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**MASS SCHEDULE:**
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM  
Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
Rosary: Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 4:00–4:45 PM or anytime by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements are to be made in advance. Parent Baptismal Class and Sponsor’s Certificate are required. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before the wedding. Please contact the Parish Office before you set your date or reserve your hall.

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday–Friday 9:00 AM–5:00 PM  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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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.”  
—John 20:27

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, APR 19
8:30 AM Mass – Livestreamed

WEDNESDAY, APR 22
8:30 AM Mass – Livestreamed
10:30 AM Coffee with Fr. Dave via Zoom

FRIDAY, APR 24
1:00 PM Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave via Zoom

SUNDAY, APR 26
8:30 AM Mass-Livestreamed

Masses are livestreamed at www.divinewordkirtland.org

Q A
What does it mean to discern a vocation?

The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, meaning “to call.” A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God’s grace and witness to God’s love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God’s guidance. We listen for God’s message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.
I am just wondering how your Holy Week transpired. This will be a Holy Week we will most likely never forget. The empty pews were a difficult visual to comprehend. The lack of bantering before and after Mass is missing. Even the occasional child disruption would be more than welcomed. It is what we proclaimed on the night of the Easter Vigil, “God’s ways are higher than our ways, God’s thoughts are higher than our thoughts.” That makes me deeply reflect on what we can take from all we have experienced the past month. We have not had people in the church since March 16th. We have not stopped celebrating the liturgy during this time, but not having people present makes it difficult to give completely of ourselves.

Why do I say that? I truly believe there is power in gathering as a community to pray together and to offer ourselves along with the bread and wine and ask for a transformation in our lives. I am finding I need you here to make that a powerful reality. It helps us to say that we cannot do our faith alone. At some point we need to be present to one another. I recall going to Gethsemane monastery and praying with the monks who live a solitary life, yet throughout the day they gather in community to pray and to celebrate the liturgy.

I think back to October of 2016 through early May of 2017 being alone in isolation for almost eight months taking chemotherapy and going through recovery. Those were days of confinement and at times difficult moments of having just a few people around. What can we learn from all of this? I initially will say that God is asking us to reconfigure our priorities. Where is the strength of my relationships in life? This would include, spouses, siblings, parents, at work, friends, extended family, and God. In my confinement or distance from others can I grow in greater appreciation of who is important in my life?

There is always the struggle when it comes to relationships. What if there is a relationship that needs healing and mending? Can I conjure up the strength to at least pray for that person during this time. Have I ever taken advantage of one I should have loved better in my life? Has there been a person who has deeply hurt me? and I want to know God’s healing presence at this time. This is what silence does to us – it brings up the areas of life that are often avoided because we keep ourselves so busy. I cannot help but think that this time of physical distancing is a call to greater prayer and reflection. God in many ways calls us to Himself.

Even in their fear, the apostles, after the death of Jesus, find haven together. They are hunkered down in the upper room with the doors locked and any windows shut. They have intentionally shut themselves off from the rest of the world. They have imposed a personal confinement because their lives are on the line. They are regarded as criminals due to their association with Jesus. What are they to do? It almost seems they are in a no-win situation. If they leave, they will be caught and if they remain in confinement they will eventually be discovered.

When Jesus appears to them, he offers them what they need the most. He says it several times, “Peace be with you.” Their hearts and spirits are given the peace of the Risen Christ. I cannot imagine the joy this brought to his closest friends. Jesus has come true on his promise. He is risen and the apostles now must take in the reality of his resurrection. Their self-imposed isolation could not keep Jesus away! That is the good news for us. Our confinement has been imposed on us for obvious reasons, but can you imagine Jesus breaking through the walls of our personal isolations and desiring to stir up our hearts much like the stirring of his apostle’s hearts in the upper room?

We will continue to broadcast our liturgy on Livestream each Wednesday morning and Sunday morning at 8:30AM until the shelter in place restriction is lifted. This has been an unusual experience for me as a presider speaking into a camera and knowing you are on the other end. I am most grateful for your support of the parish through these difficult days. Thank you for joining us on Livestream throughout Holy Week and my hope is we will see you again on Wednesday and Sunday mornings.

Thank you to, Becky Harper, our Music Director for the music offered at our Holy Week liturgies. Thanks to Art and Environment for the beautiful decorations in the church. Thanks to our technical crew for our Livestream broadcasts. Thank you to our parish staff that works remotely but are keeping ministries going despite our confinement and distance. Thank you for all the e-mails, text messages, Easter cards, kind and supportive words, and your financial donations. Please know I am grateful for all that you do for us at Divine Word. My prayer is that we will be back in church soon! Have a great Easter Season.
FORMED.org
The season of Easter is a period of 50 days from Easter to Pentecost. It encompasses such major feasts as Divine Mercy Sunday and the Ascension. It is a time for joy and rejoicing. To learn more go to formed.org/signup, select your parish, register with your name and email address, check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED to access thousands of movies, programs, audio files and books.

Coffee with Fr. Dave
Join us on Wednesday, April 22nd 10:30 AM for Coffee with Fr. Dave! Do you miss seeing fellow church members, and miss being able to speak with Fr. Dave? Here’s your opportunity! Stop in for a warm beverage and a heart-warming experience. To participate, use this link: https://zoom.us/j/92286573638. Or, open Zoom and insert 92286573638 as the meeting ID. See you there!

Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave
Join us on Friday, April 24th at 1 PM for Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave! Join in the fun. To participate, use this link: https://zoom.us/j/94406383029. Or, open Zoom and insert 94406383029 as the meeting ID. See you there!

Facebook Page
Please continue to follow us and like us on our newly resurrected Facebook Page. Find the link on www.divinewordkirtland.org.

Four Seasons Book Club
The Spring season is upon us so let’s check out another good read. On Heaven and Earth presents a series of conversations from the man who became Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio and Rabbi Abraham Skorka. They share their thoughts on faith, family, prayer, guilt, death and many other topics. Both men sought to build bridges among Catholicism, Judaism, and the world at large. Hope you can join us Tuesday, May 12th at 7 PM in the Gathering Area to share your opinions, questions, likes and dislikes regarding the book. Please acquire it on your own.

Humor from the Caddyshack
Computer woes:
♦ You automatically add “.com” after your home address.
♦ You sink into depression when there’s no new mail in your mailbox.
♦ Your computer and all its accessories cost more than your car.
♦ You refuse to communicate with relatives who aren’t on social media.
♦ You have more friends on the internet than in real life.

Father Jim

Divine Mercy Sunday - Jesus, I Trust In You
The second Sunday after Easter is designated Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. He felt that immediately after Easter, while the Paschal mystery (passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ) were fresh in our hearts, we needed an opportunity to reflect more deeply on God’s great mercy manifested in the Resurrection. Let us pray and encourage all people to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet, that God’s mercy helps to console the suffering, give peace to the anxious and renew all people in their trust in the Lord Jesus.

"Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair not become despondent but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen"
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**Kirtland C.A.R.E.S.**

Kirtland cares and is here to help! Due to an outpouring of support and concern from residents and community organizations, The City of Kirtland has formed Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Response Team in an effort to help those most directly affected by the coronavirus, should an emergent need arise.

Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Community : Action : Resources : Education : Support

Reach out to City personnel at KirtlandCares@KirtlandOhio.com or if you can help with any of the following:

◊ Identifying people in need, especially the elderly.

◊ Donations of non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, basic first aid items.

◊ Provide hands-on assistance delivering necessary items and connecting with shut-ins.

Thank you!

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**Wedding Banns**

I and II Frank Germano & Amanda Perusek

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We know that some of you are unable to continue your prior support, and that’s OK! We know God will care for you and you will return to financial stability in time. And, please, if you or anyone you know is in need of help -- be it food, money to help cover expenses – or even a need for a phone call or connection, please call the office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.

I’ve been reading 2 Corinthians 9. Paul boasts about his flock in Corinth. Specifically, “For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians…”

As I speak with my business manager colleagues and staff in the Diocese, I try not to sound boastful, but you really are generous people! Generous in prayer, desire to help others, and in sharing your offerings. Paul continues:

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

I’ll end with another heartfelt thanks for your generosity and appreciation for your ongoing support.

Shari Allwood

Remember Our Sick & Suffering!


Please take a moment to lift these individuals up in prayer this week. Please notify the parish office when a name can be removed from the list. Thank You.

Please pray for the families of the recently deceased members of our parish:

Maureen Brennan
Carolyn Morley
Catherine Schneider
Robert Sovey

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!”

When we attend Mass, we turn to each other and say, “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into your St. Vincent de Paul envelope, you say, “Please be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

Komic Korner

2nd Sunday of Easter:

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