



# MERCY ALIVE

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
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Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,  
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom,  
alleluia.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY APRIL 6

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass

### SUNDAY APRIL 7

7:00 am.....Mass  
9:00 am.....Mass  
10:30 am.....Mass  
12:00 pm.....Mass  
6:00 pm.....Mass  
7:00 pm.....High School Youth Group

### MONDAY APRIL 8

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm.....Catholics in Recovery  
7:00 pm ....SVDP Meeting-*St. Jerome*  
7:00 pm.....KC Officer Mtg-SVDP Rm

### TUESDAY APRIL 9

8:30 am ....Rosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*  
9:00 am ....Called By Faith-PAC  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
3:00 pm ....Middle School Bible Study-JPII  
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass & Novena  
7:00 pm ....Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 10

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:00 am ....Magnificat Morning Prayer-*St. Jerome*  
11:30 am ....Courageous Women-*St. Jerome*  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
7:00 pm.....Choir Practice  
7:00 pm.....All Are Welcome

### THURSDAY APRIL 11

6:00 am ....TMIY-*St. Joseph & Mary Our Mother Rm*  
8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
12:30 pm.....OWLS Luncheon  
6:30 pm ....High School Bible Study - *JPII House*

### FRIDAY APRIL 12

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:30 am ....Moms and Tots  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass

## On the Cover

*Sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, Michael Griggs celebrates his complete initiation into the Catholic Church as he receives the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pictured with his sponsor, faithful Mercy parishioner, Kelly Walker.*

## Campus Safety

Please do not leave your purse or any valuables visible on the seats or floor of your car. Place all of your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle in order to avoid anyone who might be tempted to do something the Lord would not want them to do. It is recommended that you do not give cash to anyone soliciting money. This only encourages repeat behavior and is somewhat fearful to those in the Adoration Chapel and the elderly. If you want to support the needy, then give to the St. Vincent de Paul Society where your generosity will surely help the poor and hungry.

## Little White BOOKS

Little White Books, a collection of daily Easter reflections are now available in the church office for \$1 each.

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Parish Maintenance Fund

## Prayer LINE

For Prayer Line requests, contact:  
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Ms. Carroll Benedetto at [wlb14@aol.com](mailto:wlb14@aol.com)



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

# **DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK**

This is a wonderful week to pray in joy at God's merciful love for us, and for the unending forgiveness we are offered. We know we have done nothing to deserve that forgiveness and that we cannot earn it, and yet it is ours, if only we can accept it.

Over and over this week, we are invited to place our trust in God. The ever-human disciples didn't always put aside their fears, and neither do we. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors until he appears in their midst, inviting them not to be afraid.

This might be a good week to spend time with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives which keep us locked up away from others. We can ask Jesus for the courage to trust in him. What would it cost us to let go of the fears that smother our lives? What would it mean for our lives and for the relationships in our lives if we were willing to let go of "the way we have always done things" and to beg Jesus for help? Our lives can change. We have a standing offer from our Lord to fall into his forgiving embrace.

Dear Lord, it feels impossible to believe that my life can change, that I can move out of this rut I am in. I know I don't always live my life feeling your love and being my best self. Help me to trust in you, to drop my defenses and to feel how deeply I am loved and forgiven by you. Give me the courage to feel it in my heart when you say, "Don't be afraid" and "Peace be with you." I so long for that peace in my life but it feels so far away sometimes. Help me to believe in you, to drive away the doubts and unbelief that harden my heart.

I know my life can change, if only I can say with all my heart, "I trust in you, Lord. I believe in your mercy and I know that with your help, my life can be healed."

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Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.

# WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

This article appeared in the May 2011 issue of U.S. Catholic  
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The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in you” at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.”

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina’s visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God’s mercy, the call to accept God’s mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus’ own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: “I [Jesus]

desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy.”

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The message is nothing new for Catholics, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and Tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we too must show mercy and forgiveness. In the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God’s love is unlimited and available to everyone - especially the greatest of sinners.

The message of Divine Mercy is that God loves us - all of us - no matter how great our sins. 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, sharing His joy. The devotional practices revealed through St. Faustina were given to us as “vessels of mercy” through which God’s love can be poured out upon the whole world.



## MERCY FAIR NEWS



# MERCY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- FRIDAY APRIL 26

5:00 OPENING CEREMONIES  
5:30 FAIR OPENS  
7:00 WEREWOLF  
9:30 GAMES CLOSE  
10:00 LAST CALL FOOD AND BAR  
10:30 FAIR CLOSSES

- SATURDAY APRIL 27:

10:00 FAIR OPENS (RIDES AND GAMES)  
11:00 FOOD AND BEVERAGE OPEN  
2:00 DAVID ST. ROMAIN  
12-4 PM BINGO  
7:00 CHEE-WEEZ  
9:30 GAMES CLOSE  
10:00 LAST CALL FOOD AND BAR  
10:30 FAIR CLOSSES

- SUNDAY APRIL 28:

11:30 FAIR OPENS  
12-3PM BINGO  
12:30 TALENT SHOW  
2:30 JOVIN WEBB DUO  
3:00 RAFFLE DRAWING  
3:30 CRAWFISH BOIL  
5:00 FAIR CLOSSES

## PARISH LIFE



*A Ministry for Individuals with Special Needs and Their Families*

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**Wednesday, April 10th**  
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APRIL 7TH: DINNER AT 5:30PM, GAME AT 6PM,  
SUNDAES AT 7PM

**PARISH LIFE**

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## PARISH LIFE

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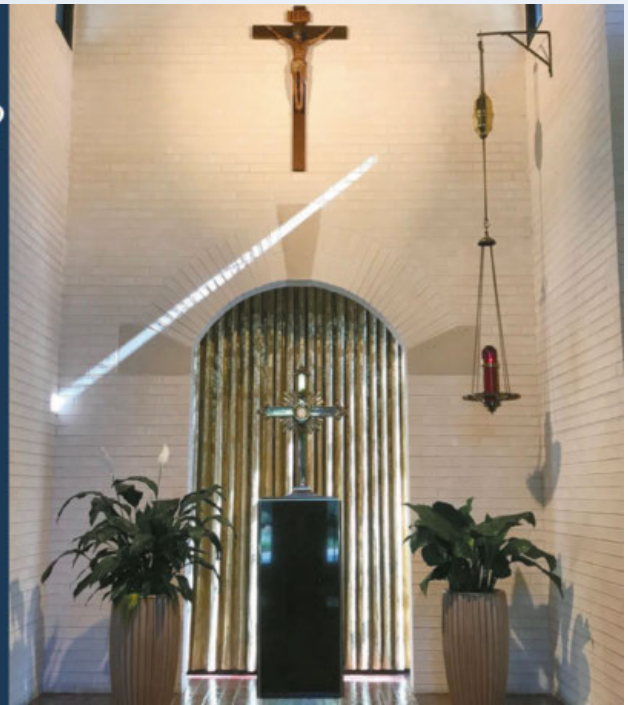
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Saturday, 4 PM, 6 PM, 11 PM

Sunday, 2 AM

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**PARISH LIFE**



OUR LADY of MERCY

# PARISH EGG HUNT

**Family fun with face painting, prizes, and a picture with the Easter Bunny!**

**When: Saturday, April 6th 10-11 am**

**Who: Toddlers - 3rd Grade**

**Where: Mercy Football Field**

\*rain option Mercy Arts Center



# IN REMEMBRANCE

## Mass Intentions

### APRIL 13, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Francis Xavier Le / Sandy Roppolo  
 4:00 pm ..... Clyde and Violet David / Ann Thibodeaux / Joann Landry / Lane Laborde / Juanita Metz, Michael McDonald & Keith Giurintano / Barbara Guidry / Anna Casso / O'Neil Parenton / Ethel Sexton / Peggy Werner / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Patrick McGuire / April Schaff / Howard Kidder, Jr. / Joan Roberts / Lynn Roberts / Keely Cassano Anderson / Anthony & Victoria Danna, Ludrich & Zane Doiron / Jerry & Billie Fakouri / Daniel & Nelta Jarreau / Jason Ward / Paul Burton / Diana Miller / Tom Nolan / Vita Pocrelo / Aimee Planchard / Francis Comeaux / Parker Romero / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** All Priests / Shannon Cormier and family

### APRIL 14, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Jason Ward  
 9:00 am..... Bernice Healy / Nicholas Cascio II / Hallie Pfefferle / April Schaff / Keely Anderson  
 10:30 am... Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Anna Casso / Michael S. DiVincenti III / Steve Michel  
 12:00 pm... Charles Bourgeois / Clint LeGrange / Johnson Kadair  
 6:00 pm ..... Wayne Watson / Marie Capone / Bob Murthy / Margaret & Estin Young / Debbie Donaway Young

### APRIL 15, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Tymofi Oparyk / Ben Wood  
 12:00 pm... Joseph Patrick Terrell / Antonio & Margaret Bologna

### APRIL 16, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Kurt Bertrand  
 6:00 pm ..... Francis Xavier Le / Hazel Duxbury / Fr. Mark Beard / Bernice Healy / Mollie Helm / Olivia Frank Lamonica / O'Neil Parenton / Politz & Territa Families / Bourgeois & Gautreau Families / Shelly Maggio / Wayne Watson / Eleanore Henley / April Schaff / Jerry Crifasi

### APRIL 17, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Debbie Gwin / April Schaff  
 12:00 pm... Mary Bowman / Sandy Roppolo / Special intentions: DeLage and LeJeune Families

### APRIL 18, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** The Pfefferle & LaHaye Families  
 12:00 pm... Peggy Gebhart / Florence Degruy

### APRIL 19, FRIDAY

8:00 am..... **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The Ferachi Family intentions  
 12:00 pm... Rissler-Trent Families / Francis Xavier Le / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Aimee Planchard / Vito Impastato / Timothy Parenton / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Holly Jarreau / Joan Roberts / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** JoAnn Impastato

## Sanctuary Light Memorials

The sanctuary light in the church burns this week in loving memory of

**Betty Scurria**

The sanctuary light in the Adoration Chapel burns this week in loving memory of

**Paul Catalanatto**

## In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Leo Berggreen**
- **George Embaugh**
- **Susie Vincent**
- **Charles Tullier**
- **Wade Labat**
- **Bob Greer**

## MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux	Jason Martin
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Francisco Castellanos	Anthony & Betsy Pizzolato
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Randy Craig	Margarita Santos
Pete Crifasi	Ann Soike
Jack Crittenden	Jim Seidule
Ted Donaldson	Jim Thompson
Nicholas Foster	Bart Tullier
Brett Gianelloni	Dana Vidrine
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As you plan for your family's future needs, consider the option of cremation and burial at the Garden of Peace Memorial Columbarium. The Mercy Columbarium Garden of Peace is open to all parishioners and non-parishioners, Catholic and non-Catholic.

Columbarium niches are available in two sizes - each cremain niche holds a space for two persons. They are \$5800 for a small niche and \$8500 for larger niches.

There is no greater gift one can give to family than planning final arrangements that fulfill one's specific wishes and take the burden off of others. We would love to discuss the Columbarium with you on the phone or in person. Schedule your appointment today!

Call the Church Office to make your appointment: (225) 926-1883

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# MASS SCHEDULE & TIMES

## WEEKDAYS

MASS TIMES:

M, W, Th, & F: 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

Tues: 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

RECONCILIATION:

M - F: 45 minutes prior to Mass

## SATURDAY

MASS TIME: 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION: 3:00 - 3:45 pm

VIGIL: 4:00 pm

## SUNDAY

MASS TIMES: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

NURSERY: 9:00 am & 10:30 am (PAC)

PRE-SCHOOL

BIBLE CLASS: 9:00 am & 10:30 am (PAC)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

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### Weekend of April 13th & April 14th

4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Jamin	Fr. Jamin	Fr. Milano	Fr. Russo	Fr. Jamin
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The complete Ministry Schedule is published on our website at [www.olomchurch.com](http://www.olomchurch.com).

Called to serve? Contact Deacon Grant to volunteer for liturgical ministry.

\*These liturgies are celebrated without incense.

The Sunday 10:30 am Holy Mass can be found on WBRZ+; [olomchurch.com](http://olomchurch.com); and [youtube.com/olombr](http://youtube.com/olombr).



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FRIDAY..... 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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## Communications

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