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**4.27.2025**

## Divine Mercy Sunday

### Parish Information

#### Mass Times

**Saturday: 5:00 PM HF**  
**Sunday: 8:00 AM SH; 10:30 AM HF; 12:00 PM HF**  
(Spanish)  
**Tues: 6:00 PM SH preceded by Adoration & Confessions**  
**Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart**

#### Confessions

**30 minutes before Weekend and Weekday Masses**  
**Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart**  
**Or by appointment**

**Baptism:** Call Deacon Ed Green 720-550-0356.

**Marriage:** Call six months prior to wedding date.

#### Status of Operating Fund

(July 1, 2024 - April 25, 2025)	Sacred Heart		Holy Family	
Weekly Budgeted (April 20)	\$3,333.33	\$208.33	\$1,281.25	\$72.92
Actual Collection	\$2,489.00	\$42.00	\$1,723.25	\$30.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$844.33)	(\$166.33)	\$442.00	(\$42.92)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$129,999.99	Capital	\$49,968.75	Capital
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$88,273.95	Campaign	\$43,367.50	Campaign
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$41,726.04)		(\$6,601.25)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$149,650.30		\$61,523.69	
Expenses for the year to date	\$141,128.02		\$60,916.05	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$8,522.28)		(\$607.64)	

#### Mercy Sunday

How much does mercy cost? Believers throughout the ages have tried to pay, earn, and merit mercy to free themselves from their sins. You cannot pay for mercy, only receive it.

Many try to make deals with God, claiming if God does this they will do that. They want mercy and will do everything and anything to receive it, except the one thing that God asks of us.

**"Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners.'" (Mt 9:13)**

God does not want our deals, nor our sacrifices. He wants our hearts meek and humble. Listen to Isaiah (read Isaiah 62)

**"But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word." (Is 66:2)**

Mercy is not something we earn or buy; it is Gift, the Father's Gift to restore our dignity We all have access to it. Only those who humble themselves, expose their sinfulness, and ask for healing receive mercy, for Jesus did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, which we all are!

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!**



**Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld.**

April 27, 2025

Renew your faith by attending Holy Mass. Keep your mind focused on the mystery that is unfolding before your eyes. In your mind's eye transport yourself to Calvary and meditate on the Victim who offers Himself to Divine Justice, paying the price of your redemption.

## Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. Apr 26 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Stephanie Bernard Lyle †  
Sun. Apr 27 Sacred Heart 8:00 AM: Al & Barb Marty and Family  
Sun. Apr 27 Holy Family 10:30 AM: Parish Family  
Sun. Apr 27 Holy Family 12:00 PM: Gabriela Garcia Chavez †  
Mon. Apr 28: No Mass Here  
Tue. Apr 29 Sacred Heart 6:00 PM: Joshua Green  
Wed. Apr 30 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Martha & Margaret Klausner †  
Thu. May 1 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Barbara Cymznski  
Fri. May 2 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Janice Green † & Extended Family  
Sat. May 3 Holy Family 8:30 AM: Fr. Suchnicki †  
Sat. May 3 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Lori Promenschenkel †

† indicates Memorial Mass

## SAVE THE DATE

### Parish Family Picnic

Sunday, June 1 2pm

Schey Park, Keenesburg

Burgers & hot dogs, pot-luck sides & desserts,  
bounce house & playground

All parish families invited to attend!

## Upcoming Events

Apr 27 Divine Mercy Devotions 2-3 PM SH  
Apr 27 Seminarian Fundraiser Dinner SH 3PM  
May 3 First Saturday Devotions 8:30 AM HF  
May 4 May Crowning at all Masses  
May 5-8 Fr. Tom gone for Convocation  
May 12-16 Fr. Tom gone for Seminar  
May 17 Confirmation Retreat 9AM-2 PM SH  
May 21 Confirmation Practice 6:30 PM SH  
May 22 Confirmation 7 PM SH  
June 1-6 Totus Tuus SH  
June 1 Parish Family Picnic 2 PM Schey Park, Keenesburg

## Pray for Them

Crystal Crowley, Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhaufen, Mary Ockenfels, Katherine Bowman, Han Bo Eun Ah, Ralph & Jo Gassman, Shawn & Dee Maupin, Gemmah Sell, Bill Epple, Lupe Ybarra, Kim Carr, Cecilia Aichelman



(Please let the parish office know if you or someone you know needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.)

## Mercy My Mission!

To humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers his love that pardons, reconciles and reopens hearts to hope. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace.

How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! It gives hope.

Living in a cruel world in which people freely condemn and curse others, we need peace.

Peace comes from the word Shalom. Shalom does not merely mean to be free of war or tension, but it harmonizes a person with God's will: Thy will be done!

Shalom is harmony with God knowing that what you are doing and facing is God's will — sometimes God's cross — for you.

Shalom strengthens us to carry this cross knowing our strength comes from the Lord, not ourselves!

Those who try to carry their cross on their own will struggle, fight, and fail because they rely on worldly resolutions, personal efforts, and sometimes evil solutions.

Those who face their crosses in life trust in Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy is God's love displayed. Mercy actively heals us! The mercy revealed last week with His death and resurrection, invites us to receive mercy through confession.

Confession, the sacrament that reconciles us with the Father, restores our dignity as it gives us courage to confess any and all sins. Sadly, our pride gets in the way of our relationship with Jesus and we fail to trust our shame to his mercy. We cannot fathom a God who forgives as well as heals, especially when we feel so unworthy. Yet, Jesus states:

**"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."** —John 15:4-5

Jesus desires to purify us! He desires to remove the darkness of sin from our lives! He desires that we bear fruit as He does, rising from the dead. To bear fruit He explains:

**"Every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit."** (John 15:2)

This is what confession does. His Divine Mercy so unfathomable prunes us of sin, then restores our dignity revealing to us our infinite value as seen through the eyes of our Father. Do you believe this?

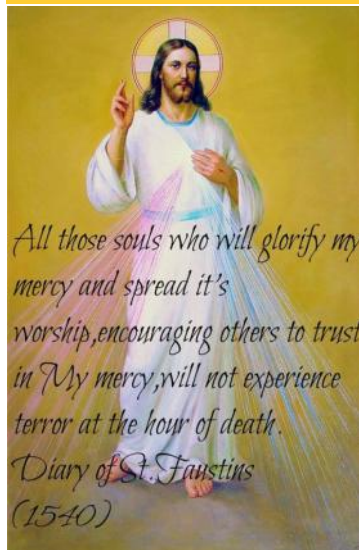
To confirm this over and over the Psalm reminds us: "His mercy endures forever." Ps 118

There is no evil  
to be faced  
that Christ does not  
face with us.  
There is no enemy  
that Christ  
has not  
already conquered.  
There is no cross  
to bear  
that Christ has not  
already borne for us  
and does not now  
bear with us.  
And on the far side  
of every cross  
we find  
the newness of life  
in the Holy Spirit,  
that new life  
which will reach  
its fulfillment  
in the resurrection.  
This is our faith.  
This is our witness  
before the world.

And



## Divine Mercy: Jesus I Trust in You



When devotions: prayer, Sunday Mass, keeping the commandments, and the Holy Days are considered an inconvenience to our schedule, nothing will ever penetrate our attitude – not even the crucifixion of a man.

Sundays have become Saturdays, just another day to enjoy the weekend and entertain ourselves with every sort of activity.

Sunday has become a day of distraction – not a day of engagement. It has become a day of business,

instead of being a day of prayer, peace, and family.

Sadly even those who attend Mass are easily distracted. They have not prepared themselves properly to encounter God during Mass. Their worries and concerns are self-centered rather than God-centered. And worst of all the faithful complain that the Mass is boring, dull, and fruitless.

### **What you prepare for is what you get!**

Mass is not the problem. The priest is not the issue. The people, the music, the lector, the acolytes, the time, the place, the bad coffee or lack of donuts, or any other excuse is not the problem with Mass. The problem is faith.

Living faithless disengages us with religious and spiritual realities. So caught up in the material world and all its pleasures and powers, we cannot fathom God is a Person, Who showers down grace upon grace to reveal his care to change our lives.

However, when tragedy strikes, when life loses its balance, when evil intervenes and we have nowhere else to turn, then Mass, prayer, and faith in God are suddenly important. We have no where else to turn.

Look at the changes that took place after the terrorist act of 9-11. Churches were full. People were praying. What was incredibly important one moment became completely irrelevant.

### **God's mercy became real!**

Today, as back then, we need real faith to encounter God with an attitude that trusts in his Son.

## Seminarian Fundraiser Dinner

*Sunday, April 27 will be the Divine Mercy Devotions from 2-3 PM at Sacred Heart followed by the Seminarian Fundraiser Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We are expecting some guest speakers from the seminaries. Donations for the dinner are appreciated. Please come and support your seminarians.*

## Mercy What Is It? !

**O soul steeped in darkness, do not despair.**

**All is not yet lost.**

**Come, confide in your God,  
Who is love and mercy.**

Listen to the voice of your merciful Father Who sent his Son to restore your dignity.

Sin seems so devastating, devaluing our dignity, yet sin fades away like the morning sun when Jesus rose from the dead. Sin is like the chaff of the wheat in which the wind blows and the sins are gone as Isaiah explains:

**"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." (Is 44:22)**

God's Mercy reveals his inexhaustible power to remove sin. Yet, as we face our own sinfulness and we see the sinfulness of others, especially in the destitute, we doubt, even despair how could anything be done to remedy the sins of the whole world.

This was the belief of the two disciples leaving for Emmaus. This was the belief of the apostles as they abandoned Christ on the Cross. But when all seemed lost, it was all gain. Jesus rose from the dead, cleansing us of sin and giving us new life.

Wars, insurrections, martyrdom, poverty, violence, financial woes, and a host of other evils make us doubt mercy. Sin and its source: evil, are so prevalent today, it is daunting to fathom a gracious God could do anything. It appears He has forsaken us. Yet, when all seems lost, all is gained again. Yet the gain is not for life in this world but for the next. In this world, we experience evil. In the next, if we persevere, we experience the beauty of God's Truth, Jesus, changing evil into Goodness.

Confidence in God's mercy creates trust. Trust never surrenders because God's mercy is not a quality nor a characteristic. Mercy is the Divine Person Jesus Christ, Who proclaims Himself to be Mercy Himself and empowers us to change the face of the earth trusting in Him.



## Totus Tuus

**We will begin registration for this FUN, Catholic, summer program this weekend! Please look in the back of church for the sign-up forms. Return them to your CCD coordinator or the parish office ASAP. This year there are 3 sheets that need to be signed by parents and returned, in order for your child to participate. Most importantly, please remember to pray for a successful and fruitful program this year!**



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