

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 10TH & 11TH

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-12pm

Tuesdays and Thursday: 9am-12pm and 2pm-4pm

Please call the office if you need to make an appointment outside of Office Hours.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00pm

Sunday Masses— 8:30am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Monday-Friday and First Saturdays

(All Masses are Live-Streamed on our Facebook Page as well)

To listen to Mass on the Radio from the Church Parking Lot:
88.5FM

CONFESSIONS

Every Day after each Mass and by appointment (703-4066).

Please speak with Father if you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)
DeaconRoy Dibb
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PARISH HALL RENTAL: To reserve the hall for a function, please contact the Parish Office 716-337-2686 .
For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.

Faith in Jesus

Resurrection has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those around us. All three readings show the transformative power of belief in Jesus' resurrection. Saint John tells us that we become children of God through this belief. Thomas acknowledges Jesus as Lord and God in the Gospel, and he and the other Apostles go on to create an ideal community by proclaiming his resurrection in Jerusalem.



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of April 11th
(C) Church**

Sat Apr 10th: *Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday*
4:00pm (C) +Pat Schmitt
By Pete & Sue Kehr

Sun, April 11th: *Divine Mercy Sunday*
8:30am (C) +Deceased Members of the LNOFD
By Langford New Oregon Fire Department
11:00am (C) +Tom Powenski
By Teresa and Family

Sun, April 11th: *Divine Mercy Sunday*
3:00pm (C) *Divine Mercy Hour*

Monday, April 12th: *Easter Weekday*
8:30am (C) +All Souls
By Parish All Souls Intentions

Tues, April 13th: *Easter Weekday*
8:30am (C) +Roy Hornberger
By Betty & Family

Wed, April 14th: *Easter Weekday*
8:30am (C) +Eleanor Avery
By Joanne & Ron Wittmeyer

Thur. April 15th: *Easter Weekday*
8:30am (C) +Edwin Gabel
By Sylvia Michalski and Family

Friday, April 16th: *Easter Weekday*
8:30am (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Sat Apr 17th: *Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter*
4:00pm (C) +Chuck Richmond
By Buddy & Patty Wittmeyer

Sun Apr 18th: *Third Sunday of Easter*
8:30am (C) +Alice Gates
By Charles & Corinne Leone
11:00am (C) +Rita Gabel
By Pete & Sue Kehr

The Sanctuary Candle in Church is lit this week for Dave Schmitz as requested by Joyce and Family.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel is lit this week for Edwin Gabel as requested by Nancy and Family.

Readings for the Week of April 11th

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
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/! Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



Weekly Collection (04/04): \$4,278.00
Collection Total for this Fiscal Year: \$83,748.09



Thank you to all who helped to celebrate Easter, including those who helped with the Liturgy, decorating, cleaning, and setting up the Altar.

Compassion Ministry

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the entrances of the church, or call the rectory. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise. *If you have a loved one on our list and they pass away, please let the parish office know.*

Vicky (Achtly) Alessi, Tony Andolina, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Tony Andolina, Ann Andzel, Elaine Bauer, Romie Lee Bettinger, Ernest Bracikowski, Christine Brown, Mary Jane Butzer, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Esther Dittenhofer, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Julie Emerling, Jason Galloway, Mary Gattie, Phyllis George, Art Gernatt, Mike Gernatt, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, Jeanne Hutchings, Jane Johnson, Tom Johnson, Daniel Kozub, Rose Kohn, Mark Kozub, Jean Luno, Irma Martin, Sara Mackey Dunn, Andrew Marconi, Lou Marconi, Diane May, Bob McNeerney, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Bonnie Redding, Andrew Remero, Pat Ricotta, Levi Rothfuss, Marland Schmitt, Wesley Schmitt, Keith Schmitz, Kathy Smith, Sr. Lucina Stang, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Donelle Thomas, Trisha Weiss, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland, Mike Winter.



Epiphany of Our Lord's Spring Breaded Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday April 18th 2021

11am-Sold Out

DRIVE-THRU TAKE OUT ONLY

Menu:

Breaded Pork Chops (from Three Star Restaurant)
Glazed Carrots, Salt Potatoes, Apple Sauce, Roll and Butter
Homemade Dessert

Tickets: \$12 each available from the Parish Office and Big Lou's Langford Superette and after each of the Masses (with 50/50 tickets)

Pre-Sale Tickets Must be Used by 1:30pm.



Please pray for the family and soul of John Diblasi who passed away on April 4th 2021.

Catholic Charities

Goal: \$9,984 Current Total: \$7,290

As we approach the midpoint of Appeal 2021, we would like to remind you that your support of the Appeal enables us to continue our efforts to improve the lives of those we serve. All old, your gifts helped us bring hope to 149,000 lives last year through Catholic Charities and helped the Diocese to support spiritual care and compassion through 14 Fund of the Faith programs. In the spirit of thankfulness, we share our 2021 Appeal prayer to Patron St. Ignatius Loyola: "St. Ignatius, help us to be grateful and generous, To give and not count the cost. To labor and not seek reward. To share God's love with our neighbors in need. To meet them where they are in life and let them know they are not alone. Help us to be poor in spirit- to realize our dependence upon God. And to do all things for the greater glory of God. We ask this in the name of Jesus through your intercession. St. Ignatius, pray for us!" (*Imprimatur: Most Rev. Michael Fisher*)

Thank you for helping us to be HOPE for all seasons.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which takes place on April 11th this year. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalski, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

To observe Divine Mercy Sunday properly, one thing we must do is go to confession, preferably before that Sunday. Think of this confession as the big annual "spring cleaning" time for your soul. Once your inner house is all cleaned up, you will be ready to receive the Lord Himself in Holy Communion and enthrone Him in the center of your heart as your King!

As St. Faustina wrote "Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy... I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it."

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

- 1) Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
- 2) Sincerely repent of all our sins
- 3) Place our complete trust in Jesus
- 4) Go to confession, preferably before that Sunday
- 5) Receive Holy Communion on the day of the feast
- 6) Venerate (perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect) the image of The Divine Mercy
- 7) Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th, we will hold a special Holy Hour at 3pm in the church with Adoration, hymns, psalms and prayer. Please join us!



Mission Yard Sale **May 21st & 22nd 8am-3pm** **May 23d 9:30am-1pm**

The Magic Mission Yard Sale is right around the corner!

Donations can be left on the Parish Hall Patio, starting May 1st. Please do not block the Hall doors when dropping off donation.

NO ELECTRONCS WILL BE ACCEPTED THIS YEAR!

Help Wanted for the Sale!

There will be an organization meeting on Monday April 12th at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

Any questions call Mary Richmond (337-3952) or Mary Linde (532-4109).



Mother's Day Memorials *New this year!*

Mother's Day Memorial envelopes can be found in the back of Church, and from the Rectory.

These memorials will be used for a Monthly Mass intention dedicated to all Mother's.

Divine Mercy Sunday Homily

The Gospel doesn't tell us if Thomas ever did put his hand in Jesus' wound, but that doesn't matter. Either way, he and the other Apostles received all Jesus had to give from his pierced heart: the gift of divine mercy that we celebrate today.

Here are the end of the Easter Octave, we're called to reflect on how divine mercy sums up the whole mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Notice how Jesus immediately greets the Apostles on that first Easter with peace, and shares his bountiful mercy— giving them his own power of forgiveness. It is the deepest truth God has shared about himself: he is mercy, he loves us even when we don't deserve it.

This is tremendously freeing. It frees us from worrying that we're not good enough to earn his love, from distancing ourselves from him out of shame for our sins and defects— as if we could ever hide them from him! Above all, it sets us free from the great sin of despair, of thinking that we're too far gone for God to save us. How could a human creature's mistakes outweigh the forgiveness of the infinite Creator?

When our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina Kowalski in the 1930s, he instructed her to paint what is now the famous image of himself with two rays coming from his heart, red and white for the blood and water that flowed from his side on the cross, with the inscription, "Jesus, I trust in you." The water stands for the washing away of our sins in baptism and reconciliation, the blood for the new life that we receive in the Eucharist. As our second reading tells us, it's Jesus, *the one who came through water and blood*, who has conquered the world.

God's mercy not only cleanses us from our past, it gives us a way forward. When we allow it into our hearts, it manifests in our works of mercy for others. The peace and mercy Jesus gives the Apostles comes with a command to go and share it: *As the Father has sent me, so I send you*. These men who has been hiding in a locked room then became such powerful witnesses to the Resurrection that they established a community unequalled in solidarity and generosity.

This may seem impossible to us because we know how weak we are. We may have as much difficulty as Thomas did in having faith in what Christ has promised us. And to truly love each other as God's children? To be *of one heart and mind* like the community of the Apostles, setting aside our own attachments to serve the needs of others? There are few things more difficult than this kind of sacrificial love. Yet Saint John insists that these commandments *are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God— that is, whomever has faith— conquers the world*. So let us fix in our minds these five words: Jesus, I trust in you.

What does the Mass do for us?

Thanksgiving— The Mass centers around the Eucharist— the "sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving" (CCC 1359). In thanking

God for his blessings, we recall demonstrations of his goodness, power, and love. This reminds us that there is a God who loves us beyond imagining. He doesn't need our praise, but we need to experience thanksgiving.

Sacrifice— When the priest offer the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine, Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary is renewed in an unbloody manner and made present for us again. At Mass, we can unite our own sacrifices to Christ's and offer them to the Father. (CCC, 1367, 1368).

Communion— Under the appearances of bread and wine, Jesus is really and physically present (CCC 1376). When we receive Communion, Christ comes to dwell in our hearts, to strengthen, heal, and love us. Communion unifies the whole Church in Heaven and on Earth (CCC 1370).

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