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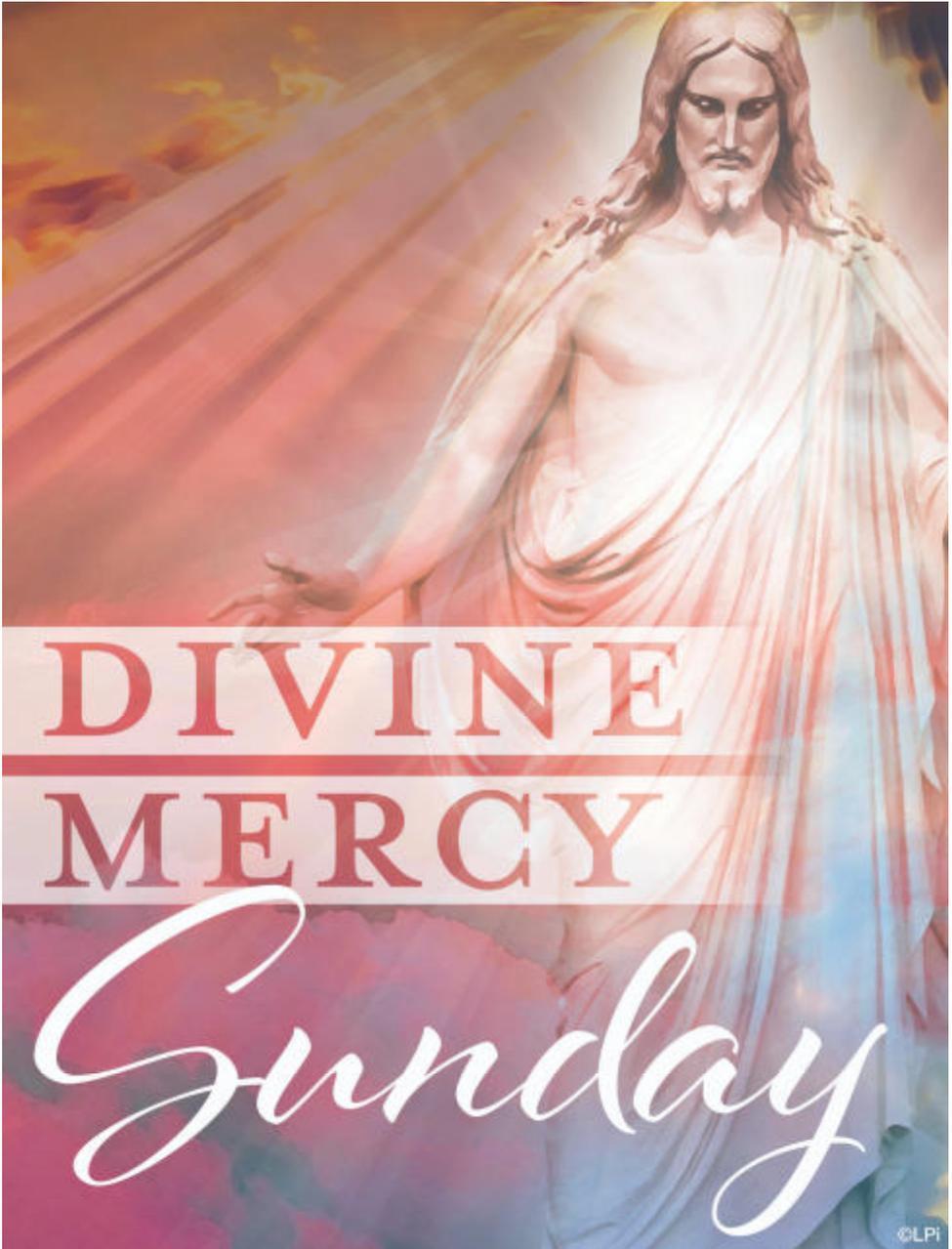
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Second Sunday of Easter



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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Through revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska, Jesus expressed his desire for a feast day to commemorate his mercy. The image associated with Divine Mercy, depicts Jesus showing his hands and side as he points to the wounds of the Passion with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You." Emphasis is placed on the wound in his heart as the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity.

As we receive God's mercy for our offenses, may we share God's lovingkindness, compassion, and forbearance with one another.

Jesus, we trust in you.
Dr. Sandi

Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

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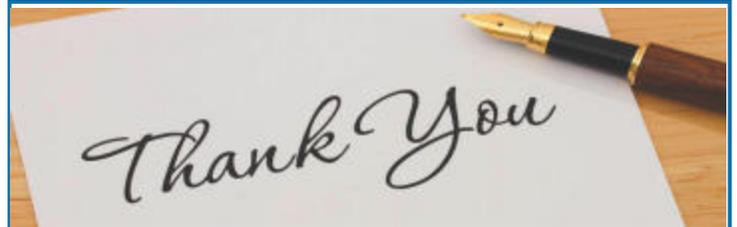
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Catholic Central High School Placement Exam

Know any 8th graders taking steps toward high school, interested in becoming a Hilltopper! Our goal is to serve fifty new freshmen in the fall of 2021. We are currently offering the exam on an appointment only basis. To schedule a time to take the exam or have any questions please contact Admissions at 262.763.1519 or email kschwenn@cchsnet.org.



A very special Thank You to Julie, Kadi, Emma (singers) and Bernie (flautist) for the outstanding job they did providing the beautiful music for our Triduum liturgies. They sang in three languages (Latin, Spanish, English). The Pie Jesu from Faure's requiem was especially moving.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all - Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist - when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves? Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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IN MEMORIAM

Dottie Kozak

December 19, 1930 - March 27, 2021

Dottie was a long time member our parish, was a member of our Polish Women's Group, participated in the funeral luncheon committee, the chime choir and was active in the choir until her death in the Holy Cross choir.

Jesus Our Risen Savior, Your child, is now gone from her earthly dwellings and has left behind those who mourn her absence. Grant that as we grieve for our dear sister in Christian Faith, we may hold her memory dear and live in hope of the eternal kingdom with the Communion of Saints where You will bring us together again.

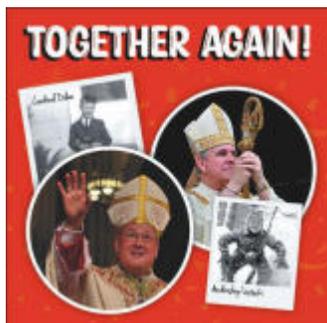
The Catholic Schools Dinner is now a Virtual Event!

Join in the laughter on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 PM as Archbishop Listecki, Cardinal Dolan, Bishop Hying and Cardinal Harvey share stories with Portia Young about growing up Catholic and attending Catholic schools.

The event is FREE but donations are encouraged for the GIFTS (Grant Initiatives For Today's Students) program. These grants provide innovation in our Catholic Schools for resources needed to enhance student curriculum.

[Register Today!](#)

Contact Cindy Lukowitz at lukowitzc@archmil.org or 414-769-3572 with questions.



Catholic Central HS Historical Moment

"Being a student at Catholic Central is an experience that is as unique as the student body. Where else can you walk down the halls and know everyone's name? What other school has a faculty that the students can actually trust and work with one on one? The dedication and enthusiasm students put into their studies and activities makes this school like no other. The fan support at the football games, volleyball games and tennis meets is higher than ever before. All of which proves not only how much the students mean to Catholic Central but how much Catholic Central means to the students."

Marian 1998



CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Thank you to all of the catechists who have put in countless hours of work to help their students, at home, grow in their faith throughout this challenging year. Your work is very much appreciated and such a blessing.

Safe Environment week is April 18th-24th. Safe Environment lessons have been emailed to parents and should be completed no later than April 24th. Further instructions are included in the emails to parents. If you have any questions, please contact Shelby Miller at

holycross.christianformation@gmail.com.

Gospel Meditation

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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LITURGY OF THE DIVINE WORD

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, April 10

4:30 pm † Helen Schneeweiss, req of Jim & Linda Bakula

Sunday, April 11

8:30 am † Eleanor Skora, req of Joe & Krystyna Les

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, April 11

10:30 am For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

Friday April 16, Bristol

8:00 am **No Mass**

3rd Sunday of Easter

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, April 17

4:30 pm For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

Sunday, April 18

8:30 am † Ann Marie Garrett, req of Lorraine Phillips

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, April 18

10:30 am † Wally & Jean Skora

Sacraments

Baptisms:

Parents (registered members) are to attend a formation session prior to the baptism of the child. Please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact Dr. Sandi to arrange marriage preparation at least six months before the desired date of the marriage. One of the engaged must be a registered practicing parishioner.

Confessions:

First Saturday of the month at 3:30;

April-September at Bristol & October-March at Wilmot

SAINT OF THE DAY

Saint Stanislaus / April 11

Anyone who reads the history of Eastern Europe cannot help but chance on the name of Stanislaus, the saintly but tragic bishop of Kraków, patron of Poland. He is remembered with Saints Thomas More and Thomas Becket for vigorous opposition to the evils of an unjust government. Born in Szczepanow near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072.

During an expedition against the Grand Duchy of Kiev, Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II.

The king first excused himself, then made a show of penance, then relapsed into his old ways. Stanislaus continued his open opposition in spite of charges of treason and threats of death, finally excommunicating the king. Enraged, the latter ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed Stanislaus with his own hands.

Forced to flee to Hungary, Boleslaus supposedly spent the rest of his life as a penitent in the Benedictine abbey in Osiak.

Parish Mission Statement

Holy Cross Catholic Church, a rural faith community, lives the Gospel values by:

- † Striving to serve those in need
- † Forming children, youth, and adults as intentional Disciples of Christ and His Church
- † Working to strengthen our parish in light of changing times
- † Invoking the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into the community through the empowerment of spiritual gifts

Holy Cross Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer, contact Chuck Hiertz: phone (262) 843-2438 or email: hcprayerline@gmail.com

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