

MARCH 31, 2024



St. Monica CHURCH

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Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am

Mon - Fri | 8:00am

No Mass on Thursday

Confession

Saturday | 3:15pm

Parish Office Hours

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Friday | 8:00am - Noon

Saturday & Sunday | Closed

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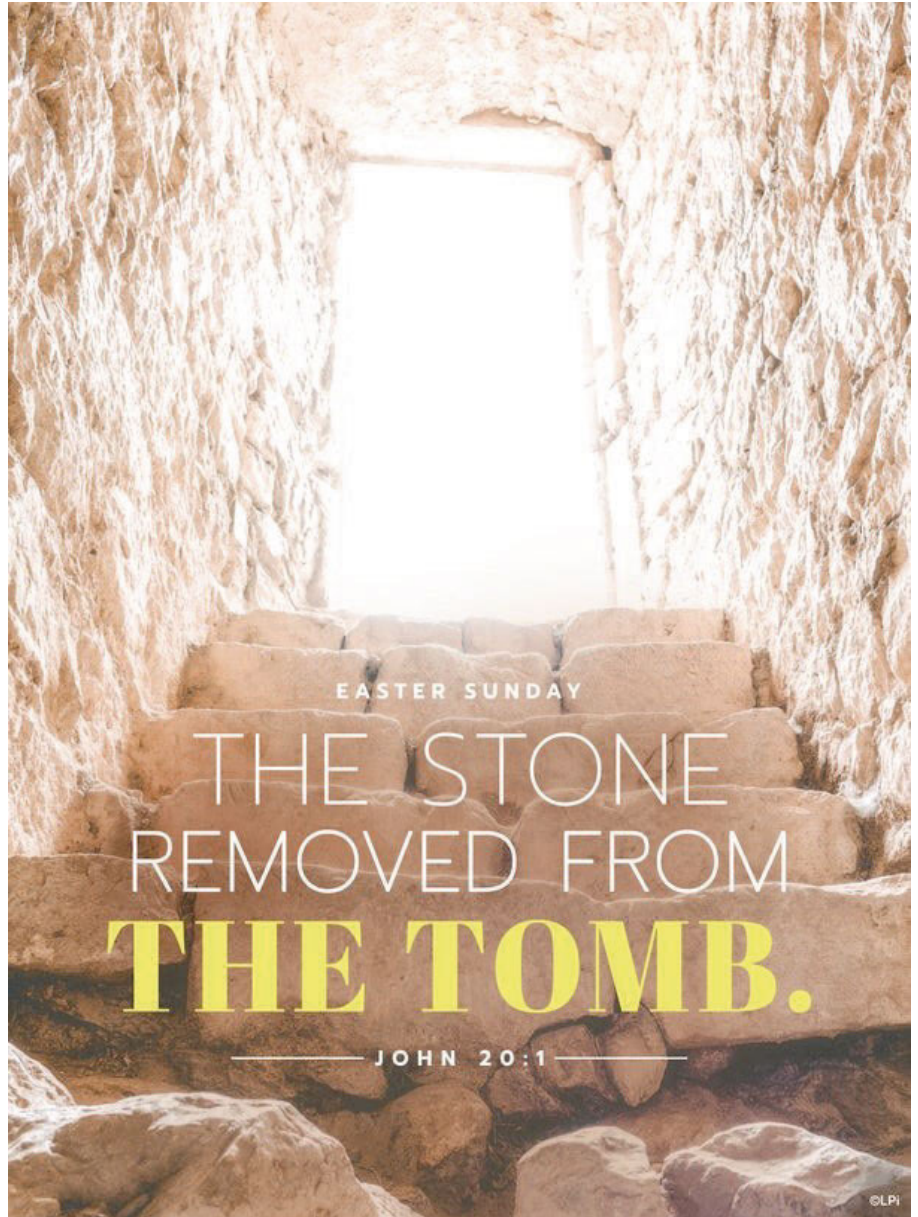
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He is Risen - Truly Risen!

In 2017 The Catholic Herald highlighted an encyclical that was written by Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe Salvi- On Christian Hope*. Below is an excerpt: *Spe Salvi* is uniquely the work of a brilliant mind steeped in the Christian tradition, a pastoral heart who knows the aspirations and anxieties of his flock, and the soul animated by the simple piety of the faithful. While Benedict ranges from ancient to modern philosophy on the nature of hope, it is the Sudanese slave turned Canossian Sister, St Josephine



Bakhita – one of John Paul's Jubilee year canonizations – that he proposes as a model of hope.

Benedict writes: "Now she had 'hope' – no longer simply the modest hope of finding masters who would be less cruel, but the great hope: 'I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me – I am awaited by this Love. And so my life is good.' Through the knowledge of this hope she was 'redeemed', no longer a slave, but a free child of God."

In the section on suffering, we can reflect on God's Son who came for the salvation of all Humanity: Indeed, we must do all we can to overcome suffering, but to banish it from the world altogether is not in our power. This is simply because we are unable to shake off our finitude and because none of us is capable of eliminating the power of evil, of sin which, as we plainly see, is a constant source of suffering. Only God is able to do this: only a God who personally enters history by making himself man and suffering within history... To suffer with the other and for others; to suffer for the sake of truth and justice; to suffer out of love and in order to become a person who truly loves—these are fundamental elements of humanity, and to abandon them would destroy man himself.

The encyclical closes with a reflection on our Mother, who leads us to hope through her yes in following God's Will to carry our Salvation in her womb.

The joy of the Resurrection touched your heart and united you in a new way to the disciples, destined to become the family of Jesus through faith. In this way you were in the midst of the community of believers, who in the days following the Ascension prayed with one voice for the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14) and then received that gift on the day of Pentecost. The "Kingdom" of Jesus was not as might have been imagined. It began in that hour, and of this "Kingdom" there will be no end. Thus you remain in the midst of the disciples as their Mother, as the Mother of hope. Holy Mary, Mother of God, our Mother, teach us to believe, to hope, to love with you. Show us the way to his Kingdom! Star of the Sea, shine upon us and guide us on our way!

On behalf of our Parish and school staff and family- We send our love and prayers that the Light of our Risen Lord will shine on your family and bring all the faithful to know in our hearts that In Christ we are saved.

Viva Cristo Rey! Long Live Christ the King!

Father John

Please reflect on the prayer on page 4 from Catholic Relief Services

STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 24, 2024

Due to an early bulletin deadline March 24th numbers will be in next weekends bulletin.

Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church.

Thank you for your continued support

Please note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:

Jenny Brikowski

Who was recently buried. May she and all of our dearly departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am Priest Intention

10:45am Priest Intention

Monday, April 1

Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am Fran Riddle

8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, April 2

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am Mike Wyrzykowski

Wednesday, April 3

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am Living & deceased of Sylvia & John Telesz Family

Thursday, April 4

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am No Mass

Friday, March 5

Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am Richard Krawczyk

Saturday, April 6

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, April 7

2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00am George & Marie Schwarz

10:45am Jack Mullee

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Maxwell Giori

Tuesday: Jeremy Vinluan

Wed: Dc Kevin Bertleff

Thurs: Dc Michael Garvin

Friday: Dc William Wainio

Sat: Ryan Arto

Sunday: *Pray for an Increase in Vocations*

Join us every Thursday at 6:00 pm in Church as we pray the Rosary. All are invited.



Pray for Peace

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Agnes Ungarsky, Jeff Machado, Frank Zore, Jennie Brikowski, Joanne

Reddinger, Baby Zander, Fr. Ted Marszal, Annie Runyeon, Anthony Bifro, Maggie Hojnowski (infant), Gaylene and Lisa Bielawski, Larry Piechowiak, Special Intention, Marianne Toma, Sally Weiskopf, Jerry Perchinske, Madeleine Iglodi

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list. 216-662-8685

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, April 1

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
7:00pm Holy Name Meeting (c)

Tuesday, April 2

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
6:30pm Pastoral Council Mtg(F)
7:00pm Western Reserve Coin Club (c)

Wednesday, April 3

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+)

Thursday, April 4

3:00pm School (g)
4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
5:00pm Set Up Sandwich
Saturday (J)

Friday, April 5

8:00am Set Up Sandwich
Saturday (J)
4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, April 6

9:00pm Sandwich Saturday (F)
6:00pm 250 Club Dinner (c)

Sunday, April 7

8:00pm CWV Pancake
Breakfast (c)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)

Guild Board Meeting

Guild Board meeting is this Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30 in the St. Francis Room

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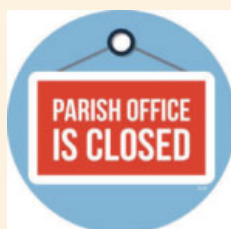
Easter break
April 1st through 5th



Sandwich Saturday

Join us Saturday **April 6** beginning at **9:00 am** in the lower level of the Parish Office. Any questions, call the Parish Office 216-662-8685.

All are invited to join the jelly good time.



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, April 1st (No Joke)

Please reflect on this prayer from Catholic Relief Services

Almighty and loving God, In the image of the cross, may we embrace faith in your gift of salvation, and responsibility to act in love for others.

As we celebrate Easter and rejoice in the glory of the Resurrection, may we come to see the cross as an enduring pattern for our lives.

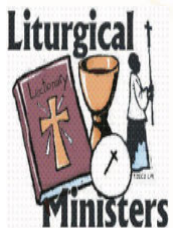
Remind us always that in your sacrifice you united heaven and earth, so that we might be united in you.

Keep us attentive to the lesson you teach with your outstretched arms, a reminder that you call us to do the same for others.

During this Eastertide, may the image of the cross call us to foster a faith that reaches not only upward, but outward. Imitating you in opening our arms to our brothers and sisters around the world.

Amen

Liturgical Ministers Schedule



Hard to believe that the next Schedule will be done soon! The deadline for any special requests for the *May/June/July*

schedule needs to be turned into the Parish Office no later than **Tuesday, April 9.**

We appreciate your help with this request.
Thank you.

OTHER INFORMATION

Divine Mercy Sunday

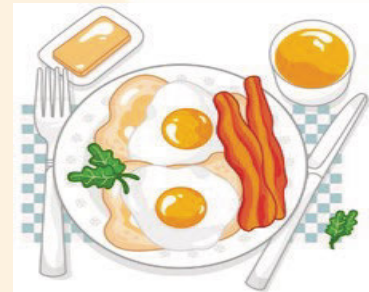
All are welcome to join us to celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7th**. Following the 10:45 a.m. Mass, there will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy. All who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, venerate the Image of Divine Mercy, and perform an act of mercy for another receives forgiveness of all sin from our Merciful Savior. Let us rejoice in the Paschal Mystery, the Death and Resurrection of Jesus on Divine Mercy Sunday!

Land of Peace Mission

Next week, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace Mission - a non-profit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries - all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. see

Catholic War Veterans Breakfast

Join us for Breakfast on Sunday, April 7th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Enjoy some Pancakes, eggs, sausage and bacon, along with home fries, Coffee & Juice. Cost is \$12.00 This is a matching fund from FCSLA Life.



EASTER



Celebrate Spring!

At Our 38th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon

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Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 2024

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction
following the 10:45 a.m. Liturgy.*



On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that “from now on throughout the Church” this Sunday will be called “Divine Mercy Sunday”. The Church’s doctrine of Divine Mercy, and her liturgical practices are not based on St. Faustina’s revelations: they are based on Holy Scripture, the faith handed down by the apostles, and on liturgical traditions rooted in the worship life of the ancient, apostolic communities.

Why did the Pope so strongly recommend that we pay heed to the Divine Mercy message and devotion? Because he saw all this as more than just a collection of “private revelations”; rather, he saw them as *prophetic* revelations, in other words, revelations given to us by God to proclaim the heart of the Gospel – the merciful love of God shining through the death, burial, and resurrection of his Son.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer based on the Passion of Christ, and the Image of Divine Mercy (before which the Novena is usually recited) is primarily a manifestation of the Risen Christ. Therefore, the Novena of Chaplets (with the Image) focuses our minds and hearts on the Paschal Mystery – the death and resur-

rection of Christ. Nothing could be more appropriate at this time in the liturgical year!

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we should: (1) **Celebrate** the Feast on the Sunday after Easter; (2) Sincerely **repent** of all our sins; (3) Place our complete **trust** in Jesus; (4) Go to **Confession**, preferably before that Sunday; (5) Receive **Holy Communion** on the day of the Feast; (6) **Venerate*** the **Image** of The Divine Mercy; and (7) **Be merciful to others**, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

*To venerate a sacred image of statue simply means to perform some act of make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents – in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

OTHER INFORMATION



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Let us remember all our loved ones as we celebrate our Rison Lord



Entrance Chant 403 Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (LLANFAIR)

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.”

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.”

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Sequence 396 Christians, to the Paschal Victim

READINGS & SONGS

Gospel John 20:1-9

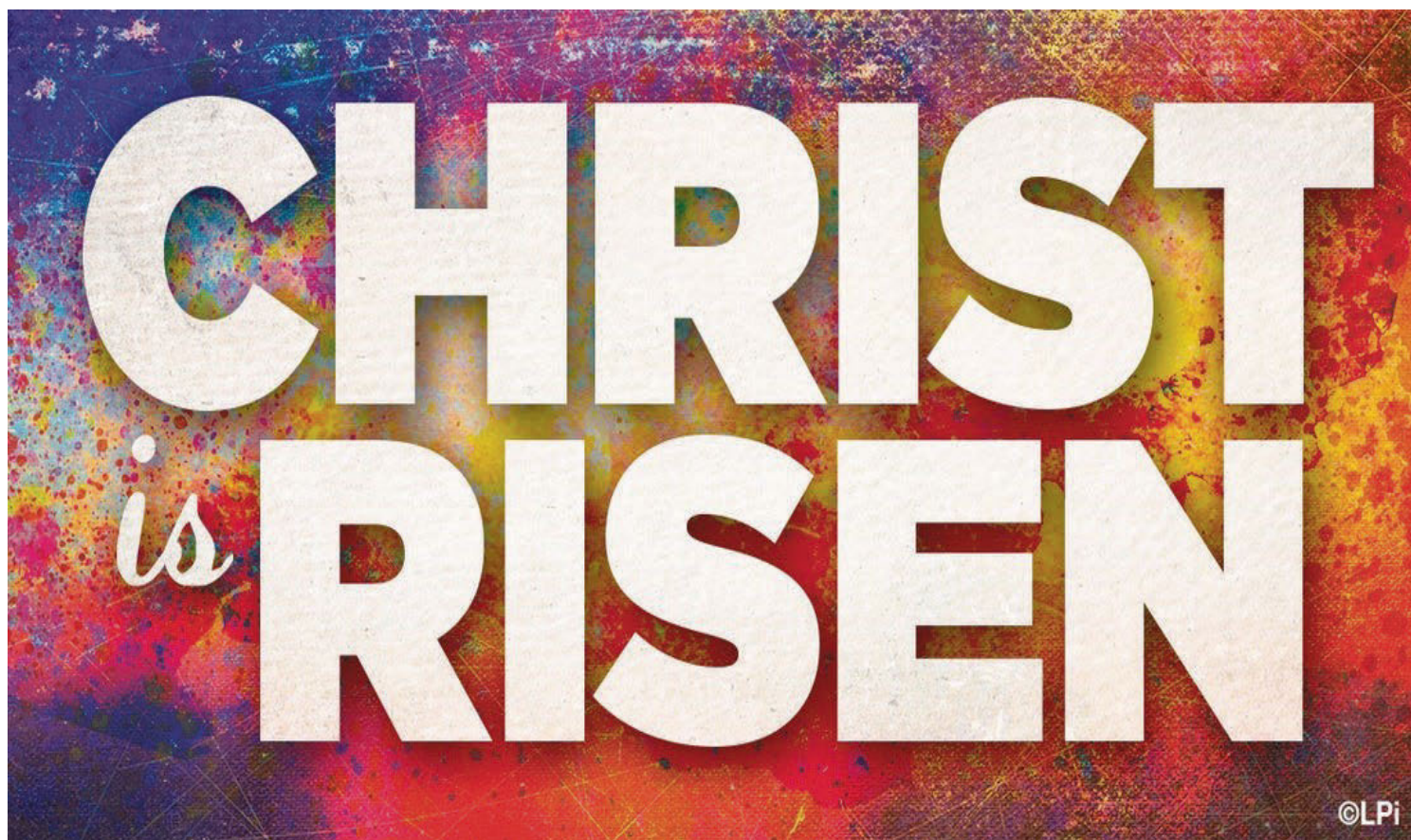
On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

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Offertory Chant 409 Be Joyful Mary, Heavenly Queen

Communion Chant 424 Festival Cantic: Worthy Is Christ

The Concluding Rites 411 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise



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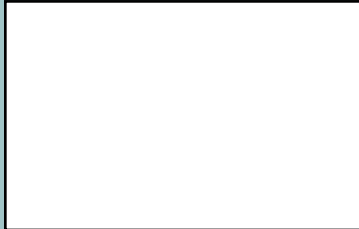
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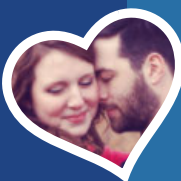


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