura  
❖ †Matthew Margiewicz req. Christine Margiewicz

## April 13, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin) For Amy Shamoon  
❖ †Mike & Phyllis Chemny  
❖ †Germaine Evelyn
- 11:30AM \*Stations of the Cross\*
- 12:00PM For Celisa Rolling (B'Day)  
❖ For Mary Jeanne Baltrinic (B'Day)  
❖ †Joe White & Roseanne White req. Sister

## April 14, Holy Thursday - Zelený Štvrtok

- \*\*\*NO CONFESSIONS TODAY\*\*\*
- 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners  
Church and Chapel Open for Prayer:  
After Holy Mass until Midnight

## April 15, Good Friday - Veľký Piatok

- \*\*\*NO CONFESSIONS TODAY\*\*\*
- 2:00 PM \*Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3:00 PM \*Liturgy of Good Friday
- 7:00 PM \*Stations of the Cross  
Church & Tomb in Chapel Open for Prayer:  
After Good Friday Liturgy until Midnight

## April 16, Holy Saturday - Biela Sobota

- \*\*\*NO CONFESSIONS TODAY\*\*\*
- Church & Tomb in Chapel Open for Prayer:  
8:00 AM—8:00 PM
- 8:30PM Easter Vigil Mass:  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners  
\*Blessing of Easter Baskets: After Easter Vigil Holy Mass

## April 17, Easter Sunday - Veľkonočná Nedeľa

- \*\*\*NO CONFESSIONS TODAY\*\*\*
- Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9  
\*Blessing of Easter Baskets:  
After 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Holy Masses
- 7:30AM For Paul, Linda & Families  
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖ †John & Carol Christenson req. Lucio & Yvonne  
Persichetti ❖ †Paolo Persichetti req. Mom & Papa  
❖ †Walter Mikulak req. Daughter  
❖ †Marie, Maria, & Donald Obrieht  
❖ †Gladys Langlois req. Langlois Family
- 9:30AM (Livestreamed)  
For Special Intention req. R. Michael Guarnieri  
❖ For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus -  
St. Nicholas Council & Families  
❖ For Emma Timmerman (B'Day)  
❖ For Gerald Sadecki  
❖ For Annette Rudzewicz  
❖ †Anthony Rybicki req. Family  
❖ †Stefania Bak
- 11:30AM (Slovak)  
For Gabriela Liptakova req. Family  
❖ For Daniela Grisak req. Plzak Family  
❖ For Marian Prusak req. Family  
❖ For Kathy Holka ❖ For the Plzak Family  
❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Family  
❖ †Margaret Ferkovic req. Daniela Grisak
- \*12:30PM: \*Traditional Rite of Resurrection with  
Eucharistic Procession to the Slovak Cross after Holy Mass
- 6:00PM (Latin)-Tridentine:  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
❖ For Paul & Carroll Schuller req. Michael Guarnieri  
❖ For John & Sandi Brady req. Michael Guarnieri  
❖ For Sam & Amy Shamoon & Family  
❖ For Aida Manly ❖ †Conception Flores  
❖ †Louis Allawerdi

# Welcome

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Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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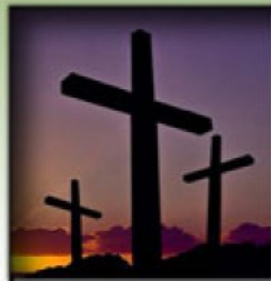
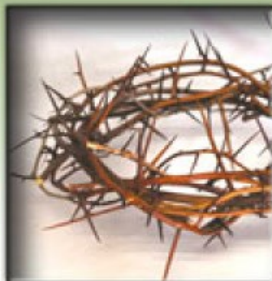
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## Holy Week Schedule



### HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### Big Easter Confession Day:

**Monday, April 11:** 10:00AM - 12:00PM & 6:00PM - 9:00PM

#### NO Confessions will be heard on:

*Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday*

Regular Confession Schedule will resume on Easter Wednesday, April 20

### HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

#### Holy Thursday, April 14:

**\*Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 7:00PM

Chapel & Church Open for Prayer on Holy Thursday until Midnight

#### Good Friday, April 15:

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** at 2:00PM

**\*Liturgy of Good Friday** at 3:00PM

**Stations of the Cross** at 7:00PM

Church & Tomb in Chapel - Open for Prayer on Good Friday until Midnight

#### Blessing of the Easter Baskets (after the following Holy Masses):

*Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 16, 8:30PM & Easter Sunday, April 17, 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM*

#### Holy Saturday, April 16:

**\*Easter Vigil Holy Mass:** 8:30PM

Church & Tomb in Chapel - Open for Prayer on Holy Saturday from 8:00AM - 8:00PM

#### Easter Sunday, April 17:

**Holy Masses:** 7:30AM, \*9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM

\*Livestreamed

Note: Traditional Rite of Resurrection with Eucharistic Procession to the Outdoor Cross at 12:30PM on Easter Sunday

### ADDITIONAL HOLY WEEK EVENTS:

**CHURCH CLEANING** (in preparation for the Easter Triduum): Tuesday, April 12, after 12:00PM Holy Mass

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Tuesday, April 12, 1:00PM - 6:45PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Wednesday, April 13, at 8:30AM & Friday, April 15, at 7:00PM

#### OFFICE CLOSED:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Monday



# EASTER BAKE SALE WITH LAMB CAKES ~ THIS WEEKEND

*Palm Sunday, April 10, 3:00-4:00PM*  
*Meditations on the:*  
*Seven Last Words of Christ*

*Recitations from the Writings of:*  
*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

*Music Setting by:*  
*John Huston*

*Begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet*  
*at 3:00PM in the Church!*

**WILLIAM BARNES**, Narrator  
**MICHAEL SEMAAN**, Organist

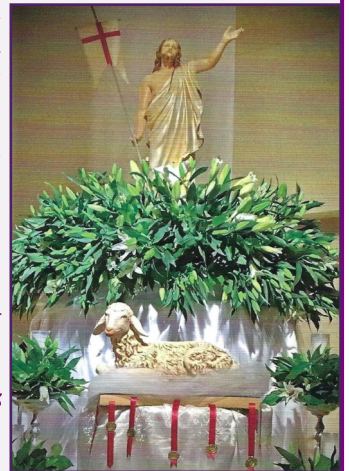
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## *Easter Novena Mass Cards*

Our Easter Novena begins on Easter Monday, April 18. Novena Mass Cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends and are available in English and in Slovak.

(Suggested Donation: \$10 each)  
 Novena Holy Mass Cards are available on weekdays in the Parish Office and after Holy Masses on weekends.

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*  
*is the most precious gift*  
*anyone can receive.*



**Lent**  
 PRAY. FAST. GIVE.

## 2022 Parish Lenten Projects

During Lent, as we purge and renew our hearts, the parish has several projects for us to join together in our almsgiving and so better benefit our neighbors in need.

**School and Church Construction in Kahama Diocese, Tanzania/Bishop Minde:** Thanks be to God! Enrollment is steadily growing at **Ss. Cyril & Methodius Primary School**, which was built with financial

assistance from our parish. The school opened its doors for the first kindergarten class in 2012 and grew to include primary grades in 2017. As the school continues to grow, construction of additional classrooms, offices and a student dining hall are underway and additional funds are necessary to complete this project. A second building project in Kahama, the construction of **Ss. Simon and Jude Thaddeus** church, is in the roofing phase; funds are needed to complete this project as well. To help the children who will learn in these classrooms and the community of Ss. Simon and Jude Thaddeus that will worship together in the new church, place your monetary gift in a blue Lenten Offering envelope and place it in the Sunday collection basket; or make your donation online using PushPay by Easter Sunday, April 17. Please make checks out to **Ss. Cyril & Methodius** and include **Tanzania** on the memo line.

Note: per the IRS, donations to international projects are not tax-deductible.

**Christian Service Fund/Monetary Projects** Donations made to the parish Christian Service Fund during Lent will be distributed to three local projects. You can donate to this fund online using PushPay or by placing cash or a check made out to **Ss. Cyril & Methodius** in a white Lenten Offering envelope and putting it in the Sunday collection basket by Easter Sunday, April 17.

•**Lifespan Wee Care** Some of Wee Care's most dire needs are for cribs, car seats and strollers. Because of legal concerns, used items can't be given out by pregnancy help centers; these items must be new. To help them purchase these expensive necessities for the families they serve, a portion of the donations made to the Christian Service fund during Lent will be given to Wee Care for this purpose. To donate directly to Wee Care, place a check payable to: *Lifespan Wee Care* in a white Lenten Offering envelope.

•**St. Christine Christian Services (SCCS)** While the majority of the food served by the soup kitchen or distributed by the food bank is non-perishable, many perishable items, such as meat, vegetables and fruit, and dairy products must be purchased. A portion of the Christian Service fund donations will be given to St. Christine's for this purpose. To donate directly to SCCS, place a check payable to: *St. Christine Christian Services* in a white Lenten Offering envelope.

•**Camp Ozanam/St. Vincent DePaul Summer Camp Scholarship Fund** A week at summer camp can be the highlight of the summer and a source of treasured memories, especially for children whose families are struggling. This summer, St. Vincent de Paul Detroit will be offering five weeklong overnight camp sessions for boys and girls ages 8 to 14 at its Camp Ozanam, on Lake Huron. Daily Mass, prayer and catechesis are built in to the program along with swimming, crafts, sports and other outdoor fun. The campers all live in southeast Michigan, and the majority are from families in financial need. Some are in foster care, or have experienced emotional hardship such as the loss of a parent. All campers attend camp at no cost to their families. Their fees for camp are paid entirely by donations. A portion of donations made to the parish Christian Service Fund during Lent will help provide scholarships for local children to attend Camp Ozanam. To donate directly to the scholarship fund, place a check payable to: *St. Vincent de Paul Detroit*, include *Camp* on memo line and put in a white Lenten Offering envelope.

*~ Thank you for your consideration and sacrifices for our needy brothers and sisters this Lent ~*

# EASTER CONFESSIONS + THIS Monday, April 11

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADULTS

### 1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer? • Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
  - Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?
  - Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
  - Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

### 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly? • Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person? • Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

### 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest? • Do I do needless work on Sunday?

### 4. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor and obey my parents? • Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
  - Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Have I given my family good religious example? • Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

### 5. You shall not kill.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion? • Have I physically harmed anyone?
  - Have I abused alcohol or drugs? • Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?
    - Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
  - Have I been angry or resentful? • Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization? • Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?

### 6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
  - Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
  - Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation? • Do I seek to control my thoughts and imaginations?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
  - Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions? • Am I careful to dress modestly?

### 7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine? • Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, and home? • Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
  - Do I pay my debts promptly? • Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

### 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped? • Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others? • Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential? • Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

### 9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts? • Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
  - Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
- Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

### 10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have? • Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
  - Am I greedy or selfish? • Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

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## PREPARE FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

Additional Guides for a Good Confession can be found at: [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church) for:

**Younger Children:** <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-for-Children.pdf>

**Older Children:** <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Guide-for-Confession-for-Children.pdf>

**Adults:** <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-2018-Adult.pdf>

## PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

O most merciful God! Prostrate at your feet, I implore your forgiveness. I sincerely desire to leave all my evil ways and to confess my sins with all sincerity to you and to your priest. I am a sinner, have mercy on me, O Lord. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the Passion of my Redeemer. Give me, for your mercy's sake a sorrow for having offended so good a God. Mary, my mother, refuge of sinners, pray for me that I may make a good confession. Amen.

## ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.





### Many Thanks!

Social life, friendships and human encounters are a very important part of our Parish life, but they are much more than merely being together and feeling good. Creating a community enables us to live our faith together, and be constantly transformed into people who deepen their relationships with God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

Lenten time, especially, calls us to take this transformation more seriously and thus we feel more compelled to spend time with others. Every Friday in Lent, besides typically praying the Stations of the Cross and doing acts of penance, many people gather for a Fish Fry. This simple act is a very beautiful opportunity for each individual and for the parish to share our community.

These moments would not be possible without the generous and selfless help of a large number of people who have volunteered their time, energy, and talent, starting with the Knights of Columbus, Rosary Society, Trail Life, American Heritage Girls and many individual parishioners, who all felt the prompting to do something good for our parish. I always enjoy especially seeing young people and children, often working alongside their parents.

Many thanks to all who were involved in this year's Fish Fry: to all the volunteers for preparing another series of successful and enjoyable events and to all who attended the dinners, for supporting our Parish.

Happy Easter and see you all at the 2023 Fish Fry! Fr. Libor Marek

### Catechism Corner

#### Class Schedule

Wednesday, April 13: NO CLASS (Holy Week)

Wednesday, April 20: CLASS

Wed., April 27: Class & May Crowning Rehearsal for 8th Grade

Friday, April 29: First Holy Confessions &  
First Holy Communion Rehearsal at 6:00PM

Saturday, April 30: First Holy Communion Holy Mass at 1:00PM

Sunday, May 1: May Crowning Holy Mass at 10:00AM

Wednesday, May 4: CLASS &

Confirmation Confessions & Rehearsal at 6:00PM

Saturday, May 7: Confirmation Holy Mass at 1:00PM

Wednesday, May 11: CLASS (Last Week of Catechism)

Catechism Questions: Paul or Carroll Schuller, DREs  
cschuller@saintcyriels.church or (586) 726-6911

### Life Teen Ministry • Monday, April 11

*"Hard As Nails Missionaries Night:  
How to Build Catholic Community"*

**7:00PM - 8:45PM**

All high school teens are welcome to Life Teen. Life Nights are dynamic youth gatherings including snacks, games, small group discussions, and an opportunity for teens to learn more about the Catholic faith with their peers.

Some of the topics we'll be covering this semester include a priest panel, what our purpose is and Christ's passion.

### EDGE Youth Group

Our next EDGE night for middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th grade) will take place on Thursday, April 21, from 7:00PM-8:45PM. Our topic will be "Fear: Discussion of What is Fear and How Can we Give our Fears to God." More information to follow.

Questions about Life Teen or EDGE, please contact:

Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyriels.church

### Blood Drive • Tuesday, April 12

Our Blood Drive is this Tuesday, April 12, from 1:00PM—6:45PM.

Consider:

*I Gave my Blood, Christ Gave His.*

*I Gave a Pint, He Gave All.*

*The Needle is Sharp and Small,*

*The Nails were Large and Blunt.*

*The Bed is Soft and Restful,*

*The Cross was Rough and Painful.*

*The Nurses are Kind and Gentle,*

*The Soldiers were Cruel and Tough.*

*Humanity Applauds my Sacrifice,*

*The Crowds He Passed Reviled Him.*

*My Blood is O Positive,*

*His is Positively for All.*

*Mine will Prolong Life for Awhile,*

*His Will Save Forever!*

Please sign up today. The Red Cross' blood supply is critically low.

[www.redcross.org/give.html/find-drive](http://www.redcross.org/give.html/find-drive) OR 1-800-RED-CROSS

All blood will be tested for Covid antibodies and

### Church Cleaning Day for Easter • Tuesday, April 12

Help is needed to make our church beautiful for Easter Sunday.

If you are available to help clean the church on Tuesday, April 12, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass, please sign up on the form in the vestibule or contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911.

Thank you! Many hands make light work!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15**

**MAY GOD BLESS FR. JURAJ NUOTA  
ON HIS BIRTHDAY AND ALWAYS!**

## PLENARY INDULGENCE on DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY • April 24

Begin Novena • Good Friday, April 15

All Holy Masses on Sunday, April 24, are Divine Mercy Masses.  
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited after each Holy Mass.

### HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR THIS GREAT FEAST of MERCY?

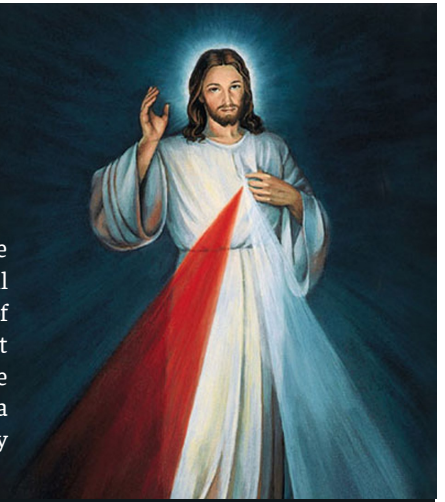
Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy - the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699). To observe this feast, we should commence a Novena to the Divine Mercy on Good Friday. The Novena includes special intentions for each day and is concluded with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should...

- Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
- Come to Jesus with a humble and contrite heart, repenting of all your sins. Go to confession (with a priest) 20 days before or after the feast, as approved by the Church.
- Receive Holy Communion on the Day of the Feast of Divine Mercy. (D 1072)
- Venerate the image of Divine Mercy on the Feast of Divine Mercy. (Diary 47, 48 & 49)
- Be merciful as God is merciful. Practice works of Mercy, physically by helping others or spiritually by your prayers of intercession.
- Be open to receive a Plenary Indulgence as Jesus promised: that of forgiveness of all sin and punishment; which is available to you on the Feast of Divine Mercy. (D 699). In simple terms this means that if we go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, we can obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and their due punishment. This means we would go straight to Heaven!
- To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents — in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

In His revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus made mention of His desires concerning the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) on 14 different occasions. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in entry 699 of the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska:

**M**y daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. 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. 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.



### Lenten Challenge

Have you finished your Lenten Challenge worksheet? If you have not yet finished, there is still time. It's not too late! Once your worksheet is complete, drop it in the drum in the vestibule or drop it off in the Parish Office. Each entry will be included in a Raffle that will take place after Easter.

### Benefit Concert for Ukraine Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24

Young concert pianist, Marek Janiga, from Slovakia will perform classical pieces by *Frederic Chopin*, *Ludwig van Beethoven*, and *Sergei Rachmaninoff* in the Fr. Mikus Hall on Sunday, April 24 (Time: TBD). Free-will donations will be used to provide basic needs for Ukrainian families fleeing their homes in the middle of war. More than 4 million people have fled Ukraine so far. Slovakia, which borders Ukraine, is being inundated with refugees. The family of the artist is directly helping at the border - providing for desperate Ukrainian mothers and children seeking a safe refuge.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of classical music. Donations will be taken at the door with light reception to follow.



### Vacation Bible School - June 20-24, 2022

IN SEARCH OF:

Enthusiastic, hard-working, and understanding teens  
to be the Life of Vacation Bible School.

Did you attend VBS as a youth? Do you remember it being the best week of your summer? Do you want to be a part of something special this summer? Do you want to make a difference in the lives of children? If so, you can make that happen as a VBS Volunteer for this summer 2022. Please sign up in the vestibule on the poster. Be sure to include your phone number and/or email so we can contact you. VBS is a terrific way to guide our young to the word of God in a spiritual, fun and exciting way. (8th Grade Confirmadi: This can be used for Service Hours for next year.)

This year's theme is *Cathletics*.

REGISTER:

<https://form.jotform.com/sscyrilVBS/vbs-registration>

???: Michelle Jones, (586) 219-6678 or moeprays@gmail.com

### NEEDED: SPOOLS OF NEW THREAD

The Quilt Ministry is in need of new spools of WHITE, BLACK, BROWN & BLUE thread. Please place your thread donations in the appropriate box under the table in the vestibule. *Thank you!*

