

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Mar. 31	\$1,888
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sat. Apr. 6	5:00 PM	For †Genoa Scott
Sun. Apr. 7	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Apr. 8	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Apr. 9	8:00 AM	For †Viola Knockelman
Wed. Apr. 10	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz and Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thur. Apr. 11	8:00 AM	For †Anna Menefee [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Apr. 12	8:00 AM	For †Anabella Cooper

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat. Apr. 13	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. Apr. 14	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Imogene Fisk, Sean Timmerding, Rodney Gurren, Jim Wolfe, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, & Pax Minch.

BIRTHDAYS—Apr. 3-William Beck, Apr. 4-Ethan Thorwarth, Apr.10-Caity Schroder, Apr. 11-Bailey Downs, Apr. 13-Cap Kiser, Apr. 13-Gabrielle Feinauer, Apr. 13-Tory Schroder, Apr. 20-Hudson Feinauer, Apr. 27-Jill Schmiade.

ANNIVERSARY— None

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-6:50 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

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APRIL 7, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal is \$13,000. Pledge envelopes are available if you haven’t made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail.

EASTER EGG HUNT—This Sunday after Mass we will have our annual Easter egg hunt. All the children of the parish are welcome! Please return any plastic eggs (filled or unfilled) in time for scattering and spreading the Easter joy.

GRASS CUTTERS NEEDED—We are looking for a few volunteers to help with cutting the grass. Please let Chris Fryman know if you’re interested.

MASS INTENTIONS—Feel free to submit any and all Mass intention requests. There are lots of available dates if you would like to request a specific date. Remember that you can have Masses offered for the living as well as the deceased.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LOSS OF A CHILD—A memorial Mass will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on April 11 at 7PM. Very Rev. Ryan Maher will be the celebrant. This Mass is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a child through any means of death. All are welcome.

NEW! HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE MASS— (for public school seniors and their families): Wednesday, **May 1, 2024, 5:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica**, followed by a reception at the Curia. RSVP required for attendance at the reception. <https://covdio.org/youth/> is the website with which to register.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE—The annual Cross the Bridge for Life event will be on Saturday, **June 1 at 10 AM**. Registration and t-shirt pick up is at 9 AM. You must register by May 13 to receive a free t-shirt. You can get more info or register at WWW.CROSSTHEBRIDGEFORLIFE.ORG.

LECTOR— April 7—Lisa Cooper, April 14—Linda Fryman

CLEANING – April: Kathy and Wanda Bach

FROM THE PASTOR—DIVINE MERCY

I hope that you have had a joyful week celebrating Easter. The Church – desirous of truly celebrating the Resurrection of Christ – has us celebrate Easter not on one day alone, but over eight days. This is what is called an octave. Christmas and Easter are the two modern feasts which receive an octave in the Church’s liturgical calendar. Also, we are called to celebrate through the entirety of the Easter season, which lasts until Pentecost. Rejoice and be glad!

Today is called Divine Mercy Sunday due to a wondrous event. A young Polish nun named Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions of Jesus Christ, heard our Lord request that this Sunday be declared the Sunday of His wondrous mercy. Pope St. John Paul II made this a reality at St. Faustina’s canonization in 2000, and so the universal Church calls to mind God’s mercy on this liturgical day.

What is divine mercy? The Catechism defines mercy as “The loving kindness, compassion, or forbearance shown to one who offends”. Divine mercy is the mercy God shows to us sinners who offend Him whenever we sin. Although we deserve punishment for transgressing the divine law, God is merciful to us and is willing to forgive our sins and restore us to a right relationship with Him.

However, this is not a free pass to do whatever we wish and run to the confessional to be absolved of our sins so that we can continue to sin. God knows our weakness, our frailty, and wishes to help us become holy, hence why He is willing to forgive our sins. Jesus forgives the impertinence of Thomas in our Gospel today so that Thomas could be able to preach the Gospel of mercy along with the other Apostles.

The Catholic Church continues to not only proclaim this mercy in her preaching and teaching, but to offer the sacraments which pour forth from God’s mercy onto us. In particular, this means the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and the sacrament of Confession. Whenever we receive these sacraments, we have a tangible means of knowing that we have received His mercy in our lives.

We have far more opportunities to receive confession at our parish than most others. Confession is offered for an hour before both weekend Masses. In addition, confession is available every Thursday evening during Eucharistic adoration for an hour. If you still have not gone to confession this year, I ask you: what are you waiting for? Be not afraid, as Jesus says so often in the Gospels – God wants to forgive you! I urge you to come and receive the loving mercy of God not only if you have not been recently, but to receive His mercy frequently: at least monthly, if not more. Without the mercy of God, we cannot become saints, but with His mercy, we can gain Heaven!

Fr. Jacob Straub