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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM-4:00 PM
(Closed daily 12:00-1:00 PM)

Closed Saturday and Sunday

ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

*To continue Jesus' work of
calling all people into a loving
relationship with God.*

ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Bob Betz

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Fr. George Gajdos

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
(5 PM & 10 AM Masses will be livestreamed)

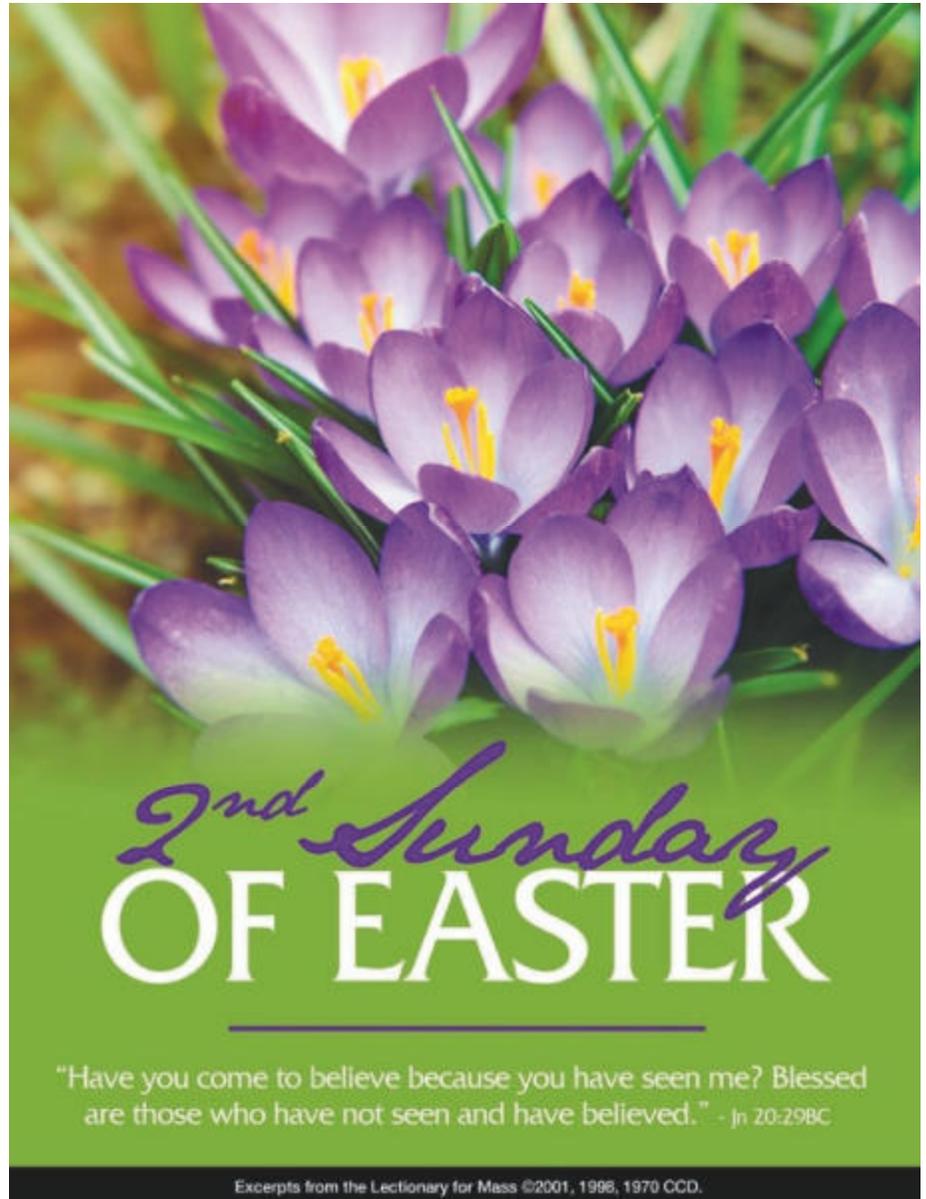
Weekdays: Tuesday 8:00 AM

Individual Confession:

Saturday 4:00 PM-4:30 PM
(Or call parish office to make appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each month
Noon-1:00 PM



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DEAR PARISHIONERS...

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter celebration. However, we are not done celebrating yet. We took 40 days of Lent to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with hearts and minds renewed. Now we take fifty days, now through Pentecost, to rejoice in the presence of the Lord in our midst. Previously, we called the Second Sunday of Easter, Low Sunday. This was because after the music, prayers, decorations, and gatherings, getting back to normal was kind of a letdown. Pope John Paul II made this Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday. It is the eighth day, or octave of Easter, that is from Good Friday until today. We pray at the beginning of Mass, *Lord, have Mercy*, seeking forgiveness for our sins. God's mercy is stronger than any fault, any wrong, any sin we may have committed. The mercy of God seeks to reconcile us with the Lord and one another. While we had been planning a special celebration of the Divine Mercy Sunday, a first here at St. James, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we decided to wait until next year, after some formation about the feast to inaugurate this event.



Today's Gospel features the story of doubting Thomas, the apostle who refused to believe in the risen Christ until he saw him with his own eyes. But let us not overlook Jesus giving the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, telling them, "whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." May we be a forgiving people, calling upon the Holy Spirit, whom we received in baptism and confirmation, to extend that divine mercy to all in need of forgiveness.

We bestow mercy on someone when they have done something wrong, choosing to refrain from punishing them even when they deserve some penalty. It is when we feel that we are beyond mercy that we stand most in need of God's mercy. It is when we have been wronged by someone who feels that they are beyond mercy that we are called to imitate our Lord in offering mercy. Not because he or she deserves it, but because without mercy we are all lost. Let us, in the spirit of Easter, rejoice that we are always able to receive that tender mercy.

Love, Peace, Joy,

Fr. Bob



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In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility. ~Eleanor Roosevelt



April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully.

Today, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son — Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive.

~The Catholic Steward

We collected \$1,791.53 for Habitat for Humanity.

If you would still like to make a contribution, please send your check to:

Habitat for Humanity
3726 N Booth St
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Attn: Kristi Sebald



The Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2021

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



Safe Environment Week

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 18th-April 24th as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

Prayer and Liturgies

April 11 through April 18

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

8:00 AM - †Cathy DeFord

10:00 AM - †Angela Picione

Monday: Easter Weekday (2)

Acts 4:23-31

Ps 2:1-9

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Saint Martin I

Acts 4:32-37

Ps 93:1-2,5

Jn 3:7b-15

8:00 AM - Joseph Novak,

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Wednesday: Easter Weekday (2)

Acts 5:17-26

Ps 34:2-9

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Easter Weekday (2)

Acts 5:27-33

Ps 34:2,9,17-20

Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Easter Weekday (2)

Acts 5:34-42

Ps 27:1,4,13-14

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Easter Weekday (2)

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

Jn 6:16-21

4:00 PM Ind. Reconciliation

5:00 PM - †Jim Iwinski

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

8:00 AM - †Henrietta and Tony

Poloski

10:00 AM - †Ron Witkowiak

Annual Mass of Atonement

The annual Mass of Atonement will be held on April 15 at 6:00 PM at St. Monica Parish (5681 N. Santa Monica Boulevard, Whitefish Bay). This is one of the ways that the current leadership of the Archdiocese publicly atones for the clergy abuse crisis and scandal. Mass will be live-streamed. If you are unable to attend, please remember all those that suffer from the wounds of abuse in your prayers for peace, healing, and justice.



GROWING FAITH

Jesus gave us a beautiful gift in his dying and rising. He saved us all from our despair and brokenness—giving us eternal hope. What a gift! But what do we give back to Christ? Do we give Him our love and adoration? Do we continue to bring others to Him in our words and actions? Do we see Christ in the vulnerable and the needy?

Our world is so full of despair and brokenness that sometimes hope seems far away. But as baptized Christians, as His Easter people, we are responsible in building up Christ's hope in this world. The words from Matthew West's song, Do Something, come to mind: *I shook my fist at Heaven and said, "God, why don't You do something?" He said, "I did, I made you."*

This month's theme on our website is Responsibility. I invite everyone to check it out! After all, we are *all* called to bring Christ's hope into the world by taking action. We are *all* called to live responsibly in our daily lives. Here is a direct link to the website theme page to help all ages reflect on this virtue: <https://www.stjames-franklin.org/rebuild---renew---monthly-theme>

Blessings,

Mary Jo

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you are an adult and are seeking Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation in the Catholic Church I invite you to begin the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) here at Saint James Parish.

This is a yearlong process of encountering Jesus and growing in your understanding of the sacred Scriptures and the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. This year of growth culminates in the reception of these three sacraments at the Easter Vigil liturgy in 2022.

For details and to sign up, please contact Fred Hang, Pastoral Associate at fhang@stjames-franklin.org or call 414-761-0480.

I am also seeking adult parishioners who are willing to volunteer to work with me in teaching and preparing these special members of our faith community. Contact me for details.



Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40

Capuchin Community Services was extremely grateful for the 80 hygiene bags that were made for them. This was possible by the many parishioners who donated toiletries to fill the bags, and by the youth who worked at filling and marking the bags. THANK YOU!



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our food pantry is now in service every Friday from 9:00-11:00 AM. Outdoor curb service drive-through distribution will be our means of getting food to those who are in need. Our volunteers will bring boxed food out to your car. Please bring your identification and remain in your vehicle. We thank you for keeping us all safe.

Pray For

We remember the special needs of St. James parishioners, family and friends, especially:



Gerrie Langer (Lynne Nelson's mom)
Erin Gilchrist (Daughter of Evelyn Spadinger)
Marisusan Lindemann
 (Daughter of Judy Schmidt)
Marge Kiel (Mother of Pam and Paul May)
Kathy Aalto (Niece of Patricia Hundt)
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James Jeffries
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 (Friends of Peter Pfau)
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Chris Guzikowski (Friend of Marge Schell)
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If you know someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please contact Fred Hang, our Pastoral Associate, at 414-761-0480, ext. 113.



Spring Cleanup of Parish Grounds and Cemetery

Saturday, April 17th

9:00 AM—Noon

Bring rakes, gloves, etc.

Report to Paul Hischke that morning by the big garage.

Please RSVP at 414-761-0480.

Leave your name, phone number or email address.

If event is canceled due to bad weather we will contact you.

SPRING CLEANING?

Remember St. James Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale Committee will start accepting donations every Tuesday starting May 4th, from 9:00 AM to Noon.

We are unable to accept clothing, encyclopedias, mattresses/box springs, large exercise equipment, child's car seats, high chairs, cribs, strollers (anything that might have a recall on it), TV's and PC printers. If you have questions, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity!



ERAS—Needs and Opportunities

Call 414-488-6930 to help with...

- ◆ Volunteers for friendly phone calls
- ◆ Spring Yard Clean Up: Make A Difference Day is April 17
- ◆ Drivers
- ◆ Card Decorating Volunteers

Volunteers to Help United Way distribute COVID 19 Vaccines at Wisconsin Center should call 414-837-3639.

For programs on Aging, living with diabetes, and caregiving, contact the Office on Aging 414-289-6874 or 414-289-6352.

Auction items are needed for Tapestry Fundraising Event. If you have items call Becca Snow 262-522-2409

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 11

11:30 AM Safe Environment Lessons
Grades 6th-10th (Zoom)

11:30 AM Baptism (C)

CYF Padlet Response Due

Monday, April 12

1:00 PM Staff Meeting (Rm. 1)

Tuesday, April 13

7:00 PM AA (Rm. 7)

Wednesday, April 14

Thursday, April 15

Friday, April 16

9:00-11:00 AM Food Pantry

Saturday, April 17

Next Sunday, April 18

9:00 AM First Communion Class
(Zoom)

11:00 AM Confirmation Class
(Zoom, Rm. 1)

11:30 AM Baptism (C)



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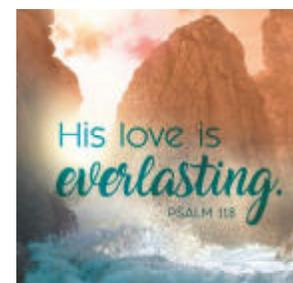
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