

# April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



*On this Divine Mercy Sunday today's readings are filled with praise and thanksgiving specifically for the gift of mercy that brings us salvation. Each reading leads us to become less conscious of ourselves and more conscious of God's mercy collectively and individually.*

*We are reminded that we are the hands and feet of Jesus. We are meant to share the gifts bestowed upon us. To live out the character of Christ is, among many things, to live in a state of thanksgiving for God's redemptive mercy. This is accomplished by heartfelt sincerity and virtuous acts. Ablaze with God's love and passion, we are called to pass along the peace and love conferred to us through Christ.*

*On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us as a community of faith and as individuals circulate mercy, to pay it forward. (Excerpts from Mischa Geracoulis, "Celebration")*

## SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Canadian cartoon artist Mike Baldwin shows us a new place to hide out from the boss. Among his series of imaginary vending machines Baldwin draws an office lunchroom with a machine providing hot coffee on one end and a variety of snacks offered in the center section. The opposite side features a large door which opens into a step-in booth. Above the bill insert slot on that door it read: "15 minutes, \$5." The two characters in this comic are a man hiding and cautiously peeking out from inside the booth while an angry boss presumably looks for that employee.

The disciples had no lunchroom vending machine booths in which to hide. They had to flee to a place behind locked doors. Jerusalem was dangerous, and they were afraid for their lives. After Jesus' brutal crucifixion the disciples were fearful that the same fate could await them. The authorities may have wanted to eliminate all Christian threats once and for all. Then Jesus appeared in the midst of his disciples. He calmed them with his greeting: "Peace be with you." (Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration)

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., April 26	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., April 28	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. April 22	4 PM	Mark & Julie Eckstein
Sun. April 23	10 AM	Don Gilland
Sat. April 29	4 PM	Allie Walke
Sun. April 30	10 AM	Alexander Veerkamp

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday - April 29 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Bill and Janet Deller

Mark and Rosemary Lunsford

*Servers:* Neal Bohman, Kayla Simon

*Cantor:* Brooke Payne

*Lectors:* Terry Harmeyer, Elizabeth Hermes

*Euch. Ministers:* Roseann Wirth, Bill Deller

Janet Wagner, Janet Deller

### Sunday - April 30 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* Kurt and Shannon Kuntz - *back*

Greg and Amy Kinker - *back*

David and Jodi Meister - *side*

*Servers:* Rosie Newhart, Spencer Johnson

*Cantors:* Gene and Patty Simon

*Lectors:* Brooke Weisenbach, Amy Kinker

*Euch. Ministers:* Cindy Weisenbach, Jane Pictor

Vicki Wagner, Sharon Miller

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2367.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 40.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 724.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3131.00
Holy Land	\$316.00
Easter Offering	\$1690.00

May God bless you!

**STEWARDSHIP** – Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do *I* need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn April 23 through April 30 for Charles and Lena Billman.

**HOLY WEEK** – Thank you to all our liturgical ministers who served in any capacity during our Holy Week services. A special thanks to **our servers** who performed their duties so well. May the Risen Jesus bless you with the gift of peace and joy!

**CONFIRMATION** – Pray for our Confirmation candidates during these last days of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7, 2:00 PM at St. Mary's, Greensburg.

**MEETINGS** – Priests and PLCs will be attending a Business Meeting in Greenwood this Tuesday. We also have a Deanery Meeting on Thursday.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Members of the Board of Education will meet Sunday, April 30, 8:30 AM.

**AED DEVICES** – Now that we have two AED devices, we need to generate a list of parish members who are currently AED certified and would be willing to assist during a cardiac emergency. If you qualify, please sign the form in the entryway.

An AED certification course can be offered at the parish at no cost for those interested in becoming certified. Please sign the form for the certification course if interested. An announcement will be made of the date and time for the course.

We are accepting donations for these devices.

**RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, April 26, 6:45 PM. The last meal will be served this evening.

Grades 6 through 11 will meet next Sunday, April 30, 8:30 AM.

**RUMMAGE SALE** – Martha and Mary's Circle is having their annual rummage sale Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6. Donations of good clean clothing, plants, and household items are needed. We can no longer accept the old-style television sets or mattresses. Help is always needed to sort and organize before the sale (Sunday-Thursday), to work at the sale, and to box up and clean at the end on Saturday. Please call Roberta Bohman, 812-852-4356, if you can help!

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – As a boy I heard this story in church.

A man was patching a pitched roof of a tall building when he began sliding off. As he neared the edge of the roof he prayed, "Save me, Lord, and I'll go to church every Sunday, I'll give up drinking, I'll be the best man this city has ever known."

As he finished his prayer, a nail snagged onto his overalls and saved him. The man looked up to the sky and shouted, "Never mind, God. I took care of it myself."

How true of us. (Richard Paul Evans, *The Walk*)

*Be merciful,*  
**JUST AS YOUR FATHER**  
*is merciful.*  
LUKE 6:36

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

- A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. ([thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org))