

April 11 (Divine Mercy Sunday) and April 18 (Third Sunday of Easter)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER



On this feast of Divine Mercy, today's responsorial psalm repeats three times, "His mercy endures forever." In the gospel reading, Jesus embodies the mercy of God, drawing near to those who had abandoned him in his greatest suffering with the words, "Peace be with you." Jesus does not rebuke the disciples for their lack of faith or wait for them to seek him out. Instead, he passes through the doors they had locked out of fear and greets them as friends. For their part we are told, "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

Where is God calling you to extend mercy to others?

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (April 18)

TRUTH

"We bear witness to God's raising of Jesus from the dead." A witness experiences facts and tells the truth. Jesus explained the law, the prophets, and the Psalms. Today truth demands that it be preached to all the nations that those who repent are forgiven. Credibility differs: some are trustworthy, others are not. Becoming credible witnesses takes practice. Today you witness the Paschal Mystery. How do you proclaim Christ Jesus? *Be a credible witness!*

SANCTUARY LIGHT

April 11 – Bertha Wagner
April 18 – Dale Tunny
April 25 – Allie Walke

MASS INTENTIONS

April 10 – Jeanne Schene
April 11 – Gary Stier
April 17 – Charles Simon
April 18 – Andrew Niese
April 24 – Allie Walke
April 25 – Lucille Simon

3/23/21-4/5/21 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$8690.00
Easter Collection	\$1020.00
Easter Flower Collection	\$ 308.00
Holy Land Collection	\$ 214.00
Home Mission Collection	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvement Donations	\$ 650.00

Thank You For Your Recognizing the Gifts God Has Bestowed on You!

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS – *"The disciples had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him."* (Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2020)



LOVER OF PROPERTY – Joseph could count on nothing in this world to be his stay. Neither his trade nor property were employed in his first years as father of the Divine child. He had to abandon all that was his and provide for them in whatever way was possible as they were on pilgrimage to Bethlehem, to Egypt, and finally to Nazareth.

THANK YOU – A word of THANKS to our Liturgy Committee members who decorated the church so beautifully for the feast of Easter and all the Sundays of Easter! Alleluia!

CONFIRMATION – Candidates will meet on Sunday, April 11, to discuss the topic of The Trinity. On April 18, they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive on Saturday, April 24, 11:00 AM.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool through Grade 5 will meet on Wednesdays, April 14 and 21, 6:45 PM.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes will be held on Sundays, April 11 and 18, 8:30 AM.

ONE FINAL CHANGE – FINANCE MEETING: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Finance Committee meeting has been changed to **Thursday, April 29, 6:00 PM.**

PARISH COUNCIL: Members of the Parish Council will meet on **Thursday, May 6, 6:00 PM.** Thank you, and no more changes!

RUMMAGE SALE – The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for **May 7 and 8.**

WHEN GOD GIGGLES – More churches lately have been resurrecting the early church tradition of celebrating the second Sunday of Easter as Holy Humor Sunday, affirming the season’s joy. Here are a few of “God’s Giggles.”

- Easter is a time when it’s perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.
- Knock Knock. *Who’s there? Hatch. Hatch who?* God bless you.
- What should you do after eating so many Easter treats? *Eggs-ercise!*
- Why shouldn’t you tell an Easter egg joke? *It might crack up!*
- An irate subscriber called the newspaper, demanding to know where her Sunday paper was. “Ma’am,” said the employee, “today is Saturday. The Sunday paper isn’t delivered until Sunday.” After a brief pause, the caller spoke with a ray of recognition: “So *that’s* why no one was in church today.”



**SPIRIT OF LOVE,
DESCEND UPON THEM!**

- Katelyn Bedel*
- Machaela Cobler*
- Cassidy Harmeyer*
- Ben Miller*
- Nick Miller*
- Emma Newhart*
- Caleb Simon*
- Cloey Simon*
- Kayla Simon*
- Clare Spreckelson*
- Kaitlyn Wagner*

***CONGRATULATIONS AS YOU
RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION ON APRIL 24!***

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS – Is there an area in my heart and life where I need Jesus’ healing? Am I confident in God’s power to raise me up out of my weakness?

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – Early 20th-century Ethiopian Emperor Menelik II had an unusual habit: When he felt sick or uneasy, he would eat a few pages of the Bible. He was feeling especially sick after suffering a stroke in 1913, so he ate the entire Book of Kings. A few days later, the emperor died of an intestinal blockage caused by the paper. (The Joyful Noiseletter, via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE)

CEMETERY GUIDELINES APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 31
(MOWING SEASON)

+ There is a limit of two (2) memorial items allowed per plot and within the confines of the stone. Items are not to be placed anywhere in the grassy area of the plot. Examples include anything that inhibits mowing or trimming, such as statues, planters, rocks, seats, solar-powered lights, etc.

+ Flags may be placed on graves Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Flag Day, and Veterans Day. Flags are subject to removal by the Cemetery Board within ten (10) days after the holiday.

+ By the end of April, please clean up around your family site. Anything left unattended or unsightly will be disposed of.

****Please observe these guidelines so that we must not remove items from your loved one's grave. Thank you!**

Clarity's vision is a culture where every human life is valued and celebrated as a gift from God. This vision drives all that we do. **Ministry Orientation** is a great first step for those who want to learn more about Clarity, how they can get involved and what serving at Clarity looks like. Additional training opportunities are then available for those who feel called to pursue volunteering. Here are the specifics:

Ministry Orientation | Monday, April 19, 6-9 PM | Memorial Baptist Church | Columbus

Learn about the history, mission & vision as well as the various volunteer opportunities available throughout the organization.

*Ministry Orientation is a prerequisite for Clarity Pregnancy Services/Testing Clinic Training.

Client Services Volunteer Training*

Instead of meeting as a group, Volunteer Training is now available on an individual basis. Please contact 812-378-4114 for details!

**This training is for those wanting to directly serve clients as receptionists, client advocates and/or medical assistants at Clarity Pregnancy Services or Clarity Testing Clinic.*

To register for Ministry Orientation, please contact us at 866-510-5067. Thank you for your partnership in our vision where every human life is valued and celebrated as a gift from God! For more information, contact Susan Ricke, Clarity Liaison, at 812-614-2342.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DRIVE-THROUGH CHICKEN DINNER – St. Nicholas Parish on April 18, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, or until sold out. **MORE CHICKEN & TURTLE SOUP WITH LESS WAIT TIME!** \$10 Dinner (four-piece chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans), \$6 for Half Chicken, \$12 for Whole Chicken. Famous mock turtle soup (\$5/qt. or \$20/gal.) Turtle Tickets, \$20 each with three chances to win (\$2,000, \$500, \$250). Shaded picnic tables available for those who wish to eat on campus. Address: 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman. License #002580.

ST. NICHOLAS EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE – Come be immersed in the LOVE & MERCY of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the Eucharistic Healing Service on Tuesday, April 20, at St. Nicholas Church in Sunman, IN, Father Shaun Whittington presiding. Confessions begin at 6:30; praise & worship music at 6:45; and the service at 7:00 PM. Soaking Prayer will be offered.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION – St. Nicholas Catholic School is now enrolling students in grades K-8 for the 2021-2022 school year. Enrollment forms can be found online at <https://school.stnicholas-sunman.org/student-registration>. Please call the school office at 812-623-2348 to set up an individual tour or to speak to Mrs. Sherri Kirschner, the school principal, about enrollment, tuition, and scholarships.

MOVIE SHOWING – Greendale Cinema will host the movie *Roe v. Wade: The Untold Story* on Saturday, April 24, at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$10.00. (A portion of that will be used as a fundraiser for the Pregnancy Care Center of SE Indiana in Lawrenceburg.)

Purchase movie tickets in advance (online at <https://tinyurl.com/roemovietickets> or in person at Greendale Cinema) to reserve your seats. Space is limited. You may purchase your tickets the day of the showing, but seats are not guaranteed.