

April 11th, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter



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Mass Schedule:

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 pm
or by appointment

Baptism

Parish membership is required.
Baptismal preparation for parents
and sponsors is held monthly. Pre-
registration is required. Contact
the Parish Office for more
information.

Marriage

Parish membership is required.
Arrangements need to be made a
minimum of six months prior to
the wedding date. Please contact
Fr. Robert.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish
Office



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Easter Memorial Flower's

<u>IN MEMORY OF:</u>	<u>BY:</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF:</u>	<u>BY:</u>
Peter Muszynski Family	Shirley Kurowski	Buchman Family	Greg Buchman
John Maier	Shirley Kurowski	Bob Widenski	Joanne Widenski
Kenneth Kurowski Family	Shirley Kurowski	Janet Bukowski	Debbie Metzinger
Vincent Budiac Family	Bob Gliniecki	Kolodzek Family	Greg Buchman
Scaria Saramma	Rosamma John	Blommer Family	Jennifer Blommer
Edward Cychosz	Brian Cychosz	Frank Gliniecki Family	Bob Gliniecki
Helen Whalen	Steve & Linda Whalen	Harry Timmers	Marie Timmers
Dorothy Kontowicz	Andrew Kontowicz	Derek K Pope	Jerry & Kay Deschler
Mr & Mrs. Edward Cychosz	Brian Cychosz	McHugh Family	Dylan McHugh
Keith Maciolek	Kathy Maciolek	VanDyne Family	Emily VanDyne
Michael & Theresa Gursky	Kathy Maciolek	Dryifka Family	Rachel Guthrie
Dorothy Maciolek	Kathy Maciolek	Morales Family	Rachel Guthrie
Lorraine Sprenger	Jay Hartshorn	Maggie Proko	Jim & Lynn Siering
Diane Kelm	Jay Hartshorn	Clarence J. Veselka	Holly Veselka
Harry Timmers	Marie Timmers	Colla Family	Steve & Chris Schantzen
Laskaskie Family	Dennis Laskaskie	Ethel Schantzen & Family	Steve & Chris Schantzen
Ray Czarniecki	Kathleen M. Czarniecki	Jerry Richter	Jackie Richter
Stefanie Horton	Ron & Christine Horton	Karleighs Family	With love family
Charlie Naidul	Charles & Darlene Naidul	Deloris Kaluzny	Mardell Kaluzny
Udziela Family	Laretta Udziela	Czekalski Family	Shirley Mayer
Wojcik Family	Margaret Stanula	Donald J. Mayer	Shirley Mayer
Stanula Family	Margaret Stanula	Schmitt Family	Jim Guthrie
Zivorad Stepanovich Family		Guthrie Family	Jim Guthrie
Ed Schwanke	Robert Schwanke	Schuldt Family	Sandy Lachenschmidt
Hagen Family	Theresa Leon	Biesiadry Family	Kevin & Mary Stone
Wilfred Mocco Family	Aaron & Rita Flom	Mary Jane Klenoski	Chuck & Kim Kozlik
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Barbara Pintarro	Shirley Kurowski	Norman Lampe Family	James Lampe
Ronald & Frances Christianson	Bill & Susan Christianson	Maggie Stewart	Gruszczynski Family
James & Charlotte Casey	Bill & Susan Christianson	Bailey Family	Ray & Mary Bailey
		Thomas Michael Farrell Family	Bernadette Poedtko

Come Join Us!

We would love to officially welcome you into our family.
Registration packets are available at the information center.

MUNDANE MIRACLES ON OAKWOOD ROAD

But his servants came up and reasoned with him. “My father,” they said, “if the prophet had told you to do something extraordinary, would you not have done it?” (2Kgs 5:13)

Our God is both of the ordinary and the extraordinary and present to us even in the most mundane moments of our lives. The extraordinary happened here at our parish in just one week’s time! The request came in to Fr. Robert from the Rescue Mission of Milwaukee, one of the leading Christian based charities in our area, for assistance to fill a need they had for Easter baskets to distribute to the needy children at their Joy House. Originally they were looking for assistance with 80-100 baskets if possible. Father made the request at all Masses and within one week’s time, we were able to put together 303 baskets for the children through the generosity of you, the faithful. Numerous volunteers from our Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women, along with other parishioners made it happen. Special thanks to Mark Missurelli, Barb Ludka, and staff member Gail Schlicht for your leadership! The Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh, a friend of Thomas Merton, has said, “The miracle is not to walk on water. The miracle is to walk on the green earth, dwelling deeply in the present moment and feeling truly alive. Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don’t even recognize.” We have found our miracle today in this project, along with the faith to believe, even in some of the most mundane moments of our lives. God bless you all!



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Rick Steiner and Bob Gliniecki for their generous donation of the stone bench that is being used in our Easter décor. The bench with the white cloth draped over it will remind us of Jesus rising from the tomb in His resurrection! They donated the bench in honor of all the deceased members of St. Stephen’s parish who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Thank you from OC Police

I would like to thank you on behalf of all members of the Oak Creek Police Department for your generous display of gratitude with the donated fish fry certificates. This show of appreciation is well-received by all members of the Department. I wanted to pass along that I did share your letter with the organization, and distributed the meals across all of the shifts. Again, thank you for thinking of us during this Lenten season with your prayers and the certificates.

Respectfully,
Steven J. Anderson Chief of Police

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next Burn the Mortgage fundraiser is Saturday, April 24th. Serving PESTO CHICKEN BAKE – boneless chicken with a delicious pesto cream sauce served over pasta. Side dishes include a veggie and a dessert. Make your reservation today for pick up before and after the vigil Mass that evening.

FISH FRIES SERVED THIS YEAR 2021!

So many volunteers need to be thanked for making our fish fries so successful. You were a blessing each and every week you made it happen.

- Week 1 – 293
- Week 2 – 450
- Week 3 – 503
- Week 4 – 511
- Week 5 – 583
- Week 6 – 555
- Week 7 – 503

TOTAL SERVED 3, 398 ! WOW !

Financial results to follow when all of the expenses are paid.

GOOD JOB ST. STEPHEN'S VOLUNTEERS!

Message from Milwaukee Rescue Mission

Dear Fr. Kacalo,

Thank you for your very generous donation of 312 Easter baskets through your recent drive! Your gift has made a real impact on the lives of so many men, women and children who are in need of help. Because of friends like you, hungry and hurting neighbors will not only enjoy a special treat this season, but will experience Easter joy through the reminder of God's love for them!

Hundreds of precious souls come through our doors every day in search of a fresh start. Those who are struggling receive nutritious meals, find safe shelter and are given clean clothing. They're also able to experience life transformation through other critical resources that your gifts help make possible—resources like education, counseling, spiritual encouragement and more!

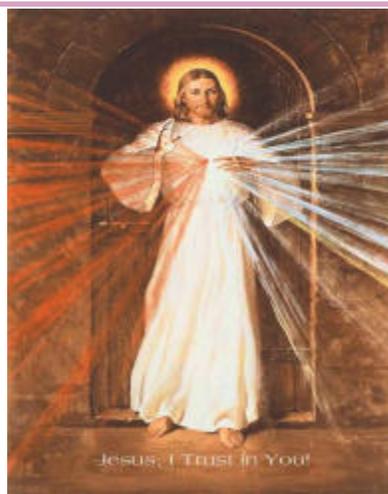
Thank you for helping reach hungry hearts with the message of hope. May God bless you for your tremendous generosity this Easter season!



Divine Mercy Sunday

The feast of Divine Mercy was initiated by Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish mystic cloistered nun. She kept a diary in the 1930s of Christ's private revelations, telling her of His message of mercy. Sr. Faustina wrote that she first saw a vision of Jesus on Feb. 22, 1931. He had rays of mercy streaming from his heart. Christ told her to have an image painted to represent the vision and to write below it, "Jesus, I trust in you!" A beautiful image of the Divine Mercy is in our Chapel.

Sr. Faustina also wrote in her diary that Christ encourages the faithful to trust in His mercy and turn to Him for that mercy. The first mass during which the Divine Mercy image was displayed was on April 28, 1935 and Sr. Faustina said, "When we went to take part in the celebrations, my heart leapt with joy that the two solemnities (Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday) were so closely united." Our Council of Catholic Women lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet once a month before the 8:30am Mass.



Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Mother's Day is just around the corner. Our Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available in the Gathering Space. Fill out the large envelope with your free-will donation and place it in the box provided. The large envelopes with the name of your loved one will be blessed on Mother's Day the weekend of May 8th and 9th. Take the card with the small envelope to give to your loved one. Members of our Prayer and Worship Committee are ready to help if you have questions.



Readings for the week of April 11th

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/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]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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Monday, April 12th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Tuesday, April 13th

9:00am Food Pantry

6:30pm Parish Council

Wednesday, April 14th

6:00pm Edge Grades K-5

Thursday, April 15th

9:00am Food Pantry

Friday, April 16th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Saturday, April 17th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Sunday, April 18th

9:00am Life Teen

9:15am Edge

11:30am Confirmation Practice

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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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 13th

8:00am † Russell Grube

Wednesday, April 14th

8:00am † Dorothy Schneider

Thursday, April 15th

8:00am † Peter Muszynski

Friday, April 16th

8:00am † Judy Richards & Susan Belski

Saturday, April 17th

4:30pm † Barbara Pintarro

Sunday, April 18th

8:30 am † Keith Maciolek

10:30am † For the people

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