April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary! Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia! Yes, we are still celebrating Easter Sunday! Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and it is the final day of Octave of Easter. After this day we will move into the Season of Easter and continue the celebration of Easter until the end of the day on Pentecost Sunday.

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, is a day of unfathomable and ineffable graces! I urge all to ask for and celebrate the great gift of Divine Mercy offered by our Heavenly Father through His Son, Jesus Christ! We will have opportunities to visit our Lord in at least one of our churches on Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have time for private prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament; the Sacrament of Confession offered; the Chaplet of Divine Mercy recited; and finally Benediction and the Divine Praises! Plan now to celebrate our Lord's infinite Mercy this Sunday and join with other parishioners in our special event. Divine Mercy Sunday is a day of great promises from our Lord Jesus, particularly when we ask Him to share with us His unfathomable and ineffable Mercy!

Here is a brief summary of the message of Divine Mercy: "The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us - all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread." The message of Mercy grows through various devotional practices. These practices are:

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We are happy that you are here! If you are new to our parishes, please call or stop at the Parish Office. We would love to meet you and answer any questions that you might have!

SACRAMENTS

Confession - Saturday 4:00pm at St. Michael; Sunday 8:25am at St. Paul and 8:00am before daily weekday Holy Mass at both parishes. **Baptism -** Please contact the parish office.

Matrimony - Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick - This is for someone who is seriously ill, dealing with major surgery or infirm. Please contact Father Kasel to make arrangements.

WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Church of Saint Paul - Sunday Confessions at 8:25am, Rosary at 8:25am, Mass at 8:45am

Church of Saint Michael - Saturday Confessions at 4:00pm, Rosary at 4:35pm, Mass at 5:00pm

Church of Saint Michael - Sunday Mass at 7:00am, Rosary at 10:05am, Mass at 10:30am

WEEKDAY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Church of Saint Paul - Tuesday and Thursday
Confession 8am & Mass 8:30am, Rosary at 8:10am before Mass
Church of Saint Michael - Wednesday and Friday
Confession 8am and Mass 8:30am

F – Feast of Divine Mercy: celebrate Divine Mercy in your parish!

I – Image of Divine Mercy: venerate the Image of Divine Mercy and place on in your home!

N – Novena of Divine Mercy: pray the Novena of Divine Mercy!

C – Chaplet of Divine Mercy: pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day!

H – Hour of Mercy: 3-4pm is the Hour of Great Mercy – ask Jesus for graces each day during this hour! Pray the Stations of the Cross as you are able and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy! "In repeated revelations to St. Faustina, Our Divine Savior makes it clear that the fountain is His Heart, the water is His mercy, and the vessel is trust. (continue on pg. 4)

Divine Mercy Sunday April 11, 2021 2:00-4:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

All parishioners are invited to attend the Divine Mercy Sunday celebration on April 11 from 2-4pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island, MN. There will be a sermon on Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. *Jesus, I trust in You!*



<u>Holy Hour for Men</u> will be Sunday, April 11, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30-7:45pm TOPIC for May: Mary, God's Masterpiece (includes the Living Rosary)

Church of St. Michael Fall Festival!

Fr. Kasel and the Fall Festival committee recently met and are happy to announce that plans have started in order to hold our Fall Festival this year. It is scheduled for **Saturday**/ Sunday, September 18/19. We are planning for most of the familiar activities will be held on Saturday: Tractor Pull, outside concessions, farmers market, quilt show, craft vendors, bingo, silent auction. For Sunday we are planning: our Beef Dinner, Tractor Show, outside concessions, farmers market, silent auction, quilt show, craft vendors, bingo, Pedal Tractor Pull and kids' games. All of these events are subject to change. We will need volunteers to make this a success! Please consider helping! There is a sheet in entry of the church for you to sign and make us know you are willing to volunteer. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30 in the office building - if you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Fr. Kasel. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact the parish office.

Lord Jesus, Have Mercy on Us

"O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon You and I beg Your mercy for poor sinners.

O sweetest Heart of my Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, I plead with You for poor sinners.

O Most Sacred Heart, Fount of Mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of You light for poor sinners.

O Jesus, be mindful of Your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of Your most Precious Blood.

O Jesus, when I consider the great price of Your Blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equaled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted.

Oh, what immense joy burns in my heart when I contemplate Your incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus! I desire to bring all sinners to Your feet that they may glorify Your mercy throughout endless ages (Diary of St. Faustina, 72).

O my Jesus, despite the deep night that is all around me and the dark clouds which hide the horizon, I know that the sun never goes out. O Lord, though I cannot comprehend You and do not understand Your ways, I nonetheless trust in Your mercy. If it is Your will, Lord, that I live always in such darkness, may You be blessed. I ask You only one thing, Jesus: do not allow me to offend You in any way. O my Jesus, You alone know the longings and the sufferings of my heart. I am glad I can suffer for You, however little. When I feel that the suffering is more than I can bear, I take refuge in the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and I speak to Him with profound silence (Diary of St. Faustina, 73)."

Rochester Rosary Rallies: There will **NOT** be a 3pm Rosary Rally at the Rochester Government Center on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11. The Rosary Rallies will resume Sunday, April 18.

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf:</u> The items requested for **April:** Crackers (Saltines & Snack)

WEEKLY TITHING for April 3-4, 2021

 Sunday/Easter Envelopes:
 \$ 4,166.00

 Plate:
 \$ 1,778.61

 EFT:
 \$ 1,527.50

 Total:
 \$ 7,472.11

Good Friday Collection: \$ 1,525.00



Congratulations to:

Christopher & Molly Slater on the baptism of their daughter, Violet Grace Slater, on April 8, 2021.

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WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Oh how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils believe in My Justice, but do not glorify My Goodness. My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy." (Diary of St. Faustine, #300)

"Proclaim that Mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with Mercy." (Diary, #301) "When once I asked the Lord Jesus how He could tolerate so many sins and crimes and not punish them, the Lord answered me, 'I have an eternity for punishing [these], and so I am prolonging the time of Mercy for the sake of [sinners]. But woe to them if they do not recognize the time of My visitation." (Diary, #1160)

"The Lord said to me, 'The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (Diary, #1397)

"Jesus: 'My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for My Kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the Fountain of Life - for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My Goodness.'" (Diary, #1488)

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

9:00am Holy Mass (just on this day)

9:30am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 16, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

Saturday, April 17, 2021

4:00pm—4:50pm Individual Confession

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, April 18, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass 10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



April 14, 2021 Alicia Hoerle (Julie Hoerle)

April 16, 2021 Sara McNamara

April 17, 2021 †James Clemens (Betty Clemens & family)

April 18, 2021 (EF) Parishioners

April 18, 2021 †Dolores Bauer (Little Flowers Group)

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Archdiocesan Synod Prayer to St Joseph

Year of St Joseph- December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021 Heavenly Father,

who gave St. Joseph to Jesus and Mary as protector and guide,

grant that our Archdiocesan Synod, under his protection and guidance, may help us discern your direction for our Church.

May we listen as he listened,

trust as he trusted.

obey as he obeyed,

receive as he received,

love as he loved,

and share in his life of devotion to Jesus and Mary. Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us. archspm.org/synod/stjoseph



PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

Once that living love is destroyed by contraception, abortion follows easily... And abortion, which often follows from contraception, brings a people to be spiritually poor, and that is the worst poverty and the most difficult to overcome." St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" St. John Paul II

'Look at the mothers who truly love their children — how many sacrifices they make for them. They are ready for everything, even to give their own blood so that their babies grow up good, healthy and strong." St. Gianna Molla, wife and mother, b.1922 – d.1962 "How can it be that the most Wondrous and Sacred Human Space .. the Womb ... has become a place of unutterable violence?" Pope Benedict XVI

'Respect for life and for the dignity of the human personal also extends to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God." St. John Paul II

A *Rachel's Vineyard retreat* is a weekend opportunity for women and men to resolve issues of guilt, shame, pain, grief, and anxiety after an abortion. The retreat provides a safe and sacred place for you to open up to our Lord and unburden yourself without fear. You will be able to grieve, work on any anger, forgive yourself, reconcile with God, and reconcile with your children.

The dates of our upcoming Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are:

- 1) Friday, Apr 16 through Sunday, Apr 18, 2021, 5pm at Albertville, MN
- 2) Friday, Jul 30 through Sunday, Aug 1, 2021, 5pm at Prior Lake, MN 3) Friday, Nov 5 through Sunday, Nov 7, 2021, 5pm at Buffalo, MN Cost: \$180.00 per person. If you are unable to pay, financial assistance

is available. Registrations are kept in the strictest confidence and privacy.

You can register by mail, phone, email, or online with our secure reg**istration form**: https://rvineyardmn.org/about-the-retreat/register/ If you wish to register by mail, print a registration form: http:// rvineyardmn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/RegForm2021.pdf

WEEKLY TITHING for April 4, 2021

Sunday/Easter Envelopes: \$ 1.200.00 Plate: 196 00 EFT: 1,190.00 Total: 2,586.00

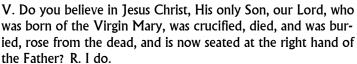
Good Friday Collection: \$ 125.00

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Renewal of Baptismal Promises

- V. Do you reject Satan? R. I do.
- V. And all his works? R. I do.
- V. And all his empty promises? R. I do.
- V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty.

Creator of Heaven and earth? R. I do.



V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May He also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep you priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood.

Let Your holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, April 15, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:20am Confessions/Rosary

8:45am Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month versus populum; 2nd & 4th ad Orientem

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 13, 2021 †Jerry Smith

April 15, 2021 Lynn Kemmetmueller

April 18, 2021 **Parishioners**



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 1) I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust (Diary of St. Faustina, 1520). On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls — no one have I excluded! (1182). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You" (327). The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive (1578).

In the Diary of St. Faustina, we hear Our Lord reminding us that we can depend upon His love ... that He alone is worthy of our trust: I never reject a contrite heart (1485). Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul (1777).

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a 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 are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. 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

Spiritual Communion Prayer: My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally in the Most Holy Eucharist, please come at least spiritually into my heart now. I spiritually embrace You and choose to unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You and Your Love. Thank You, Jesus! I love You! Amen.



LIVING Kitui Living Water Project: Please remember to turn in your water bottles for the Living Water Project to the Church or the Parish office this week. We thank you for your donations and your generosity.

God bless you!

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. (699)" (info and quotes taken from www.thedivinemercy.org)

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin and Foster Father of our Redeemer. St. Paul and St. Michael, may our good Lord Jesus grant us open hearts to desire and receive His Divine Mercy! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel



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