

**SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**April 7, 2024**

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR THE  
ST. LOUIS PARISH DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION!**



“I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.” —St. Faustina’s Diary 699

## PASTOR NOTE

**Divine Mercy Parish Celebration:** Sunday, April 7, 2:30pm Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction, 3:30 dinner from Los Ranchitos, followed by family and kids' activities, adult social time, and wonderful door prizes.

**Special Thanks:** Our parish enjoyed a beautiful Holy Week and Easter celebrations. These celebrations required a lot of extra work by our office staff. I am grateful for how they helped make our celebrations so magnificent. I am also grateful for the large number of volunteers who helped with our celebrations. I thank our musicians, servers, lectors, sacristans, decorators, EMHC's, party coordinators and money counters. All of you helped our parish offer praise to God over these holy days. Thank you.

### **The Apostles: Witnesses of the Resurrection**

The Gospels recount the events of the Apostles seeing Christ risen from the dead, even many times. They ate with Him, spoke with Him, touched Him and were amazed to see one who was once dead, now fully alive and glorified. The Apostles watched as Jesus ascended into Heaven. Immediately, before His departure, Jesus commanded them to go out to all nations proclaiming the mysteries of the Gospel. Each, individually, went out to the world and fulfilled Christ's command. Eventually, each one, except St. John, suffered martyrdom.

Their martyrdom underscored the reality and truth of Christ's Resurrection. Immediately after the Resurrection, people spread the rumor that the Apostles stole the body of Jesus and then proclaimed Him to be alive. This idea has continued throughout the ages. This idea of stealing the body of Jesus does not square up with the martyrdom of the Apostles. It is completely illogical to believe that one would suffer such horrible martyrdom in order to support a lie. This is especially true when considering that each was martyred separately. It is illogical to believe that one of the twelve would not have succumbed to disclosing that they had stolen the body of Jesus. Instead, each embraced death as a witness to the Resurrection. Finally, each apostles' tomb has been honored throughout history. The details of their martyrdom and tombs are different. Some are well documented, others less verifiable. But, all of their tombs are honored today. Listed here is a simple description of their martyrdom and location of their tomb. Their tombs continue to be visited and honored today. Their martyrdom and honored tombs support the reality of Christ's Resurrection.

### **12 Apostles, Death and location of Tomb**

St. Peter. Crucified upside-down. St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.  
St. Andrew. Crucified. Amalfi, Italy.  
St. James the Greater. Beheaded. Santiago de Compostela, Spain  
St. James the Less. Stoned. Church of 12 Apostles, Rome.  
St. Philip. Beheaded. Church of the 12 Apostles, Rome.  
St. Thomas. Speared. Chennai, India, and Ortona, Italy.  
St. Bartholomew. Flayed alive. Benevento, Italy, and Rome.  
St. Jude. Beaten by clubs. St. Peter's Basilica, Rome  
St. Simon the Zealot. Sawed in half. St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.  
St. Matthew. Speared. Salerno, Italy.  
St. John. Natural causes. Ephesus, Turkey.  
St. Matthias. Crucified. Trier, Germany.

**Stations of the Resurrection:** We are all familiar with the Stations of the Cross prayed throughout Lent. We are less familiar with the Stations of the Resurrection. These focus on the different events of Christ's 40 days between His Resurrection and Ascension. Enclosed is a prayer sheet for praying the Stations of the Resurrection. I encourage you and your family to take time and pray these stations throughout the Easter Season. Copies are also available near the doors of the Church.

**The Spiritual Life:** Excerpt from *The Spiritual Life* by Adolphe Tanquerey, Desclée and Co., Belgium, 1951.

Beginners must also choose for the subject of meditation all the positive duties of the Christian: 1) General duties of religion towards God, of charity toward the neighbor, of mistrust of self on account of our helplessness and wretchedness. What will impress the beginners most will be the external acts of these virtues; but this will be a preparation for the more perfect practice of the same virtues in the illuminative way. 2) Particular duties, according to age, condition, sex, state of life. The fulfilment of these duties will prove to be the best kind of penance.

Since grace plays an all-important role in the Christian life, beginners must be gradually instructed in this doctrine. The spiritual director will explain to them in a familiar and easy way the doctrine of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our souls, of our incorporation into Christ, of sanctifying grace, of the virtues and of the seven gifts. At first, no doubt, they will grasp but the mere elements of these great truths, but even the little they will understand will not fail to exert a powerful influence of their spiritual formation and their spiritual progress. It is when we think of what God has done and incessantly does for us, that we are prompted to further generosity in His service. We should not forget that St. Paul and St. John preaches these truths to pagan neophytes who were but beginners in the spiritual life.

Then it will be easy and practical to propose Jesus as the model for true penitents. Jesus condemning Himself to a life of poverty, of obedience and of toil that He might be unto us an example Jesus doing penance for us in the desert, in the Garden of Gethsemane, in His cruel passion; Jesus dying for us upon the Cross. This series of meditations, presented to us by the Church in the yearly cycle of the liturgy, will have the advantage of making us practice penance in union with Jesus with greater generosity, with greater love and hence with greater efficacy.

### Parish Staff

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### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.  
[stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com](mailto:stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com) | 815-303-2330

### Mass Intentions

Monday, April 8 *The Annunciation of the Lord*  
7:00am +Ray DeMay by Dan & Cynthia Tracy

Tuesday, April 9 *Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter*  
5:15pm +Don Carlson by Joanne Stocking  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 10 *Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter*  
7:00am +Deb Funfsinn by Steve & Colleen Harmon

Thursday, April 11 *St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*  
5:15pm +Cassidy Swanson by Jim & Linda Carter  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, April 12 *Friday of the Second Week of Easter*  
7:00am +James Patrick Thomson by Carol Pendgraft

Saturday, April 13 *Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Easter*  
4:00pm Healing for Cathy Trowbridge by Marcia Obenhaus

Sunday, April 14 *3rd Sunday of Easter*  
7:30am People of the Parish  
9:00am +Kristina Giehl by Tom & Vicki Giehl  
10:30am +Romeo Leda by Reynato & Anita Magsino

### *Rest In Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
*Mary Sims*  
and for consolation for her family

*Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her soul. May her soul, and the souls of all of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen*

### **THE LITURGICAL CORNER**

The basic symbol for Christ in a Church is the altar. The significance of the altar is quite important from a spiritual point of view. This is for several reasons:

- The altar is a place for a sacrifice. One of the prayers of the Mass says of Christ that He made Himself “the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of Sacrifice.” In other words, the altar, at one and the same time, is a symbol for Christ who is both doing the offering (through the ministry of the ordained priest) and at the same time is the one offered.
- The altar, because it is also a table, is a place for a meal. Here we feast on the Body and Blood of the Lord. Because this banquet is a sacred banquet, the altar is decorated with lit candles, because Christ is the light of the world.
- The altar is shown special reverence: it is kissed by the priest and deacon at the beginning and end of Mass; it is often incensed; a bow is made to the altar everytime someone passes in front of it.
- Though no longer required by Church law, altars traditionally had a special stone set in the center, appropriately called ‘the altar stone.’ This stone had five crosses etched into it, reminiscent of the five wounds of Christ, and also had relics, traditionally of the martyrs, set into the stone.

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4pm Saturday, April 13th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden  
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson  
 Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus  
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson  
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

### 7:30 am: Sunday, April 14th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*  
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Tom Jagers  
 Lectors: Mary Murphy  
 Sacristan: Lori Atilano  
 Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey

### 9:00 am: Sunday, April 14th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Dominic Vasquez  
 EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Pat Galassi-Carlson  
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
 Lectors: Steve Harmon  
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jiim Whiteaker

### 10:30 am: Sunday, April 14th

Altar Servers: Brennan Roden, Sylvie Viger  
 EMHC: Linda Carter, Tim Taylor  
 Lectors: David Roden  
 Sacristan: Linda Carter  
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

**EMHC Homebound:** Cindy Behrends 9/N  
 Pat Galassi-Carlson 9/S

**EMHC for Nursing Home:** Mary Beth Crowe - Liberty;  
 Lynn Delaney - Hawthorne; Mandy Robinson - Aperion;  
 Nancy Scoma - Greenfield



## Altar & Rosary Society

**CHANCE TO WIN! \$2000**  
**\$10 per ticket—Drawing May 5th**

**Please see a member for tickets  
 or contact Mandy Robinson**

## MAGI BABY CHEST



Our next distribution will be Saturday May 4th 9AM to 12PM! Thank you to all who support the Magi Baby Chest!

We are in need of volunteers to work on our 1st Saturday distribution days from 9AM to 12PM. You will not be required to work every month, only when you are able. It is a lot of fun and a good way to boost your morale! Men, that means you too! Please contact Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray if you're interested.

## ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

### MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI	7:00 AM
TUE, THR	5:15 PM
SAT	4:00 PM
SUN	7:30, *9:00, 10:30 AM

**First Saturday Devotion** 7:00 AM

\*SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook (when a volunteer camera operator is available)

### RECONCILIATION

TUE, THR	4:00—4:50 PM
SAT	3-3:45 PM

Or, by appointment. Call or email Msgr. Kruse to make an appointment. In order to maintain privacy, he will be in the confessional a few moments before the arranged time. 309-634-5822 | jameskruse1996@gmail.com

### HOLY HOUR

TUE, THR	4:00 PM
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**PRIVATE PRAYER:** The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— Contact the Parish Office for access code.

## STEWARSHIP

### Church Monetary Support Through March 24, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>6,439.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 311.00)

### Through March 31, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>3,720.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 3,030.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 270,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>274,858.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 4,858.00

<b>EASTER:</b>	\$ 5,931.00
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<b>HOLY LAND:</b>	\$ 1,396.00
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### Readings for the week of April 7th

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31  
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9/1 Jn 2:1-5/Lk 24:35-48

## PARISH CELEBRATION

# DIVINE MERCY *Sunday*

April 7th 2:30pm



**THIS SUNDAY!** Adoration will be at 2:30pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction. Dinner will be at 3:30 pm from Los Ranchitos, followed by family and kids' activities, adult social time, and wonderful door prizes!

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come." ©LPi

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# BLOOD DRIVE

[BLOODCENTER.ORG](http://BLOODCENTER.ORG)

Thursday, April 18th 2pm—7pm  
Harkrader Hall

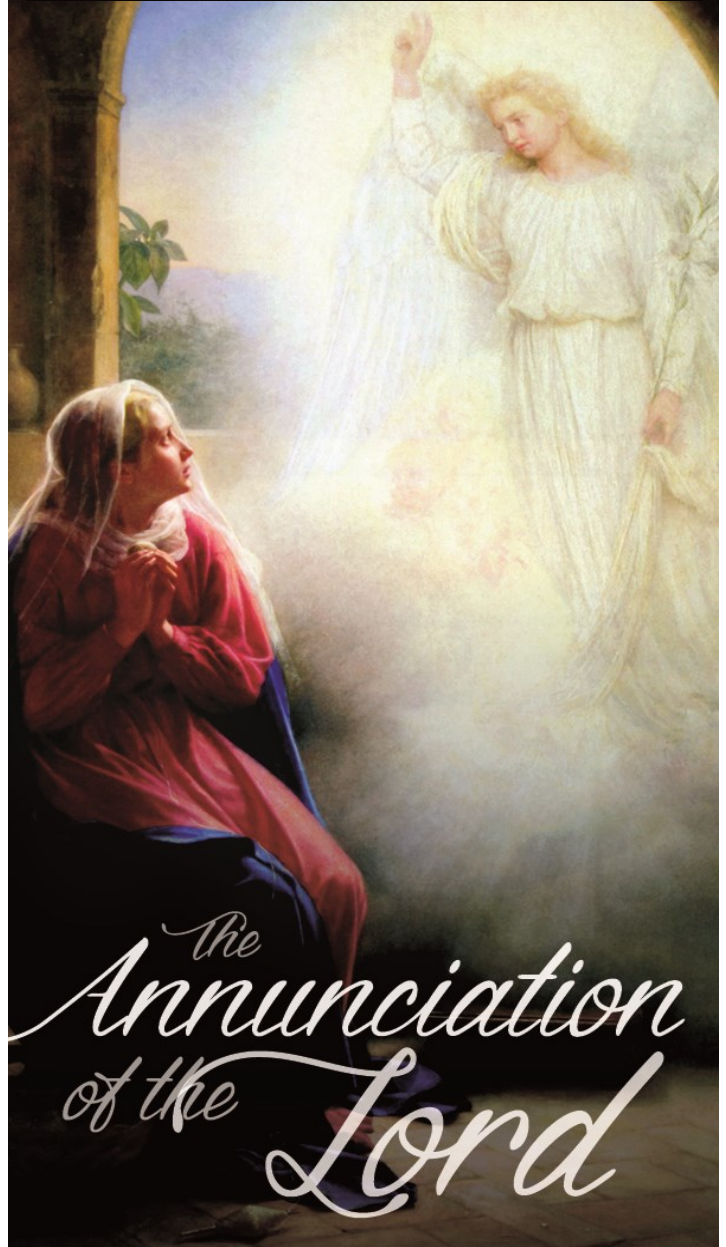


To schedule, please contact Bob Schabow at [bschab57@gmail.com](mailto:bschab57@gmail.com) or scan the QR code  
Appointments preferred. Walk ins are welcome.



The monthly KOC meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8th with dinner at 6:30, meeting to begin at 7:00. Current members please join us in Harkrader Hall for food and fellowship. If you are a Catholic man age 18 or older and are interested in joining the Knights, or just want more information, feel free to join us for dinner this Monday or contact Bob Schabow at 815-303-8701.

## MONDAY, APRIL 8TH



### A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God,  
I know that life can be unpredictable.  
Sometimes I know what is good and right,  
but I don't have the courage to do it.  
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,  
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.  
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,  
and I resist growing and learning.  
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.  
When You prompt me to do the right thing,  
give me the courage to do it.  
When those around me need my help,  
give me Your heart to love them.  
When I'm stuck in my own ways,  
give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.  
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.  
Let it be done unto me according to Your word! Amen.