



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

February 15, 2026

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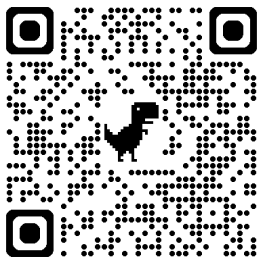
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MASS TIMES

Tuesday	6:00pm	St. Anthony
Wednesday	6:00pm	Sacred Heart
(There will be Adoration, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Benediction beginning at 5:15pm on Tuesdays & Wednesdays before Mass)		
Thursday	8:00am	St. Anthony
Friday	8:00am	Sacred Heart
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Anthony (Oct.-March)
Saturday	4:30pm	Sacred Heart (Apr.-Sept.)
Sunday	6:30am	Sacred Heart (Oct.-March)
	6:30am	St. Anthony (Apri.-Sept.)
	8:00am	Sacred Heart
	10:00am	St. Anthony

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 Divine Mercy Parish/St. Anthony



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 St. Anthony, IN

OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8:00am-Noon
Tuesday	8:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am-4:00pm
Thursday	8:00am-4:00pm
Friday	Closed

CONFESSION TIMES

Thursday	7:30am (before the 8:00am Mass)
Friday	7:30am (before the 8:00am Mass)
Saturday	4:00pm (before the 4:30pm Mass)
Sunday	7:30am (before the 8:00am Mass)



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:22a

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 14

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm For the Parishioners (SAP)

Sunday, February 15

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am Betty Welp (SHJ)

8:00am Dan Hauser and Lawrence & Pauline
Brosmer & Linda Fendel (SHJ)

10:00am Bert & Alma White (SAP)

Tuesday, February 17

6:00pm For the Parishioners (SAP)

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

8:00am Linus & Janelia Jahn and
Herb, Mary & Tom Schueler (SAP)

5:00pm For the Parishioners (SAP)

7:00pm John & Wilhemina Verkamp (SHJ)

Thursday, February 19

8:00am For the Parishioners (SAP)

Friday, February 20

5:40pm Stations of the Cross (SHJ)

6:00pm Bert & Alma White (SHJ)

Saturday, February 21

First Sunday of Lent

8:00am For the Parishioners (SHJ)

4:30pm Beth Ann Englert and
Cletus Brinkman (SAP)

Sunday, February 22

First Sunday of Lent

6:30am Tom Berg (SHJ)

8:00 am John & Doris Schnell and
Raymie Verkamp (SHJ)

10:00am Rose Wehr and
For the Parishioners (SAP)

**EUCCHARISTIC
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Mondays and Tuesdays from
12:00noon-9:00pm in Sacred Heart
of Jesus Church Adoration Chapel

Dear friends,

An updated parish directory is more than a book of pictures—it is a way to know and recognize our parish family. At times we hear about a baptism, a wedding, or the passing of a fellow parishioner and realize we may not know the family well. The directory helps us put names with faces and strengthens our sense of belonging and care for one another. Please consider scheduling your photo session and becoming part of this shared parish story.

Our staff and volunteers have been working hard to prepare our new parish directory. Many families have already scheduled their photo sessions, and we are grateful for your participation. However, there are still many who have not yet signed up. I encourage you to contact the parish office.

Each year the Church gives us the beautiful season of Lent as a sacred time to pause, reflect, and renew our relationship with God. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18, we enter forty days that invite us to turn our hearts more fully toward the Lord. Lent is not meant to be a gloomy season, but a grace-filled journey of conversion that leads us to the joy of Easter.

The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us of two important truths: our human frailty and our need for God's mercy. As we hear the words, *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,"* or *"Repent and believe in the Gospel,"* we are gently called to reflect on the direction of our lives. Where is God inviting me to grow? What needs healing in my heart? Where do I need to trust Him more? The Church traditionally highlights three Lenten practices: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.**

Prayer draws us closer to God. Lent is a wonderful time to deepen our prayer life—perhaps by attending daily Mass, spending time in Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Rosary, or reading Scripture each day. Even a few quiet minutes with the Lord can transform our hearts. **Fasting** teaches us self-discipline and reminds us that God alone satisfies our deepest hunger. When we fast from food or from comforts, we make space for God and grow in spiritual strength. Fasting also helps us become more mindful of those who live with less. **Almsgiving** turns our hearts toward others. Acts of charity—whether through donations, volunteering, or simple kindness—allow us to share God's love in a concrete way. When we give to others, we reflect the generosity God shows to us.

In our parish, we will celebrate **daily Mass throughout Lent** to help all of us remain rooted in Christ. We will also pray the **Stations of the Cross before Mass on Mondays and Fridays.** The Stations invite us to walk with Jesus in His suffering and to remember how deeply He loves us. I encourage every family to participate in these devotions as part of your Lenten journey.

Lent is not about doing great things perfectly. It is about taking small, sincere steps toward God. Even simple efforts—being more patient, forgiving someone, or turning off distractions to pray—can open our hearts to grace. God does not ask for perfection; He asks for a willing heart.

As we begin this holy season, let us remember that Lent is a journey we make together as a parish family. We support one another by our prayers, our example, and our encouragement. May this Lent be a time of renewal, healing, and deeper faith for each of us.

May the Lord bless you and guide you throughout this Lenten season.

Fr. Jose

St. Peter Damian

Feast Day: February 21

Patron of: reformers and individuals who seek to live a life of discipline and moral integrity

Born in Ravenna in 1007, he was the last of seven children. His mother felt she couldn't cope with yet another child and refused to breastfeed him, effectively condemning him to certain death. A friend intervened, taking the child in her arms and scolding the mother who repented of her rash behavior and took care of him like the others. When his mother died, Peter was raised first by his sister and then by a brother who treated him and forced him to do the most menial tasks. Finally, he was entrusted to his eldest brother, Damiano, who was Archpriest in a parish near his home and who took care of young Peter and his education. As a sign of gratitude, Peter added the name Damian to his own.

Two significant episodes in his youth changed his life. One day he found a coin: delighted, he thought he would buy a cake or a toy. Then, suddenly, he realized that anything he bought would give him only momentary joy, so he decided to take the money to a priest and have a Mass said for his deceased parents. On another occasion, when he was having lunch with a poor blind man, he chose the better-quality white bread for himself and offered the guest the darker bread. At that moment he felt like a bone had stuck in his throat. He repented of his selfishness and the moment he exchanged his own bread with that of the blind man; the bone disappeared. It was this episode that convinced him to consecrate himself to God alone, and to embrace the monastic life. Driven by a need for solitude, meditation and prayer, Peter Damian retired to monastery of Fonte Avellana. He quickly became the spiritual guide of the monks and his fame spread so rapidly that he was invited to teach in other monasteries as well which inspired him to establish new monastery houses in neighboring region. He is recognized for his role in the Gregorian Reform movement and his influence on religious life during the 11th and 12th centuries. His writings and teachings continue to inspire many in their efforts to live according to the teachings of the Church. He was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XII.

There are Rice Bowl boxes for Lent in the back of both Churches. Money will be collected on Good Friday.

2026 52-Week Raffle We will continue to sell the 52 Week Raffle tickets. The first drawing was on January 5, 2026.. Tickets are \$52.00 each and we will again be giving away \$500 each week throughout the year.

These tickets make great birthday gifts for the adults in the family.

Rules are the same as the 2025 Raffle. Please ask your family and friends to purchase tickets. Additional order forms are available in the back of both churches, on the parish website or at the Parish Office.

Tickets sold 890 out of 1000

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

“How to Prepare for Lent” WTJW Catholic radio **93.1 FM** will broadcast a short 12 minute interview with Fr. Bill Nicholas from St Mary Ireland between February 2-20 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:00 PM ET. This interview will offer some practical tips and suggestions on preparing for Lent. It's time to prepare and Fr. Bill can help you get ready for this special season. Tune in and learn!

STEWARDSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Adult Envelopes\$9,696.00
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Total\$10,495.00
Weekly Goal\$8,200.00
Year-to-date difference\$24,487.19

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Thank you for your generous donation to our parish. There is a QR code on the front of the bulletin if you would like to make your offering with that through the Diocese or you can stop by the parish office to sign up for ACH payments that come directly from your account weekly or monthly.

Have you considered adding Divine Mercy Parish to your will?



PLEASE KEEP
in your prayers

PRAYER LINE

Pat Fleck-(812)639-6044, Sara Betz-(812)630-9720

PRAYER LIST To place a name on the Prayer List, please call the parish office (812)326-2777. **Names will remain on the list for two months. After that, you may call to request a name to be added back to the list.**

January Janet Welp, Eugene Gehlhausen, Our Military & their families, Steve Rothgerber, Kendra Foerster, 2 Special Intentions, Rosie Hauser, Randy Merkley, Tom Haas, Gloria Ingle, Aaron Gonzales Shannon Fuhs, Lila Buechler

February Kevin Verkamp, 2 Special Intentions Lana Hurst, Lee Joe Welp, Tom Pund, Marvin J. Welp, Ryan Ayer, John Verkamp, Special Intention, Beth Fettes Heil, Kristy Fritz, David Schnell, Cora Hopf, Mike Kreilein, Rebecca (Knies) Schaefer, Dave & Shirley Berg, Hallie Weyer

RAFFLE
Winner

52 week Raffle
 \$500 ticket winner

For 2/9/26
 Debbie Brosmer
 Huntingburg, IN



CMA Update

GOAL	\$149,111.00
PLEGGED	\$149,111.00
% OF GOAL	100%
% OF PARTICIPATION	60%

Thank you for supporting CMA and allowing us to reach our goal!!!!!!



Mass changes during Lent:

There will be no 8am mass on Fridays during Lent at Sacred Heart.

There will be Stations of the Cross at 5:40 pm on Monday at St. Anthony followed by mass.

There will be Stations of the Cross at 5:40 pm on Friday at Sacred Heart followed by mass.

There will be an 8am mass on Saturdays at Sacred Heart.

Please call Wilma at the parish office if you would like a copy of your 2025 contribution statement.

This Sunday, 2/15: We will have cookies and punch after the 4:30 PM Mass and 10:00 AM Masses at St. Anthony and donuts and coffee after the 6:30 AM & 8:00 AM Masses at Sacred Heart in celebration of Father Jose' US citizenship and our Parish reaching the CMA goal for the very first time. It truly is a lot to celebrate!!

This Sunday, 2/15: The St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Council 15777, serving the Divine Mercy Parish, will be having a breakfast in the Divine Mercy Parish Center from 7:00 AM until 12:00 PM. The menu will be Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, potatoes, and fruit, along with Coffee, Tang, or water, for \$10.00. Dine-in or carry-out available. They will be sponsoring another breakfast on Sunday, April 22, 2026. Hope to see everyone there.

Friday, 2/20: Divine Mercy G2 Mission Team #12 is having a Fish Fry at the Divine Mercy Parish Center from 4:30pm until sold out. Meal consists of fish sandwich, potato wedges, slaw, drink & dessert. Cost per meal is \$13. You can dine-in or carry out. Proceeds benefit the G2 Mission Trip on June 7-12.

Deadline for articles and photos for the spring newsletter is March 1, 2026. Please send all information to eileen.v.hauser@gmail.com

The St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Council 15777, serving the Divine Mercy Parish, will be having a Fish Fry on Friday, March 6, 2026. It will be held in the Divine Mercy Parish Center from 4:00 PM until sold out. The menu will be fish on a bun, hashbrown casserole, slaw, brownie, lemonade or water, for \$13.00. Dine-in or carry-out available.

A Christian Mothers meeting will be held on March 3 after the 6:00 mass (6:30) in the Parish Center. During mass, new officers will be installed and new members will be inducted. PLEASE contact the parish office (wwendholt@evdio.org) or text Kathy 812-661-2023 if you want to be a member. This group provides a very important and rewarding ministry. As we are approaching our nation's 250th birthday, members of DAR (Daughters of American Revolution) will talk about who they are and what they do. We will do a heritage craft while we enjoy delicious desserts. Share in the support and fellowship with wonderful women in our parish and community. Please plan to attend!

The Confirmation "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" session for Grade 9 & 10 candidates and their sponsors will be held on Wednesday February 25 in **St. Anthony Church**. Please notice the change in location since pictures for our new Parish Directory will be taken in the Parish Center Gym.

Sign up for our new directory is still going on. For online scheduling go to:

www.ucdir.com

Click "Schedule Appointment"

Church code: IN2048

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Or you can call the parish office and Wilma will schedule you a time.

Please don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of our church directory.

Our Parish will be having a Mission October 25-28, 2026 in the Parish Center. The presenter is Father Ken Geraci from Auburn, Kentucky who was ordained to the Fathers of Mercy in 2012. Father is described as a modern day Prodigal Son. Please save the dates---It will be well worth your time.

Upcoming Events

Busy Bees & Gavel 4-H meeting will be held Monday, 2/16/26, at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement.

February 21: The St. Anthony Conservation Club will have their annual Membership Party. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Supper will be served at 5:30 pm. Members are asked to bring a dessert, appetizer or snack. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. We will be serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and slaw. Any member interested in becoming President this year? This night would be a perfect time to talk with the officers and directors.

February 22: The St. Anthony Conservation Club will be hosting a 30-target 3D Bow Shoot.

Registration is from 8:00am until noon. Breakfast sandwiches and burgers will be available.

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