April 8, 2018
Divine Mercy Sunday

Readings: pgs. 238-241
Ordinary of the Mass: pg. 873 Missa de Angelis (5pm and 11am); pg. 850 Missa Simplex I (8am)
Prayer of St. Ambrose: pg. 1000

Vidi Aquam (@11): pg. 840
Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants...(pg. 927 #81)
Entrance Hymn: That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright #60
Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
Creed: Credo I (only sung at 11am) pg. 896

Offertory Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #122
Communio: Bring your hand, and feel the place of the nails...(pg. 928 #83)
Communion Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing #66
Communion Motet (11am): O Bone Jesu-Palestrina
Marian Antiphon: Regina Caeli #61
Recessional Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia #69
**Saturday April 7th**
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass *(Jim LeMay+)*
6:00pm - “St. Mary’s Salutes” Recognition Dinner (FH)

**Sunday April 8th**  **Divine Mercy Sunday**
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass (~ St. Mary & St. Cyril Parishioners)
9:00am - PSR classes
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass ~ *(Amparo Aguilera+)*
12:00pm - Confirmation class
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass *(Curtis Robertson+)*

**Monday April 9th**  **The Annunciation of the Lord**
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass *(Healing of the sick)*
6:30pm - K of C General meeting (FH)

**Tuesday April 10th**
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass ~ *(Elizabeth Swarm+)* Adoration After Noon Mass today until 6:00pm
5:30 pm - Vespers (C)
6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)
6:30pm - Scouts

**Wednesday April 11th**
10:15am - CGS Atrium (MC Basement)
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass ~ Extraordinary Form *(Jim Altman)*
5:30pm - Vespers (C) Adoration will begin after noon Mass today through Thursday evening @ 6:00pm.

**Thursday April 12th**
10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass *(Robert Altmann+)*
5:30pm - Vespers (C)
7:00pm - A & R General meeting (MC)
8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)

**Friday April 13th**
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass ~ Extraordinary Form *(Deceased members of the Altman, Denee, Stone and Martin Families)*
5:30pm - Holder/Hoag Wedding rehearsal (C)

**Saturday April 14th**
3:00pm - Holder/Hoag Wedding (C)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass *(Beatrice Hill)* Scout set up for Pinewood Derby after wedding (FH)

**Sunday April 15th**  **Third Sunday of Easter**
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass *(Triumph of Immaculate Heart of Mary)*
9:00am - PSR classes
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass ~ *(St. Mary & St. Cyril Parishioners)* Scouts Pinewood Derby (FH)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass *(In Thanksgiving to our Lady of Mt. Carmel)*

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Food, Clothing and Prescription Medication Assistance
Hours of Operation:
Wednesday & Thursday
9:00am - 3:00pm (816)252-8649
(Please call for an appointment)
*Donations of food & clothing may be brought to the Ministry Center (Monday - Thursday)

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Readings for the Week of April 8, 2018


**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**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

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**Please Remember These Parishioners and Friends in Your Prayers:**

Patty Rittel, Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Betty Underwood, Annie Moran, Ruth Stewart, Alice DeMoss, Patrick Holloway, Jeff Gray, David Barrett, Gary & Doris Riebel, Amy Salva, Ngo Ke Hun, Bobby Snook, Annette Lindsay, Andrew Wilcox

**Please Pray for Our Military Men & Women:**

SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)

Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele - Korea, (Nephew of Ken & Karen Klingele)

Cpl Trevor Melton - Camp Pendleton, CA (Grandson of Marilyn Pontalion)

Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf)

Command Chaplain

SSGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC (Grandson of Jean Wilcox)

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We, as individuals and as a parish family, have the opportunity to participate in a wonderful program to "spiritually adopt" one unknown baby for the next nine months. Each of us can pray for our child that he or she will be carried to term and experience the fullness of life, as God intended.

Please take a prayer card placed at each entrance of the church and pray the very brief prayer daily for your "adopted child". While this child may remain unknown to us, God knows who the child is. Therefore we ask that you name your child in order to stay focused on the reality that your prayers are helping to keep an actual unborn child safe. Tear off the bottom perforation on the prayer card where you have written your baby's name and place it in the basket at the church door.

At the end of the nine-month period we as a parish will celebrate the "birth" of our spiritually adopted babies with a baby shower. All gifts collected at the shower will be donated to a local pregnancy resource center to help mothers in need.

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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jennifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JenniferValenti@att.net. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
In the Shelter of His Divine Mercy  By Sister Joanna Marie

This week we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This beautiful feast crowns the Octave of Easter, taking place on its last day. On this day, and throughout the year, Our Lord wishes to pour out His merciful love upon us.

The devotion to the Divine Mercy comes to us from the revelations given to us by the Polish Saint Maria Faustina Kowalksa (1905-1938). In her famous Diary, Saint Faustina relates how Our Lord appeared to her urging her to share the message of His Divine Mercy with the world. One thing Our Lord requested was that an image be painted to reveal this message. Quoting His words from the Saint’s Diary:

“Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47).”

Jesus also explained the meaning of the image:

“The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299). By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).”

“Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter...” is my favorite part of this quote. When I pray, especially in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, I try to remember that I am in the shelter of those rays. I also sometimes picture bringing the people I am praying for into that light. Jesus literally pours His Divine Mercy out upon the world from His pierced side! His Mercy is limitless! On this day, specifically, He offers great graces.

“A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!);

A partial indulgence, granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation.” --Decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_trib_appen_doc_20020629_decree-ii_en.html

Let’s all be sure to accept the beautiful gift of these graces! And let us never forget to pray, “Jesus, I trust in You!”

St. Mary’s Altar and Rosary Society would like to thank everyone for helping and donating at our recent blood drive. We were able to provide 12 units of blood to help people in need. We appreciate your continued support. ~ Thank you so much!

The Father John A. Hardon, S.J., Basic Catholic Catechism study group will meet next on Monday, April 16th at 10:30am

Thank you to all who made contributions toward our Easter Flowers.
Easter Flower Memorial: Adrienne Hukill in memory of Erica Robles
Easter Flower Contribution: Ralph & Janet Howe
FEATURED CDs OF THE MONTH

Can You Trust God?: Since the fall of our first parents, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the love that God the Father has for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions that God is quick to anger, that the God of the Old and New Testaments are different and that God doesn’t have a merciful heart for us. You will see that you can trust our heavenly Father, who is truly one with his Son.

Love+Sacrifice+Trust: He Showed Us the Way: Fr. Mike Schmitz shares important insights on the meaning of Christ’s cross. He shows how God’s rescue mission for us includes the need for each person to embrace his own cross in order to reestablish trust in the Father and the understanding that love requires sacrifice.

Please visit our CD kiosk at the front of the church. We have many great topics on CD about the Catholic faith. We ask for a nominal donation of $3 for each CD.

In the St Mary’s Parish Lenten tradition of Increase – Increase in our Faith, and in our Charity. St. Mary’s Families Raised Over 2000 Cans / Items!

On behalf of the Outreach Board of Directors and the Knights Columbus, Thank You for your support and increased charity.

Altar & Rosary News

Thank you! A big thank you to those that helped to clean and prepare the church for Easter! Your help was greatly appreciated. Many hands make for light work and that was very evident as we were done in record time of under two hours! This could not have been done without our wonderful volunteers. Many thanks!

Bunco Ladies Night It’s back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28th, 6:00 p.m. This is a great time for fellowship and to learn about the Altar & Rosary organization. You do not need to be a member to participate. All ladies are welcome. Cost is $5.00 per person. Cash prizes. Please bring a treat to share, sandwiches will be served.

General Altar & Rosary Society Meeting & Circle meetings

The next General Altar & Rosary Society meeting will be Thursday, April 12th, 6:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Please note time change.

The Guild will meet on Wednesday, April 18th, 1 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

Circle 6 will meet on Wednesday, April 26th, 6:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center Please note time change.

St. Mary’s Outreach Center News for February 2018

For the month of February, we assisted 86 families with food for a total of 382 people of which 139 were children and 37 were elderly. 1,156 items of clothing were given to 118 families. We assisted 1 person with prescription assistance. 15 packages of diapers and wipes were given. Thanks to our volunteers who put in 291 hours in support of our services. As always, thanks to all of who have made donations during this month.

Join St Mary’s Parish This Saturday evening, April 7th From 6 – 8:30 pm in Fitz Hall as We Honor and Recognize the Achievements, Efforts and Succescesses of Those Within Our Church $7 Dinner ($5 with 4 Canned Items for Friar Benjamin of the Franciscans) Assorted Beverages and Freewill Cocktail Bar ~ Kids Menu ~ Kids 12 and Under Free

Proceeds to Benefit Religious Life at St Mary’s: Filiae Laboris Mariae & Seminarian Kendall Ketterlin