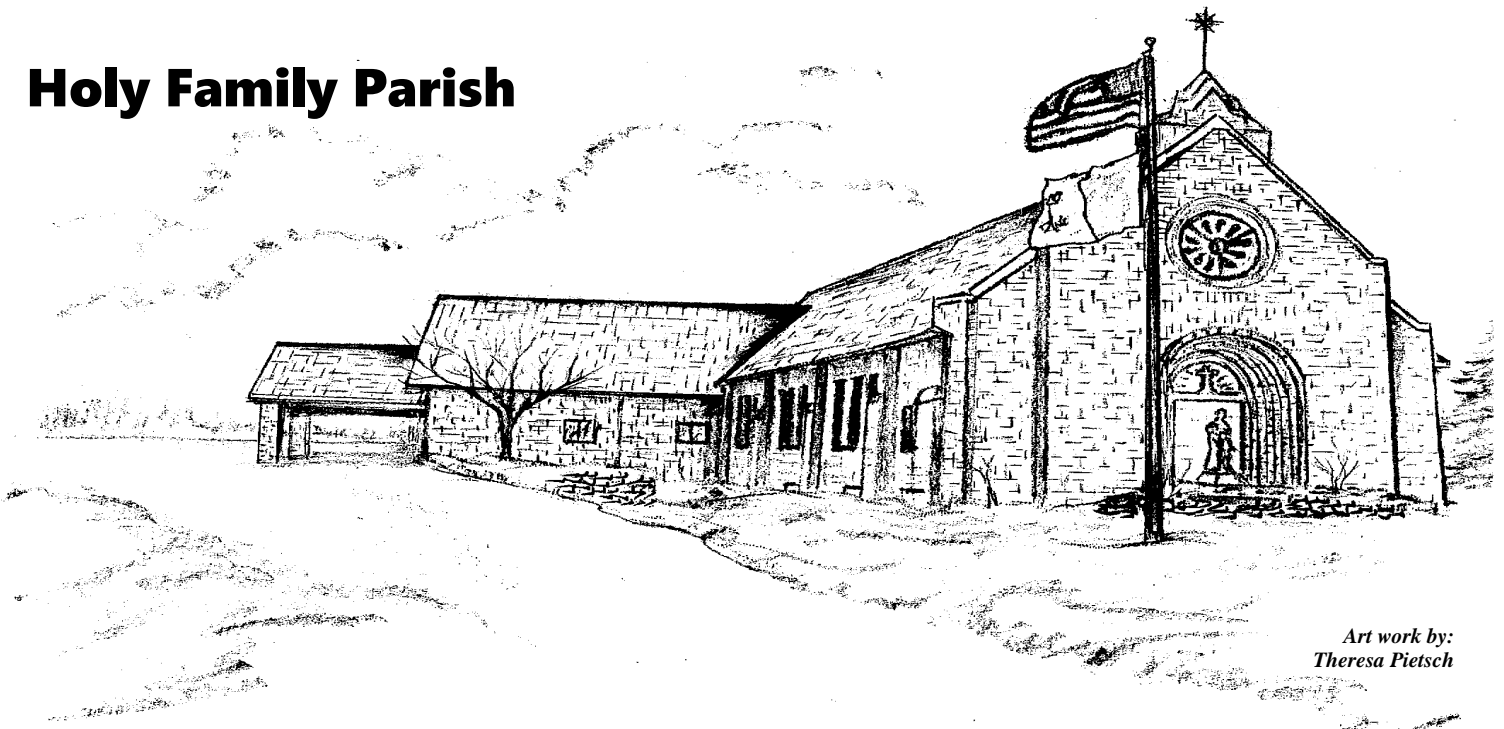


Holy Family Parish



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – April 4, 2021

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

before daily Mass or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

Bob Gascon, Brevyn Willford, Lincoln Noel

Duane Marenger, Kambria, Barb

Diane, Angie Cafmeyer, Dale

Attention parishioners. We will start with our prayer list back in the weekly bulletin. If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. This will be the new corner for the names. The Mass intentions are now listed in the weekly calendar.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Among the World religions, Christianity is the only one that believes firmly in the forgiveness and mercy of God. It is not a hypothetical concept; rather we have sufficient proof for the same in the Sacred Scripture. In the entire Bible we meet a God of unconditional forgiveness and mercy. If we take the gospel of Matthew alone we find the word, "Forgive or forgiveness" 47 times in it. The word mercy is used in the Bible more than 250 times. In our own time Jesus himself has re-emphasized the Divine mercy and forgiveness through a simple nun called Sr. Maria Faustina from Poland. On the occasion of her canonization on April 30th 2000, based on the revelation in her spiritual diary, St. Pope John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be celebrated as the Divine Mercy Sunday. He also promised the Plenary Indulgence to all those who participate in the celebration that day and receive the Eucharist in grace. Even though confessed and forgiven sins will not send a person to hell, consequences remain to be paid on earth or in Purgatory. An indulgence frees the recipient from those consequences. In the theological language, 'Indulgence' means partial or total remission of punishments due in purgatory or on earth for the sins that are already forgiven. The Indulgence can be partial or full. If it is full it is known as the Plenary Indulgence and the same is granted by Church on Divine Mercy Sunday. A plenary indulgence is a particularly powerful way to obtain remission of punishment -- on earth or in purgatory -- that would have resulted from sins that were already forgiven. It covers all sins, mortal or venial, that the recipient has committed up to that time, if the person sincerely repents, detests their sins and fulfills all requirements of the indulgence. On Divine Sunday afternoon if you participate in the celebration and make confession and receive Holy Communion, you are entitled to receive the Plenary Indulgence. If you have made confession recently and you remain in grace, you don't have to go for another confession at the celebration. You need only to receive the Communion.

First of all, Sr. Faustina explains in her Diary how the Lord appointed her to bring his mercy to mankind. Our Lord said to her, "I am sending you with my mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish the aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. You are the ambassador of my mercy."

The Lord continued to say to Faustina, "I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of mine towards souls of sinners. Tell my priests that hardened sinners will repent on hearing their words when they speak about my unfathomable mercy, about the compassion I have for them in my heart. To priests, who proclaim and extol my mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they speak."

About the Divine Mercy celebration Jesus says to Faustina, "Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of my Mercy."

In her Spiritual Diary Jesus says to Faustina about the Sacrament of Confession, "*When you approach the confessional, know this that I myself am waiting there for you. Were a soul like a decaying corpse, so that from a human standpoint, there would be no hope of restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full at the confessional.* These are the words of our Lord.

Perhaps, many of you are familiar with the divine mercy chaplet and you recite it daily. Please pick up one Divine Mercy leaflet from the bookrack in the Church and follow the instruction of the recitation of the chaplet. *About the chaplet Jesus says, "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just judge but as the Merciful savior."* The Lord asks us especially to recite it at the deathbed of a dying person. At the same time we can recite the chaplet keeping our various intentions too. But please don't forget to recite this chaplet especially when you are at the deathbed of your dear ones.

Octave of Easter

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

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| Mon. | April 5 th | 8:00 A.M. - ----- | Mass – NO MASS Parish office closed |
| Tues. | April 6 th | 8:00 A.M. - | Mass – NO MASS |
| Wed. | April 7 th | 8:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. - | Mass - The Nieman Family Livestream CCD Classes |
| Thurs. | April 8 th | 8:00 A.M. - | Mass – Richard Nelson |
| Fri. | April 9 th | 8:00 A.M. - ----- | Mass – Frank Nelson Parish office closed |
| Sat. | April 10 th | 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - | Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – Darlene Smith |
| Sun. | April 11 th | <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> | |
| | | 8:00 A.M. - | Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke |
| | | 10:00 AM - | Mass - For the people of our parish |
| | | 2:00 P.M. - | Exposition of the Holy Eucharist/Rosary/Individual Confession |
| | | 2:45 P.M. - | Divine Mercy Chaplet/Holy Communion/Benediction |

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

60 envelopes were returned for Sunday, March 28th

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| Adults..... | \$2,459.00 |
| Loose..... | 74.00 |
| General Maintenance..... | 120.00 |
| Fuel..... | 157.00 |
| Mass Stipends..... | 700.00 |
| The Word Among Us..... | 15.00 |
| Easter Flowers..... | 20.00 |
| Total..... | \$3,545.00 |
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| Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... | \$3,786.83 |
| Shortage..... | \$ 241.83 |
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| St. Vincent DePaul Society..... | \$349.00 |
| Diocesan Collection..... | 30.00 |

We are still short \$2,724.00 of reaching our U.P. Catholic Services Appeal Goal with quite a few outstanding cards.

Join us on Sunday April 11th
Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday, April 11th, we will be celebrating the Devotion established by St. John Paul the Great. This pious devotion focuses our hearts on the words spoken by St. Faustina “Jesus, I Trust in You.” We need to pray those words everyday of our life in order to accomplish the work of the Lord. We cannot forgive some who has offended us if we trust that Lord will guide our heart and words. We can seek forgiveness from our brother / sister if we do not trust that the Lord will forgives us after we ask for forgiveness from our brother/sister. We must remember that we mustn’t seek God’s forgiveness when we have not sought our brother /sister’s forgiveness.

2:00 to 2:45 PM Exposition of the Holy Eucharist with reciting the rosary and Individual Confession
2:45 P.M Divine Mercy Chaplet. Following the Divine Mercy Chaplet Fr. Sebastian will distribute Holy Communion and end with Benediction.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Apr. 4th** - The curse of the cross was changed by Christ into a blessing for us.
- Apr. 5th** - When we depend on man, We get what man can do, When we depend on prayer, We get what God can do.
- Apr. 6th** - People are often the carpenters of their own crosses.
- Apr. 7th** - Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.
- Apr. 8th** - When a man begins to amass wealth, it is a question whether God is going to gain a fortune or lose a man.
- Apr. 9th** - Blessed are the hard-of-hearing for they miss much small talk.
- Apr. 10th** - The only true beauty found in us is that beauty which comes by letting Jesus live His life through us.

Holy Family Altar Society Fundraiser

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One of the healthy benefits of Moyeam Tea is it contains powerful antioxidants – Moyeam tea contains high content of antioxidant flavonoids, which help to protect the body in a number of ways. These antioxidants could eliminate free radicals. These are unstable cells, which attach healthy cells in order to stabilize themselves. The flavonoids also have bacteria and anti-inflammatory properties and can cure the respiration disease and safeguard against heart disease.

Father. God is a merciful Father. God is all powerful and He can take care of us. God is rich in mercy and slow to anger. God is with us. God is in your heart. God is thoughtful. God is faithful. God is purity Himself. God is light. God is truth. God is joy. God is so good to us. God is a faithful lover. God is so generous and so wonderful. ~ Mother Teresa

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Acts 2:14,22-23
Mt 28:8-15

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Friday

Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

Acts 4:32-35
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-31

Holy Name Crusader Raffle

Tickets \$25 each or 5 for \$100

Spring Fling Drawing April 17th at 8:00 PM

1st Place \$5,000 2nd -5th Places \$1,971 each

Tickets are available in the Parish Office and the Holy Name Catholic School Office

Virtual Spring Fling 2021

Preview Auction Items Thursday, April 8th, 12:00

PM, at holynamespringfling.maxgiving.bid
Bid on Raffle and Auction items

Thursday, April 15th at 12:00 PM through

Saturday, April 17th at 7:00 PM

Live on Facebook Saturday, April 17th at 8:00 PM

Raffle Winners Announced 5,4,3,2,1 Raffle
50th Anniversary Raffle

Alleluia!

*Christ our True Light
Has risen from the dead.*

Let us rejoice!

*Wishing you and your
family a very Blessed Easter
Season!*