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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:28-29

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Confessions (Reconciliation)
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm
Saturdays, 8:45-10:00am, and by appointment.

Baptism
After the Sunday 11:00am Mass. Contact the Parish Office ***at least three months before*** the desired baptism date. Baptism Prep class: Please wait for further notice about class schedules or call 608-845-6613 for questions.

Marriage
Contact the Pastor ***no later than six months before*** the desired wedding date.

Becoming Catholic
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – The process through which adults are brought into the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish Office.

Other Pastoral Needs
Please contact the Parish Office for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, hospital visits, communion calls, or any other pastoral needs. Also, please inform us of any parishioners who are in the local hospitals.

New Parishioner Registration
All Catholics 18 years or older are invited to register as members of our Catholic Community. Call or stop by the Parish Office or see the parish website for a registration form.

Office Hours
- 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday

Sunday Masses

Saturday:
5:00pm Saint Andrew Church, Verona

Sunday:
7:30am Saint William Church, Paoli
9:00am Saint Andrew Church, Verona
11:00am Saint Andrew Church, Verona

Daily Masses

Tuesday through Friday:
8:30am Saint Andrew Church, Verona

Saturday:
8:00am Saint Andrew Church, Verona

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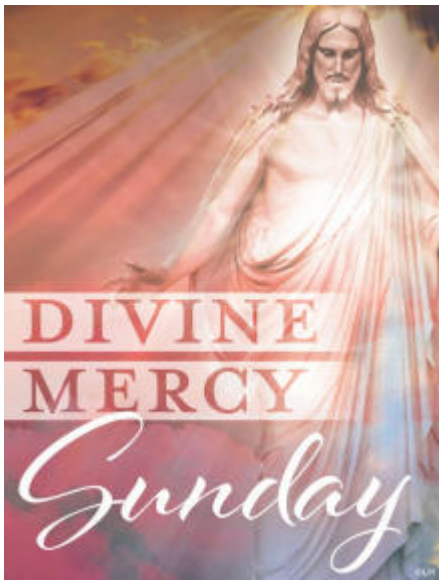

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.
— Jeremiah 29:13

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MESSAGE FROM FR. ROB

This Sunday, the Church throughout the world celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope St. John Paul II founded this day for people to remember and better understand the great mystery of God's divine mercy. This devotion stems from the appearances of Jesus to St. Faustina, who was a religious sister living in Poland during the 1930s. He desired the world to know more fully that He is mercy itself, and that He came into the world not to condemn the world, but to save it from sin. The Lord would ask St. Faustina to have someone paint an image of Himself as she had seen Him. A copy of that image now hangs in the sanctuary of St. Andrew. The rays that come forth from the heart of Jesus represent the blood and water that flowed from his heart when His side was pierced on the cross. The red ray stands for blood which is the life for souls and the white ray stands for water that makes souls righteous. It is a timely devotion as we are reminded in today's gospel of God's mercy that was shown to the Apostles. Christ came in forgiving love, despite the betrayals and denials of the Apostles. Jesus never tires searching for us. That is the power of this Divine Mercy Sunday.

Have a blessed week!

"He found Philip and said to him, 'follow me.'" Jn 1:43

We are in the midst of a four-week series on the stages of discipleship: Encounter, Accompaniment, Community, and Mission. This week we will look at the role of accompaniment in our faith journey. Once the first disciples met Jesus, they were invited to follow him. We also are often invited by someone to follow Jesus more deeply. Take some time this week to reflect on someone who has walked with you in faith. Below is a story of accompaniment from one of our staff members.

Steve Davies, Youth Minister Coordinator

When I first met my wife Angie, one of the many things which attracted me to her was the innocence of her faith. She was not raised with much of any faith, actually quite the opposite. Once we started dating, she attended Mass with me. She wanted to get involved in things like Bible studies which to me as Cradle-Catholic seemed like a very odd thing. She wasn't even Catholic, yet I was starting to slowly go more deeply into my Catholic faith because of her. We married in 1987 and Angie became Catholic a couple years later. As our two children started in the Pre-K program, she became very involved. When I commented, "Well, you have a good time doing that", she literally got in my face and said to me, "You WILL be a part of your children's religious education". She called me out, and it set me on the next part of a long, slow path of really diving into my faith. When she first became ill with cancer and eventually was diagnosed as terminal in late 2000, our faith in the Lord was really put to the test. As we journeyed toward her death together, the cornerstone of our faith life was a critical component. I realized that I was mirroring accompaniment to her that she had shown me from the early years of our relationship. I learned that accompanying others means inviting, setting the example, and occasionally telling people with love what they might not want to hear. I praise God that I had such a wonderful person to accompany me.

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Saturdays at 5:00pm on Facebook:
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Religious Education

FAMILY GROUP SCHEDULE

Week of	Description
April 11	Family Group Meeting-April, Lesson 12
April 18	Family Group Meeting-April, Lesson 13
April 25	Family Group Meeting-Catch-up work or Storybook work
May 2	Storybook display & Parish Picnic

Our special thanks to Ann Lease, JoAnn Wainwright, Bob Shunk and many others who helped decorate and made our church look beautiful this Easter. And our sincere appreciation to all who contributed to our Easter flowers!

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." — Act 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money — these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget—Total Needed	$ 9,450
Offertory Income: Mar 25-31	$ 4,433
Weekly over (Short)	($5,017)
Budgeted Offertory Month-to-date:	$ 37,800
Actual Offertory Month-to-date	$ 31,999

OTHER COLLECTIONS

"Be the Solution" Building Fund	$ 230
Easter Flowers	$ 80
Holy Land Shrines	$ 60
St. Hermine's Home for the Destitute	$ 50
Cemetery	$ 25
Catholic Herald	$ 20

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saint Christopher Parish will again be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with a special afternoon devotion. Join us this Sunday afternoon, April 11. The schedule is as follows:

- 2:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
- 2:40pm short talk on the devotion and its importance
- 2:50pm Confessions begin
- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:25pm Benediction and conclusion

Pictures and pamphlets are still available on the table in the narthex. For more information, contact Lisa Keen at lkeen1962@gmail.com or call 608-845-3526.

CCW Scholarships Please submit all applications in the parish office by 8:30am, Tuesday, April 13. No applications will be accepted after this time. Applicants must be confirmed members of Saint Christopher Parish. Forms are located on a table in the narthex or on the Saint Christopher Parish website's CCW page.

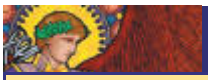
Craft and Bake Sale

Spring Craft and Bake Sale CCW invites you to their annual Spring Craft and Bake sale on April 17 -18 before and after ALL Masses in Verona. Donation of baked goods are welcome and appreciated.

SCAN ME

Welcome Back with Nametag Weekends!

As the weather warms up and COVID declines, we look forward to recreating a community at Saint Christopher Parish. Once a month from May through August, we will host a **Nametag Weekend**. On these weekends, nametags will be available and encouraged at all Masses to help us get reacquainted. There will also be an outdoor community event on Sunday of each Nametag Weekend. Outdoor events will continue to follow COVID precautions regarding masking and distancing. The first Nametag Weekend will be May 1 & 2, with a "bring your own lunch" parish picnic in the grass lot on May 2 after the 11am Mass. We are looking forward to seeing you this summer! Scan the QR code for the full schedule and additional details.

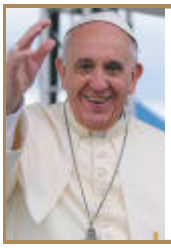


LITURGICAL ROLES

SATURDAY, April 17	5:00pm—VERONA
Altar Server	J.J. Rufer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lori Jorgensen, Bill Paar
Lector	Steve Salerno
Safety Volunteers	Ray Cobb, Teri Cobb
SUNDAY, April 18	**7:30am—PAOLI**
Altar Server	Jake Sarbacker, Montana Sarbacker
Lector	Mark Smith
Usher	Jeff Byrne
SUNDAY, April 18	**9:00am—VERONA**
Altar Server	Brent Schmiesing, Joe Schmiesing
Extraordinary Ministers	Lisa Keen, Steve Runde
Lector	Scott Schmiesing
Safety Volunteers	Becky Graveen, Larry Raab
SUNDAY, April 18	**11:00am—VERONA**
Altar Server	Aaron Hakes, Seth Hakes
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	David Wanta, Ryan Zakrzewski
Lector	David Wanta
Safety Volunteers	Jenny Hakes, Rick Hakes

Readings for the week of April 11

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48



April Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for the Church and for the World

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.

Holy Week Mass Count				Total
APR 1	Holy Thursday, 7:00PM			117
APR 2	Good Friday, 3:00PM			216
APR 3	Easter Vigil, 8:00PM			115
APR 4	7:30AM: **55** (St. William)	9:00AM: **151** (St. Andrew)	11:00AM: **162** (St. Andrew)	368

MASS INTENTIONS — Saint Christopher Catholic Parish

Tuesday, April 13	*St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr*
8:30am	Bob and Nicole Shunk
Wednesday, April 14	
8:30am	Richard Duppler †
Thursday, April 15	
8:30am	William Meyer †
Friday, April 16	
8:30am	Larry Klosterman †
Saturday, April 17	
8:00am	Aaron Bennett
5:00pm	For the Miller and Kenyon families
Sunday, April 18	*3rd Sunday of Easter*
7:30am	Families of Saint Christopher Parish
9:00am	Patricia A. Feller †
11:00am	Amanda Davies

Events Schedule for the Week

Monday, April 12
- 8:30am Education Co-op—*Rms 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, L*
- 4:45pm CGS Levels 1 & 2—*Rms 1, 3*
- 4:45pm Family Groups-Group E—*Rms 2, 4*

Tuesday, April 13
- 8:30am Education Co-op—*Rms 2, 3, 5, 6, L*
- 9:15am CCW Meeting—*Rm 1*
- 6:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—*Rm 1*
- 6:30pm Small Group Meeting—*MT*

Wednesday, April 14
- 8:30am Education Co-op—*Rms 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, L*
- 10:30am Wednesday Small Group—*MT*
- 6:30pm Middle School Class—*Rms 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, MT, K*
- 6:30-7:30pm **Confessions**—*CH*
- 7:30pm High School Class—*Rms 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, MT, K, CH*

Thursday, April 15
- 8:30am Education Co-op—*Rms 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, L*
- 9:00am Widows of Prayer *Rosary for Priests*—*CH*
- 6:30pm KC Officers Meeting—*Rm 5*
- 7:00pm Charismatic Prayer Meeting—*MT*

Friday, April 16
- 9:00am-12pm **Eucharistic Adoration**—*CH*

Saturday, April 17
- 8:30am Retreat Setup—*Rms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, K*
- 8:45am-10am **Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration**—*CH*
- 9:30am First Communion Retreat—*Rms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, K*
- 4:30-6:30pm CCW Spring Craft and Bake Sale—*Hallway*

Sunday, April 18
- 8:30am-1:00pm CCW Spring Craft and Bake Sale—*Hallway*
- 10:00am Family Groups-Group A—*Rms 2, 4, 6*
- 10:00am Family Groups-Group B—*Rm 1*
- 4:00pm Family Groups-Group D—*Rms 2, 4*

MT-*Mother Teresa Room* **L**-*Library* **PG**-*Parish Grounds*
FR-*Fireplace Room* **K**-*Kitchen* **CH**-*Church*

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