

ST. KIERAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 11, 2021: Divine Mercy Sunday



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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MALLIA'S MOMENTS

Happy Easter! Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Some people may not even know that there is a specific devotion attached to this day. They may have never even heard of St. Faustina or the fact that Jesus appeared to her giving her messages for the world and an image for us to reflect upon that reflects his divine love. But this day is far more than about a devotional prayer or an apparition. It is about the mystery of God's love and the experience of that love through God's divine mercy.

Take a look at today's Gospel for example. We hear how when Jesus had risen and appeared to those in the upper room, Thomas was not there and so when he is told about what happened, he does not believe. Now, before you jump up and scream, how could he not believe, realize all that was going on and I would venture to say most of us would not have believed either. When Jesus comes again, instead of yelling at Thomas, he seeks to help him move beyond the doubt. Jesus does not tell Thomas that he is no longer an Apostle. Jesus helps Thomas and all of us, grow in our faith and that is mercy.

Mercy is more than kindness. Mercy is more than just doing something nice. Divine Mercy and our participation in it, is about the manifestation of the God's love in the world. Mercy helps to heal and make whole. Mercy is about lifting up and not tearing people apart. Mercy is found in how Jesus forgave Thomas and Peter and Mary Magdalene and the prisoner hanging next to him and the woman caught in adultery and even everyone who took part in his death.

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Mallia's Moments

A Gospel reflection from Father Joe and an update on upcoming events happening around the parish

There is no true mercy unless it flows from the divine heart of Jesus for God is the source of all mercy; God is the source of all that is good. Is it any wonder that in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, we are taught to pray for ourselves and the whole world through the merciful gift of his sorrowful passion and even when we have reflected upon that, we are told to conclude by saying, "Jesus, I trust in you". For once we experience the mystery of God's mercy, our only resolution is to place our lives in the hands of the Lord and place all our trust in Jesus, the manifestation of all of God's mercy.

Things are happening and you should be a part of it!

1. The newly formed, St. Kieran Garden Club is meeting on Wednesday April 7th at 7 pm. If you are willing to help make our grounds look better, we need your help. Several people have been creating plans for many areas around our church and the work is about to begin, but workers are going to be needed. If you can help, let us know by either coming to the meeting or by calling the office to let us know that we can count on you. More details about the exact date of the planting will be made at the meeting and we will keep you informed.
2. We have most of our plans finalized for the May 15th Bike Blessing. Families and individual riders are welcome to come that day. We are fortunate to have the cooperation of the Wolverine Sports Club and the Shelby Township Police that day. All are welcome as is this is a community wide event and not limited to our parish families. If anyone has a contact with any motorcycle groups, they too are most welcome. Please invite your family, neighbors or anyone you know to attend. We will start with the blessing at 10 am and have various activities for all who attend. The event is free to all who want to attend. Pray for good weather that day.
3. The Silver Rose is coming to our parish on April 8-10. The rose commemorates the miracle of the roses given to St. Juan Diego by Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is one of eight roses blessed by Pope Francis and the roses are making their way to Mexico for the feast on Dec.9th. We are very fortunate to be hosting the Silver Rose and we are encouraging people to take time while it is here to pray for a greater awareness among all people about the sanctity of all life.
4. Plans are still moving forward for our co-ed kickball league that will start this summer. We are looking at a six-week season to start after the Fourth of July weekend. The probable dates are on Wednesday nights July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4 and 11th, with games starting at 7pm. Teams must be co-ed and there must be at least two girls in the field at all times. You will be able to form your own teams or ask to be put on a team. Anyone who has graduated high school onwards is eligible to play. I could still use some help in organizing the program. If you are interested in helping me, I would greatly appreciate it.
5. This year, we will be having a parish revival weekend on September 10, 11 and 12. The goal of the weekend is to reengage people and reconnect people with their parish. It is our hope that by that point, most of the restrictions will have been lifted.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE REQUESTING PRAYER

Names will remain on our sick list for 6 weeks. After 6 weeks contact the Parish

Office if you wish to place the name back on the list. Names will remain on our military list for 1 year.

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Kathleen Brest
Frances Burnett
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Spenser Horwedel—AF
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Rick Kwasnik—N
Daniel Otten—A
Joseph Pellerito— CG
Capt Steven Pickett—M
Jacob Risner—A
Patrick Roberts—A
Scott Socia—AF*

As we celebrate this second Sunday of Easter 2021, my heart is filled with joy for two very important reasons. First, my son Michael married the love of his life, Noelle, on April 10th. It was a glorious day and a wonderful celebration of the gift of love and companionship our God provides us in Holy Matrimony! May the Lord pour out His blessings on my son and daughter-in-law as they begin their new life together! The second reason for the great joy I am experiencing this weekend is the celebration of the great gift of God's Mercy!



As I reflect back to the year 1978, I remember the joy and surprise felt by many, when it was announced that the Polish Cardinal Archbishop of Krakow, Karol Wojtyla, was our new Pope! It was a thrill to have a rather young 58-year-old man as the successor of St. Peter to shepherd the Catholic Church. Not long after that, the church – indeed the world – was given a very special gift; something that Pope John Paul II held very dear even from the earliest days of his priesthood. The Mercy of God – His Divine Mercy – was presented to us in a new and more tangible way! His second encyclical “Dives in Misericordia” (Rich in Mercy) published in 1980, described the mercy of God as the presence of a love which is greater than any evil, greater than any sin and greater than death. In it, he calls on the Church to devote itself to pleading for God's mercy for the whole world.

Then, on April 30, 2000, during the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kowalska, the Pope made another surprising declaration: “It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called “Divine Mercy Sunday.” Often referred to as the Pope of Divine Mercy, John Paul II understood it to be “the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers humanity at the dawn of the Third Millennium.”

Exhorting all of us to join our voices to Mary, Mother of Mercy, and St. Faustina, “who made her life a hymn to mercy,” and directing us to “sing the mercies of the Lord forever” (Psalm 89:2), he ended the homily with these words, “And you, St. Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of Divine Mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred, and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood.”

Devotion to Divine Mercy is the strong and clear mandate given to the Church in St. Faustina's revelations. In her canonization to sainthood we see the fulfilment of this mandate. By canonizing her, the Church itself has established Divine Mercy as today's devotion for all. As we fix our gaze with Pope St. John Paul II on the face of the risen Christ this day, let us make our own prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope, Jesus Our Risen Lord, I trust in you!

Hope to see you at Mass!

Peace, Deacon Russ

MALLIA'S MOMENTS *(continued)*

Friday night we will have a prayer service/concert in the church. It has been a long time since we have been able to sing and praise God and so we are going to take the opportunity to do just that. Saturday will be filled with fun events that will include Faith Formation registration, a parish ministry fair, a pet adoption event, we are hoping to have food trucks here and a family movie out on the lawn in the evening. On Sunday, weather permitting, we hope to have the 11:30 mass outside followed by the annual picnic, a live band, games and a petting zoo and pony rides. Should be a fun weekend for all. Your help with any of these events would also be appreciated.

There is a lot that is and will be going on. Your active participation is greatly appreciated, but more importantly, we should be mindful that all that we are doing is in response to the call to build the kingdom of God in the light of the Resurrection. In other words, it's our role in the world. I look forward to meeting more of you, working with you and sharing the joy of God's goodness with you. Have a great week. Happy Easter!

Living Faith

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:
 Faith Formation is in need of catechists for next year! Contact Rose@stkieran.org for more information.
 Also: need catechists and coordinators for the 9:30am on Sunday morning KIDZ Connection session: Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade



ENCOUNTER
GROW
WITNESS



52 SUNDAYS ...

Take Time to Chat—
 Sometimes people call the apostle Thomas, “Doubting Thomas.” Why do you think he got that nickname?
 What would it be like to see Jesus alive, after he died on the cross?
 Why do you think it’s hard for some people today to believe in Jesus?
 During his life, St. Irenaeus exposed false teachings about Jesus. Do you think there are any false teachings about Jesus today? Why or why not?
 Family Fun—Build a Fort—
 After Jesus’ resurrection, the disciples gathered in the Upper Room. Create a gathering space of your own by building a fort at home. You can build it with blankets, pillows, cardboard boxes, etc. Hang out and play games, tell stories, or imagine what it was like for the disciples in the Gospel today.

T.O.R.C.H.

Parish-Wide Event



April 21st OR April 22nd
 6:00pm-7:00pm
 OR
 7:15pm-8:15pm

Come and celebrate Earth Day!

You MUST sign-up through the “Sign-Up Genius” link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A49ABAF2DA2F49-april>

ALL Faith Formation Families are required to attend.
 Questions, please contact the Faith Formation Department
 (586)781-6515.

The Gospel For All Ages...Family Catechesis

Take the Challenge!

Acts 4:32-35; First John 5:1-6; John 20: 19-31



Eye Has Not Seen
 They say seeing is believing. But if you’ve ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that’s not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.
 The Apostle Thomas, who couldn’t bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He’s not believing the hype. He’s going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.
 Would any of us be any different? We’ve all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven’t seen it with our own two eyes?
 That’s when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.
 It’s easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, “you didn’t believe the testimony of your friends!” But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves? Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can’t be seen with the naked eye.
 — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



CALLING ALL MEN!

Men's Retreat

When: April 16th-April 18th

Where: Capuchin Retreat Center

Cost: \$200.00

Theme: "Blessed be God in all His Designs"

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Contact Chris Corneau for more information at (248) 941-9291.



SKY
Saint Kieran Youth

On Palm Sunday, some SKY members with some family, met at the Capuchin Retreat Center to participate in the Outdoor Stations of the Cross. It's always somber to remember the "step" Jesus took in his last hours. Thank goodness for Easter Sunday and all of the hope and glory that brings.



SKY meets Sunday, April 11 from 7-8:30. All teens are welcome. Join us. Any questions about SKY, please contact Jenny Greuling (Youth Minister) at 586-781-5759 ext. 119

Verso L'alto
Saint Kieran Young Adults

Join us for our next get together on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Blessed Solanus Casey Room. These gatherings are open to anyone ages 18-40. You do not need to be Catholic. If you are a committed follower of Jesus, or just looking for an evening of intellectual stimulation and meeting people, you are welcome. Feel free to come alone or bring friends. Please R.S.V.P to let us know you will be attending. Also, start brushing up on your kickball skills. St. Kieran plans to start a kickball league this summer for anyone out of high school. It will be co-ed and non competitive. We are looking for volunteers to help with scheduling, planning, and refereeing. Are you a Catholic young adult looking to connect with others? Do you have ideas about getting Catholic young adults together and finding a space for them? Please contact Jenny Greuling, Young Adult Coordinator, 586-781-5759 ext.119 .

A.S.K.S.
Active St. Kieran Seniors

- ◆ This Monday, April 12 at 2:00 pm, seniors can gather in the Carlo Acutis Room for "Monday Movie with Munchies". St. Kieran will provide the safe distance seating, movie, and munchies. Masks are required. This Monday's movie is Green Book. "Green Book is a 2018 American biographical comedy-drama buddy film Set in 1962, the film is inspired by the true story of a tour of the Deep South by African American classical and jazz pianist Don Shirley and Italian American bouncer Frank 'Tony Lip' Vallelonga who served as Shirley's driver and bodyguard." If you would like to join us, please call Jenny to reserve a seat.
- ◆ Monday, April 19 at 2:00 pm is Games in the Blessed Solanus Casey Room. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.
- ◆ Thursday, April 22 at 12:30 pm is "Lunch Around the World" at the Polish Century Club.
- ◆ Monday, May 4 at 11:15 am is "Drop in Golf " at Cracklewood Golf Club.

Any questions, please contact Jenny Greuling, Senior Adult Ministry 586-781-5759 ext. 119 or jenny@stkieran.org.

Christian Service Matters

Christian Service: the act of doing things for God with a willingness in the heart.



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY AT SS. JOHN & PAUL – APRIL 24

SS. John & Paul is hosting an electronic recycling day on April 24, from 10 am – 2 pm. The parish is located at 777 28 Mile Rd in Washington Township. Please contact the parish directly if you need additional information, 586-781-9010

Divine Mercy Celebration will take place at Saint Andrew Church, at 2pm, on April 11. We will be reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration, Benediction, Blessing of the Image, and time for Veneration of the Image. Hopefully, after a long year of the pandemic, we can close it with His Mercy, and come together once again and celebrate New Beginnings!! We will still be observing mask, and distancing .



Stewardship Reflections

Pray. Share. Give.



“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” - ACTS 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.



Knights Corner

The Face of Mercy (Narrated by Jim Caviezel) Since his election to the papacy, Pope Francis has inspired millions by urging us to embrace mercy, ultimately revealed in the face of Christ. Now comes an extraordinary new film on this powerful message that brings hope, healing, and forgiveness to a broken world. Narrated by Jim Caviezel, The Face of Mercy explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy in our turbulent times. Watch its story unfold, from an unpretentious Polish nun who experienced powerful visions of a merciful God, to her countryman Saint John Paul II who propelled the message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage, and the Year of Mercy bestowed upon the Church by Pope Francis. Filmed in stunning 4K and seamlessly weaving together theology and history with modern testimonials and visual effects, this stirring film creates a remarkable tapestry of what constitutes the face of mercy in our modern world.

Meet the woman who found freedom in forgiveness after seeing her family wiped out by genocide; the former-NFL linebacker who walked away from football to share Christ's mercy with the homeless; the baseball player who traded MLB ambitions for the monastery; the priest with a drug-dealing past, and the young widow who chose mercy towards her husband's killer. These moving testimonies will remind us all that Divine Mercy is not just a devotion of the past or some abstract theology—it is alive, it is present, and it will transform the world.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It contains scenes of war and historic violence. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

Received the Sacrament of Marriage

Michael Ortisi and Noelle Wiley

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
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WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021
TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
WHERE: CHURCH

Come to an evening where your questions will be answered. You can ask anything about liturgy, prayer, moral questions, etc. Our goal is to simply provide a trustworthy forum for dependable Catholic guidance and information, so go ahead and ask your questions. . . . Open to ALL ages.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION(S) AHEAD OF TIME, PLEASE SEND IT TO SUSAN WEYLAND AT sue@stkieran.org.

We ask that you kindly wear a mask.

For more information, please contact
Susan Weyland
at (586)781-6515 extension 112.

Aquinas College Visit Days

Aquinas College welcomes high school seniors to our inaugural Accepted Student Day on Saturday, April 17 and prospective sophomores and juniors to campus for our upcoming AQDays on Friday, April 16 or Friday, May 7. Experience firsthand what it means to be a Saint! Events include an overview of the college and a campus tour. See our mission in action and how small is indeed mighty! Details and registration can be found at aquinas.edu/visit.

A Stewardship Reflection - Spring



The queen of seasons, *spring* is virtually synonymous with rebirth. Creation stirs from its winter slumber and bulbs push expectantly through the soil. Flowering trees explode with delicate pink and white blossoms and a pale green haze blurs the dark branches of the hardwoods. From the beginning of time, this graced season has gladdened our hearts and renewed our hope. The winter is past, the snow is gone, and now is the time for pruning and planting.

New life springing forth from the barren earth and fresh green leaves sprouting from seemingly lifeless twigs are powerful reminders that God offers us a chance to be born anew. This is an opportunity to begin again. The loving Creator, who designed and sustains all life, has given us all that we have and are. Over and over again, He graciously invites us to share His life and participate in the joy of His creation. How amazing! We cannot refuse such an invitation.

As Christian stewards, spring begins with the somber self-examination of Lent and culminates in the celebration of the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. During these days of spring, we are invited to focus on our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Do I devote a share of my time – God’s time – to prayer? Can I relinquish my hold on the good things I enjoy – those good gifts God has given me – by fasting for a time? Do I spend some share of my efforts and monetary resources on those who are less fortunate?

When our spring days are spent practicing good stewardship of God’s gifts, then Easter shall bring newness of life filled with much joy. May this season of grace find us made new and may our discipleship bloom with good stewardship.

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE—APRIL 17/18, 2021

Day/Time	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Mass Intentions	Jack, Mary Lou & Tom Roberts by the Betz Family Connie Wilkelis by Kathy Burke	Jerry Schroeder by Harry & Jo Kunnath	Barbara Pascoe by Jim & Jennifer Berry	Ed VanOverbeke by his wife Joann & Family
Music	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned
Lectors	Maria Kayser Ken Mehr	Mary Phil Rose Roger Quitter	Joe Riggs Paula Ziegler	Monica Thimm Tom Valentine
Altar Servers	Team 6	Team 7	Team 8	Team 9

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

APRIL 12-16, 2021

Monday 7:00 pm Mass	Sharon Schuetz by George Schuetz
Tuesday 8:00 am Mass	
Wednesday 8:00 am Mass	Souls in Purgatory by Margarite Prendushi
Thursday 8:00 am Mass	
Friday 8:00 am Mass	Kathy Legeret by James & Suzanne Souva Lawrence MacDonald by the Pomorski, Pilarski & MacDonald Families

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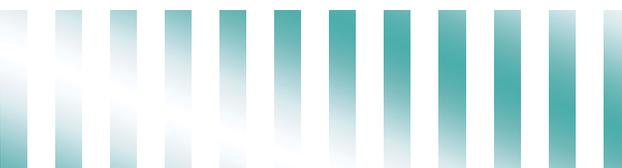


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Daily Readings for the Week of 4/11

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
Psalm 118: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting
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
Psalm 4: Lord, let your face shine on us

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