

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Millie Laxdal, John Christianson, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Lonnie Guderjahn, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoien, Oliver Goodoien, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Mae Jackson, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Donald Denault, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian

*(Please call the office (701-265-8877) or Deacon Keith (701-460-1051) if someone needs a visit and/or Holy Communion)

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 AM. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 AM. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 AM. **April Church Cleaners:** Ryan & Shelbie Goodoien, Tanya Wieler Family, Scott & Mary Salwei. **Collection:** Dianne & Melissa (Apr 11); Sherry & Kari (Apr 18). **Reader:** Scott (Apr). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Todd & Jen Zebrasky (Apr 11); Frances Houska (Apr 18). **Sacristan:** Melissa (Apr 11) Mary T (Apr 18); **Rosary:** Jim (Apr 11); Melissa (Apr 18). **April Spring Cleaning:** all Parish members, a list will be in the kitchen. Please check off when a task has been completed. Thank you! **Blessings on Gadget Burrell** for being baptized on Easter Sunday!!!

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 10:00 AM. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed & Fri at 11:00 AM; **More Confessions:** SAT. 4-5:00 PM, MON 5-5:15 PM. **April Church cleaners:** G-K. **Collection:** Larry & Kay (Apr 11); Scott & M Kirking (Apr 18). **Readers (Apr):** Sat-Mike; Sun.-Trevor. **Sanctuary Lamp:** Francis Valentine (Apr 11); Tom Winkler (Apr 18).

Divine Mercy Sunday: We will have a Holy Hour of Adoration and Confessions from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (the Hour of Mercy) on Sunday, April 11th at St. Brigid. Come and receive graces from the Merciful Savior.

Calling All Men: The Knights of Columbus is inviting you to join the largest Catholic men's group in the world! You can join on April 25th at St. Brigid, right after the 10:30 am Mass. It will only take a half-hour, and all your family is invited to come. The installation will be held in the basement. Iron sharpens iron. Catholic men need to join together against the forces of this world that are trying to tear apart the faith and family.

Annual Diocesan **God's Gift Appeal:** Letters from the diocese should have been mailed to you.

Spring Salad Luncheon! It's back! *Friday April 30, 2021 from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm* in the St. Brigid Church Basement. Sign-up sheet in the back of the Church! See Danielle Olason or Cathy Helgoe for details.

Bishop Folda Easter Message: *"Dear friends, I promise to remember each one of you and your loved ones as I celebrate the Mass of our Lord's Resurrection at Easter. May the Risen Christ bless you and your households with renewed hope and the promise of eternal life in his Kingdom. Happy Easter! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen! This is the good news that is heard around the world today and that lifts the heart of every follower of Christ. In this joyful Easter Season, I extend my greetings to you and your families as we rejoice in the risen life of Jesus."*

| Mon | | Apr 12 | 5:15 pm | St Brigid | Michelle Alex |
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| Tues | St. Martin | Apr 13 | 8:00 am | St Patrick | Patti Alex |
| Wed | | Apr 14 | Noon | St Brigid | Makensie Miller |
| Thur | | Apr 15 | 8:00 am | St Patrick | + Dorothy Scholler |
| Fri | | Apr 16 | Noon | St Brigid | Landon Alex |
| Sat | | Apr 17 | 9:00 am | St Patrick | St Brigid & St Patrick Parish Members |
| | | | 5:00 pm | | Special Intention |
| Sun | | Apr 18 | 8:30 am | St Patrick | St Brigid & St Patrick Parish Members |
| | | | 10:30 am | St Brigid | Special Intention |

| Stewardship (as of 3-28-21) | St Brigid | St Patrick | | St Brigid | St Patrick |
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| Adult Envelope | 3275.00 | 437.00 | St Patrick's Care Collection March | | 255.00 |
| Plate | 70.00 | 139.00 | Cemetery | | 340.00 |
| Weekly Total | 3345.00 | 576.00 | St Anthony Cemetery \$200.00 | | |
| Yearly Actual Total | 28,309.50 | 11,001.00 | St Brigid Gods Gift Goal: \$23,485.48 | 1,825.00 | |
| Monthly Envelope Building Fund | 935.00 | 1,950.00 | St Patrick Gods Gift Goal: \$9,103.15 | | 740.00 |

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Divine Mercy Sunday

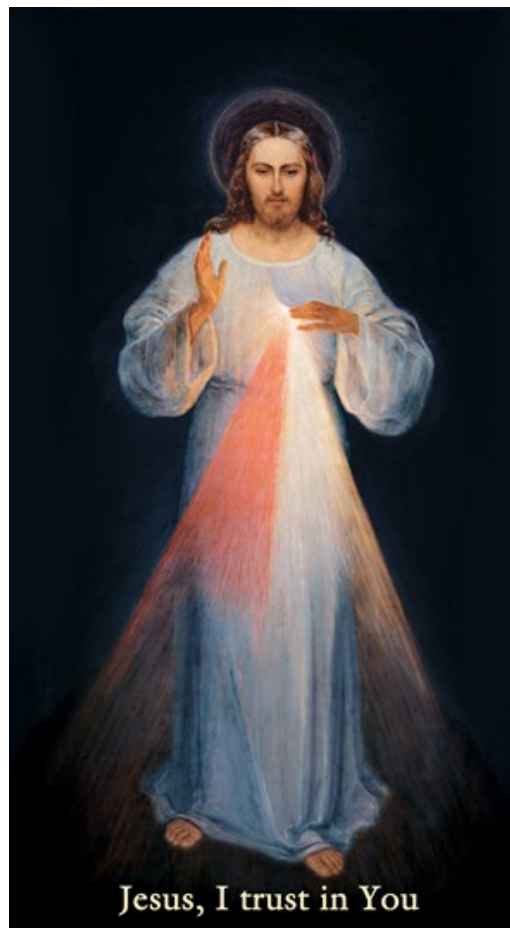
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April 11, 2021

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Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

("Tell Souls About This Great Mercy of Mine")



This message and devotion known as "*The Divine Mercy*" is based on the writings of St. 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.

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "*Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them ... the Feast of My mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice is near.*"

St. Faustina said that **Jesus** revealed more about this **Feast of His Mercy**: "*My 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 grace 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.*"

Common Questions Associated With Divine Mercy Sunday:

- What extraordinary graces are available to me on this day? St. Faustina said that the Lord told her of His desire to literally flood us with His graces on this day. This can be thought of as a promise of a complete renewal of our baptismal grace.
- How do I obtain these graces? The worthy reception of the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) is sufficient to obtain the extraordinary graces promised by Jesus.
- Do I have to go to Confession on this exact day? No, it is sufficient that you went to Confession during Lent. The key is to receive Jesus in Holy Communion in a state of grace.
- Is an Indulgence also available on this day? Yes, in addition to the extraordinary graces listed above, one can gain an Indulgence: "*A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession within 20 days before or after, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!')*."
- What is the Divine Mercy image? The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. The original, though not the most popular one today, is shown above. A basic explanation of the image is: Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent). The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*).
- What about the rays? The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the *Life of Souls*), and pale for the water (*which justify souls*) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "*Fountain of Mercy*". According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus [source]. The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha, and the mystery of the Eucharist. The water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist St. John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Is there a connection with The Image and this Sunday's Readings? Yes, The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. And this Gospel reading is placed on this day because it includes the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas (in which Jesus invites him to touch his wounds). This event occurred on the eighth day of Easter and so it is used on the Sunday after Easter.
- What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy? It is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. They are usually said using a standard set of Rosary beads, often at 3 p.m. (the time of Jesus' death), but with a different set of prayers than those used in the Marian Rosary.