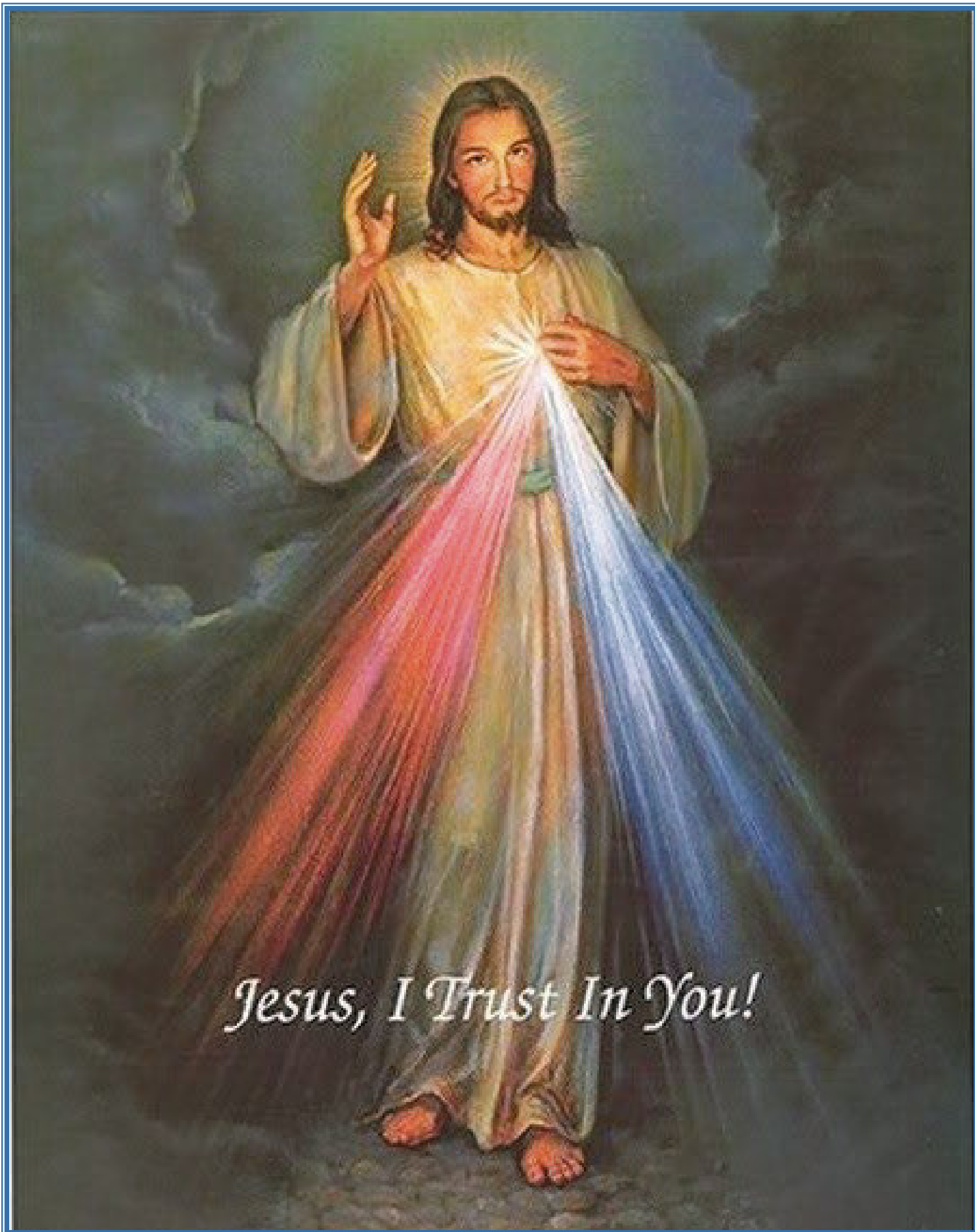


April 24, 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Jesus, I Trust In You!

LITURGY



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — Jn 20:27-28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCC.

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

- Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

ZOOM Video Pre-Baptism Classes

- Date for 1st Child – June 6th at 7:30pm
- Date for 2nd or additional Children – May 16th starting at 7:00pm.

These classes are held via ZOOM video conference. Please call the Rectory 764-0357 to register

OUTREACH

A few words from the Social Ministry Treasurer: As I sit at my desk writing a check for \$858.00 to pay for chili ingredients, fruit and cookies for the meals our Chili Teams prepare for the Emmanuel Dining Room I feel the need to thank each and every parishioner who consistently supports this program. Reminder post cards are mailed asking people to send a donation to help cover the cost of meals we deliver twice each month to EDR. Through the generosity of our donors and others EDR was able to feed many men, women and children last year every day. Please accept our gratitude for allowing Immaculate Heart of Mary to continue our mission of feeding the hungry. I am not sure we say "thank you" often enough for your generous spirit. With sincere thanks, Kris VanRyper

2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

"Walking By Faith"

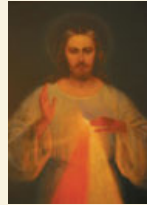
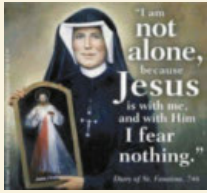


The 2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps our Church to serve the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly. As parishioners IHM, we are being asked to serve others by sharing our resources. Your generosity enables us to accompany our brothers and sisters in need. Our parish target is \$250,000.00. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since once achieving the goal assigned to our parish, once we are over goal, we receive 100% of monies collected for our own parish and ministry needs. Please prayerfully consider your generous gift to this Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to church next week prepared to complete your pledge and offer your support to our parish, and the Diocese of Wilmington.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdown.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal", or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone



IHM PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Divine Mercy Sunday



Adorers are needed for the following hours:

Sunday: (No Adoration on Sunday from 7am to 2pm)
 Tuesday: 11pm
 Wednesday: 5am wks 4,5; 11pm
 Friday: 10pm
 Saturday: 9pm – weeks 1,2,3,5
 (No Adoration on Saturday from 7am to 6pm)

Please contact Kathy Dunworth to be assigned a Holy Hour.
 Call 302-383-6452 or kdunworth@verizon.net

[Call the Hotline at 302-764-4326 for closings and updates.](tel:302-764-4326)

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER GROUPS

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel:

Sunday 2pm to Saturday 6:30am
 Saturday 6pm to Sunday at 7am

Rosary: Daily, after 9am Mass

First Friday and First Saturday Devotion:

Monthly after the 9am Mass

Prayer Groups:

Monday: 7pm- Rosary
 Tuesday: 1pm- Marian Movement
 Of Priests Cenacle
 Thursday: 1pm – Miraculous Medal

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

RESPECT LIFE

As we begin the month of May, which we dedicate to

Mary, the Mother of Our Savior,

PLEASE JOIN THE I.H.M. RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE AT

THE MEMORIAL TO THE UNBORN

AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. MASS on SUNDAY, May 1st

TO SAY THE ROSARY FOR AN END TO ABORTION.



Children's Liturgy of the Word



The Children's Liturgy of the Word meets on the first and third Sunday of the month during the 9:00AM Mass. It begins in October and ends in May. Then following is the schedule: **May 1, 15, 2022.**

Please pray for the departed parishioners and friends, especially:



George Fallet
Father of Anne Maffia
Norman Kouba

*Grant eternal rest unto them O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them.
 May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
 Amen*

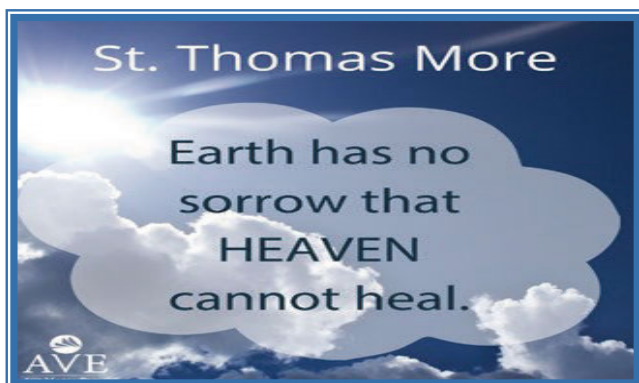


Please remember all sick, all those homebound, in the hospital or nursing homes and especially those who care for them.

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 Sandy Calderhead
 Nancy Carney
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 Carol Znacko

Please contact the Parish office 764-0357 to place or remove names on the sick list.



ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, Apr 25 6:30 AM Robert M. Williams
 9:00 AM Mary, Bill & David Babiarz
Tuesday, Apr 26 6:30 AM Mary A. Grant
 9:00 AM Charles & Carmella Bonnici
Wed., Apr 27 6:30 AM Diane Corrado
 9:00 AM Tony & Anne Vietri
Thurs., Apr 28 6:30 AM Emily Walker
 9:00 AM Richard Maloney
Friday, Apr 29 6:30 AM Hubert Whan-Ton
 9:00 AM Sharon Hayes
Saturday, Apr 30 6:30 AM Hubert Whan-Ton
 9:00 AM Michael Robbins
 5:00 PM Marie O'Donnell
Sunday, May 1 7:00 AM Jerome Kolve
 9:00 AM Bill Sahn
 11:00 AM Bill & Betty Dalton

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Pilgrimage to the Padre Pio Centre



Make your reservations!

A Bus Trip to National Centre for Padre Pio. The bus will be air conditioned with a restroom. Depart IHM parking lot at 8:30 AM, Depart for IHM from Shrine 3:30 PM. This date is the commemoration of Padre Pio's Beatification. Included in the day will be Confessions, Mass, museum tour, and viewing of the Beatification film, and boxed lunch. See padrepio.org for detailed information on the Centre.

\$55 per person-Please make checks payable to Immaculate Heart of Mary

Contact Rita McDowell at rmcdowell@ihm.org or (302)764-4693 with questions and/or for reservations. Space is limited please reserve your space soon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Attention First Holy Communion Families:

First Holy Communion Celebrations (Saturday, May 7) are fast approaching and we have a few more things to get ready:

Song Practice for our 2nd grade CRE, Academy and our "Specials" students.

Tuesday, April 26th from 6:30-7:30 PM in the church. Parent not required.

Song Practice for our 2nd grade CRE, Academy and our "Specials" students.

Tuesday, May 3rd from 6:30-7:30 PM. Parent not required.

Rehearsal for ALL communicants is Wednesday, May 4th. Parent & communicant must attend.

6-6:45 PM: Mrs. Carlini (CRE), Ms. Timanus (IHM), Academy and "Specials" students

7-7:45 PM: Mrs. Myers (CRE), Ms. Henry (IHM) students

Watch for communicants' banners to be hanging in the Gathering Area of the church, April 29 – May 7!

On behalf of the parish Respect Life Committee:

The imperative of the strong moral value of cherishing life is both ancient and modern. Here are just a few quotations taken from the prophets of old and three contemporary Catholic saints.....

Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy **unborn life.**”

– **St. John Paul II**

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you.”

– **St. Jeremiah 1:5 (Holy Bible)**

“I feel the greatest destroyer of peace today is **“Abortion”**, because it is a war against the child... A direct killing of the innocent child, **“Murder”** by the mother herself... And if we can accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an **abortion**? As always, we must persuade her with love... And we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts...”

– **St. Mother Teresa**

“The second commandment of the teaching: You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not seduce boys. You shall not commit fornication. You shall not steal. You shall not practice magic. You shall not use potions. You shall not procure [an] **abortion**, nor destroy a newborn child”

– **(Didache 2:1–2 [A.D. 70])**

“America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has shown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships.

- **St. Mother Teresa**

The day, in which people, frightened by the economic boom, from physical damages or from economic sacrifices, will lose the horror of the abortion, it will be the most terrible day for humanity. Abortion is not only homicide but also suicide. And with these people we see on the point of committing two crimes...do we want to show our faith? Do we want to save them?

--**St. Padre Pio**

“That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike!”

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”

– **Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270**

Source: <https://www.vaticansite.com/best-pro-life-quotes/>



Spring is in full bloom – God’s glory is all around us! If you want to help Immaculate Heart of Mary flourish, now is the perfect time to make the switch to eGiving. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift; you’ll be growing our ministries that share the Good News of God’s love. Your recurring gifts will sustain and strengthen our parish. You’ll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/DE719, or text ‘Enroll’ to 443-329-9611.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week 40-41

		Current Year
Offertory Collection -	4/3/2022	\$ 8,219
	4/10/2022	\$ 11,990
	Online Giving	\$ 21,043
Budget YTD		\$ 831,000
Actual YTD		\$ 874,298
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$ 43,298

Thank you for your generosity in helping to meet our parish expenses

IHM GOLF OUTING

Save the Date – Friday, September 23rd, 2022.

The IHM Golf outing, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Santa Maria Council and the IHM Athletic Association, tees off once again at the Ed Oliver Golf Club. Starting with a boxed lunch, afternoon golf will be followed by dinner and silent auction. All proceeds from the silent auction will go to the “Cool the School” fundraising initiative to air condition the IHM school.

BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright of Delaware will host its **Annual Mother’s Day Rose Sale** at our parish. Please support Birthright’s crisis pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Masses on Mother’s Day weekend, May 6th - 8th.

Roses cost:
 \$3/one Rose
 \$5/three Roses
 \$20/Dozen Roses
 \$40/Twenty-five Roses Bouquet



Your help will truly make a difference! Thank you. We deeply appreciate your support!! You can also make a donation to Birthright of Delaware in lieu of roses!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

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**April 26th-27th
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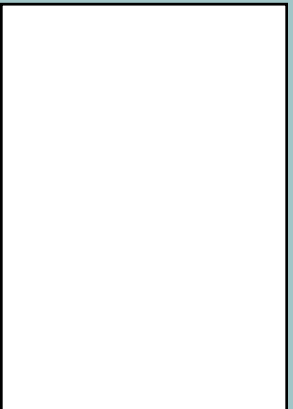
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