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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 11, 2021



The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone

two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina's diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her

defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind [sic] will experience in the years to come."

U.S. Catholic, Santiago Cortes-Sjoberg

Please join us in the church on **Sunday, April 11th at 3:00pm** for Divine Mercy devotional prayers and a time of adoration. You may also watch a Eucharistic Holy Hour with Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann at 3:00pm at [youtube.com/channel/UCXEv4SFDdCyXouB4zHsUNNA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXEv4SFDdCyXouB4zHsUNNA). See page 2 of the bulletin for more information.

HOW TO PRAY THE

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

For the sake of his
sorrowful passion,
have mercy on us and
on the whole world.

Eternal Father, I offer you
the body and blood, soul
and divinity of your dearly
beloved Son, our Lord,
Jesus Christ, in
atonement for our sins
and those of the whole
world.

Apostles Creed
Hail Mary
Our Father

Start

Finish

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy
Immortal One, have mercy on us and
on the whole world. (Repeat 3 times)

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**Tuesday, Apr. 13****8:15am**

† Joleen Fisher Cohorst

Wednesday, Apr. 14**12:05pm**

~ Living and deceased members of the Searcey family

Thursday, Apr. 15**12:05pm**

† Richard Forst

† Heavy Schmitz and Alicia Keegan

Friday, Apr. 16**8:15am**

~ Living and deceased members of the Lee Price family

Saturday, Apr. 17**5:30pm**

~ The People of the Parishes of St. Gregory and St. Malachy

Sunday, Apr. 18**7:00am**

† Dorothy Pacha

10:30am

† Linda Keller

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Sunday, Apr. 11****3:00pm**

Divine Mercy Devotional Prayers and Time of Adoration

Wednesday, Apr. 14**11:00 - noon**

Adoration

Friday, Apr. 16**8:45am - 9:45am**

Adoration

Saturday, Apr. 17**4:30pm - 5:15pm**

Confessions

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS**Couples celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary in 2021**

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
June 13, 2021 at 2:00pm
Church of the Nativity in Leawood

To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann,
please call the Parish Office at 562-3302 and give us your
name, address, phone number & date of your wedding.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for April 4th \$ 9,422.00

ACH for April 5th \$ 3,630.00

(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 4/06/21) \$847,348.79

Donations (since 4/01/21) (\$ 718.00)

Estimated Outstanding Expenses \$26,242.25

Total Parish Liability..... \$872,873.04

Total Contributions to Date \$7,456,017.20

(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

CONGRATULATIONS

It is with great joy that we welcomed

Katelyn Tommer

and

Skyler Gibson

into full communion with the Catholic Church last
weekend. May the Lord guide and protect you
throughout your faith journey.

BRISKET FEED

8th Annual Smoked Brisket Feed

*Saturday, April 17th**6:00 - 8:00pm**St. Gregory Parish Hall*

Serving a Hearty ½ lb of Slow Smoked Brisket,
Green Beans with Burnt Ends,
Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy,
Roll and Dessert

\$10 Donation

Take out meals available

Also selling frozen smoked brisket for \$15/lb

Supports Trail Life Troop KS 0007**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY****Eucharistic Holy Hour with
Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann**

Through the outpouring of love and mercy on Divine Mercy
Sunday, all are invited to share in Christ's message of mercy. Join
us to pray especially for healing and hope for our country and
those who have been affected by an abortion. This Holy Hour will
include Scripture readings, Adoration, a reflection given by
Archbishop Naumann, and meditative Praise and Worship music.

Please join us in person or via livestream.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021, 3:00 PM

LOCATION: THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER

In-person or Livestream link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXE4V4SFDdCyXouB4zHsUNNA>

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ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**St. Gregory Science Fair and Art Show**

Throughout the day on Sat. April 24 and Sun. April 25, student Science Fair projects and artwork will be on display in the St. Gregory Parish Hall. We hope that you will be able to take a moment to stop by and view these student projects.

Spring Program

We are planning to host an in-person Spring Program on Wednesday, April 28th beginning at 6:00 pm in the evening. To limit the number of attendees in the gym at one time for the program, we will be splitting the 1 program into 4 parts and only 4 parents/family members of the students performing in each part will be allowed to

attend. Performances will be as follows: 6:00 Preschool, 6:30 Kindergarten and 1st Grade, 7:00 2nd and 3rd Grade, 7:30 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade. Masks will be required and chairs will be in groups of four with distance in between. Guests will only be allowed to arrive 10 minutes before each performance time. We are excited to welcome parents/family members to our event.

PTO Members Needed

We are looking for new members to serve on our PTO for next year. Please contact Stephanie Coble, Alyssa Feldkamp or the school office at 562-2831 for more information.

PRAYER LIST

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Short Term Health Issues: Annette Pacha Smith, DeAnn Clingan and Ron Thomas.

Long Term Health Issues: Linda Price, Kathy Pacha, Torey Butler, Linda Schell Tiers, M. Teresa Harris, Marty Malotte, Allie Montgomery, Gretchen Schmitz, Don Wassenberg, Alan Wassenberg, Lora Stohs, Tony Evans, Teresa Reiling, Mary Landoll, Boston Bieler, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek, Katie Vering, Sami and Jack Kirkland.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

CELEBRATE**BIRTHDAYS**

- Apr. 12** Sara Kroeger, Ryan Claeys
Apr. 13 Tony Cohorst, Jim Voet, Emil Voracek
Apr. 14 Olivia Richardson, Elianna Sevilla, Collin White
Apr. 15 Sharon Staggenborg
Apr. 16 Michael Lyhane
Apr. 17 Charley Lott, Don Landoll, Lyle Stohs
Apr. 18 Maxine Claeys, Joseph Ellenbecker

ANNIVERSARIES

- Apr. 12** Rob and Crystal Roudybush
Apr. 13 Phillip and Leslie Holle
Apr. 17 Tom and Becky Schoenberger (50th)

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“You cannot change one moment of the past, so grasp the present moment and change the future. There is power in this moment. *Use it, direct it, harness it.*”



MATTHEW KELLY
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Parish Hall Reservations: Contact Parish Office
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Baptisms: See website for information
Weddings: Contact Father Quentin

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