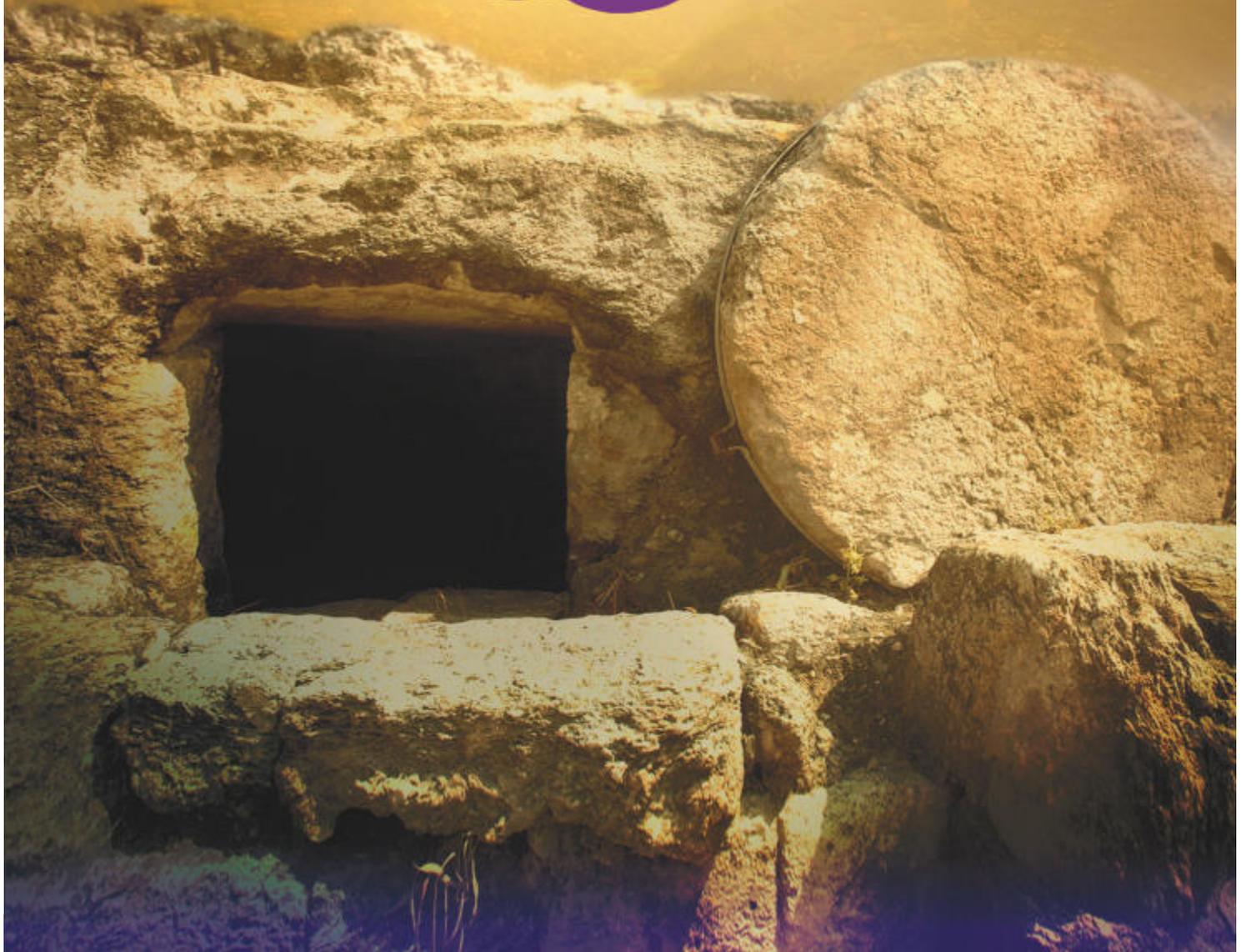


EASTER SUNDAY

the
Resurrection
of the
Lord



ST. MARK PARISH



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Alleluia! Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior is Risen! May each one of us, and the entire human family know the joy of Jesus' resurrection, the abundance of His life, the healing of His grace, the peace of His presence, and the blessing of His love. While still in the shadow of global pandemic, we boldly announce to the whole world that Jesus broke the chains of sin, death, sickness and fear – giving us strength to embrace our worries with renewed hope and trust in God's providential care. For over a year we have endured the pain of loss, confusion, and uncertainty, as we "buried" ourselves behind locked doors of isolation – a tomb more deadly than a gravestone. In this prolonged "Lenten season" we have been joined to Jesus's suffering, and now we are emerging to share in the newness of life in His resurrection. "We know that Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him" (Romans 6:9). In the same way, "death" in its various forms has no power over us! **We are alive in Christ Jesus!**

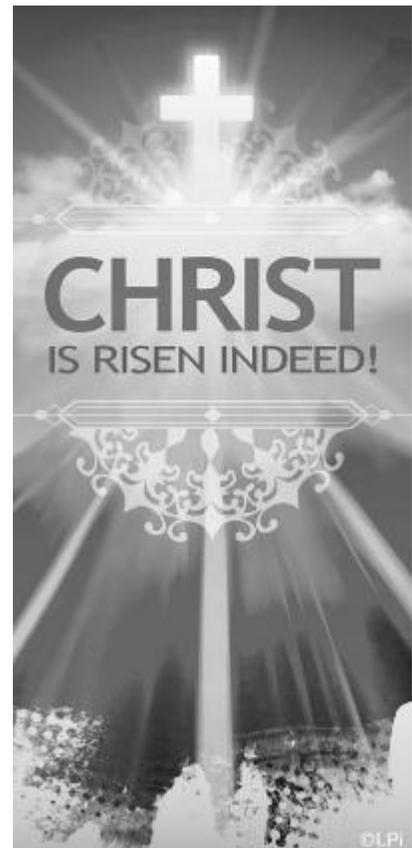
We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the Feast of feasts, just as the Eucharist is the Sacrament of sacraments." St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria in Egypt, calls Easter "the Great Sunday." The resurrection of Jesus fills the whole universe with brilliance of light, and infuses the entire liturgical year with the splendor of redeeming grace. By a tradition handed down from the apostles, the Church celebrates the Paschal mystery every Sunday – the Lord's Day. The experience of the resurrection of Jesus is especially visible in the transformed lives of our brothers and sisters who have been fully initiated into the life of Christ at the Easter Vigil. St. Mark Parish is blessed to welcome into our community Daniel Cutlip, who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We are grateful to Deacon Brian and Therese Marz for providing catechesis and spiritual guidance. We thank Dan's beloved wife Joan for sharing her lively faith, and steadfast encouragement. Joan and Dan have been inspiring us through their prayerful presence and generous service for over two years. We thank you for bringing into our midst your shining example of love, caring, and friendship!

In Christ abundant Life,
Fr. Stanley

MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish, we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News."

(Mark 1:15)

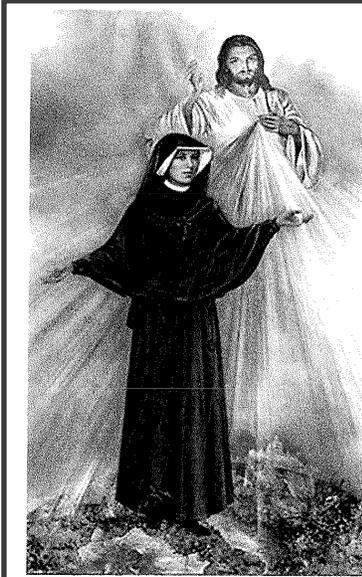


Sunday of Divine Mercy

Saturday, April 10, 4pm

Sunday, April 11, 8:30 am and 11 am

APRIL 4, 2021



Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Faustina Church

14025 Twelve Mile Road

Warren, MI 48088

St. Faustina Parish is hosting Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11, 2021.

The afternoon will begin with Adoration at 12 Noon, Confession at 1:00 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet and Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. Please join us.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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Our Pastoral Team prays that the promise of Christ's glory bring happiness and blessing to you and your loved ones.

Happy Easter!



LIVE THE LITURGY

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.

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Everyday Stewardship A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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THE WORD

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3



Saturday, April 3

8:00 pm Christine Mixen
John Joseph Airlie
Ray & Patricia Kusza
Nola & Patrick Wernette
Stephanie Witkowski

Sunday, April 4

8:30 am Christine Cohurt
Robert Grigg
Vince Roodbeen
Ray Elliott
Jackie Loch
Eleanor Madajczyk
11:00 am Nancy Peterson
Ray Kusza
Christine Kohut
Christine Mixen
Mary Taylor
George Elliott

Wednesday, April 7

9:30 am The People of St. Mark

Saturday, April 10

4:00 pm Aloysius Schwartz
Herbert Dempz
Isabelle McLaughlin
Cecelia Dempz
Frances Szpont
Ester Stevenson
Blevins Family

Sunday, April 11

8:30 am Emily Ozimek
Paul & Veroncia Pataky
Khoshaba Slaiwa
Aaron Prillwitz
11:00 am Ray Kusza
Argyro Zannis
Linda Galindo
Frank Suwienski

ST. MARK OUTREACH



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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile-believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return — to "seek what is above." What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

Gospel:

Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection focuses on the women's discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

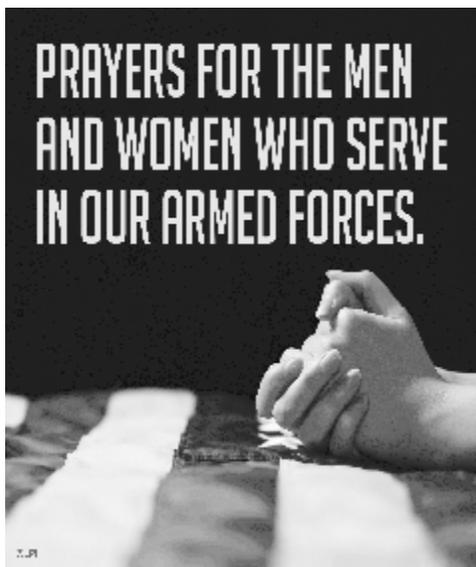


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Only immediate family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.



WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:

Sr. CPO Michael Brightman

Lt. Commander Adam Craig

LCPL Sarah J Page

Sgt. Steven Parisi

Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us.

Amen.



POPE TWEETS

"During these days, the Church enters into the great meditation of the Lord's Passion. The suffering Christ is present in the person of the poor, the excluded, the sick, the hungry, those who bear the mystery of the cross with Him #HolyWeek"

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (March 29, 2021)

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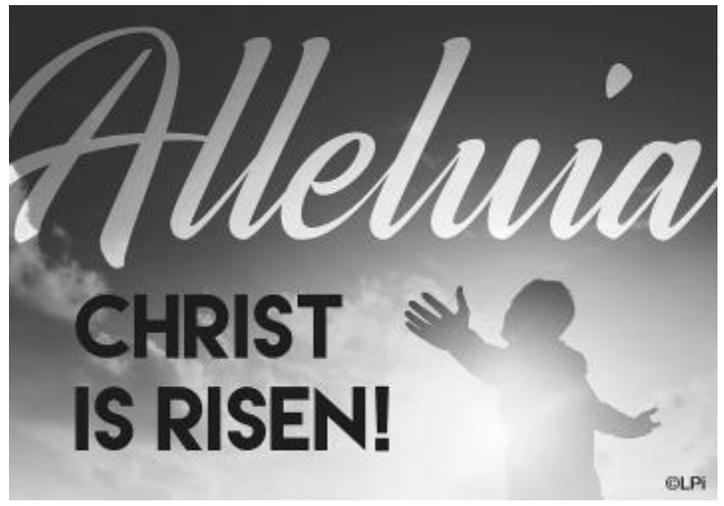
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MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

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