

Dear Padre,

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina Kowalska a saint of the Church on April 30, 2000, and in a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that “throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that [we] will experience in the years to come.”

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 and spent most of her life in Poland, in the Congregation of the Virgin Mary of Mercy. She experienced an extraordinary union with God. She received exceptional graces, revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, the ability to read souls, and the gift of prophecy.

One of the images that was revealed to Faustina was that of the merciful Jesus, touching his Sacred Heart, from which beams of red and white light came forth. This image and her devotion to the divine mercies gathered thousands of supporters throughout the world. We still see the traditional image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many of our churches today. In some churches, we might see the newer image, inspired by the saint. Saint Faustina Kowalska died in 1938 at the age of thirty-three, leaving an impressive mystical legacy. She is a disciple of God’s divine mercy for the twenty-first century. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
Annunciation of the Lord	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Third Sunday of Easter
Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38	Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15	Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21	Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36	Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15	Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)

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



The Thomas Dilemma

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Will is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they’re good people, but he would like them to have faith. It’s been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can’t argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about “Doubting Thomas” experienced Will’s dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus’ wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

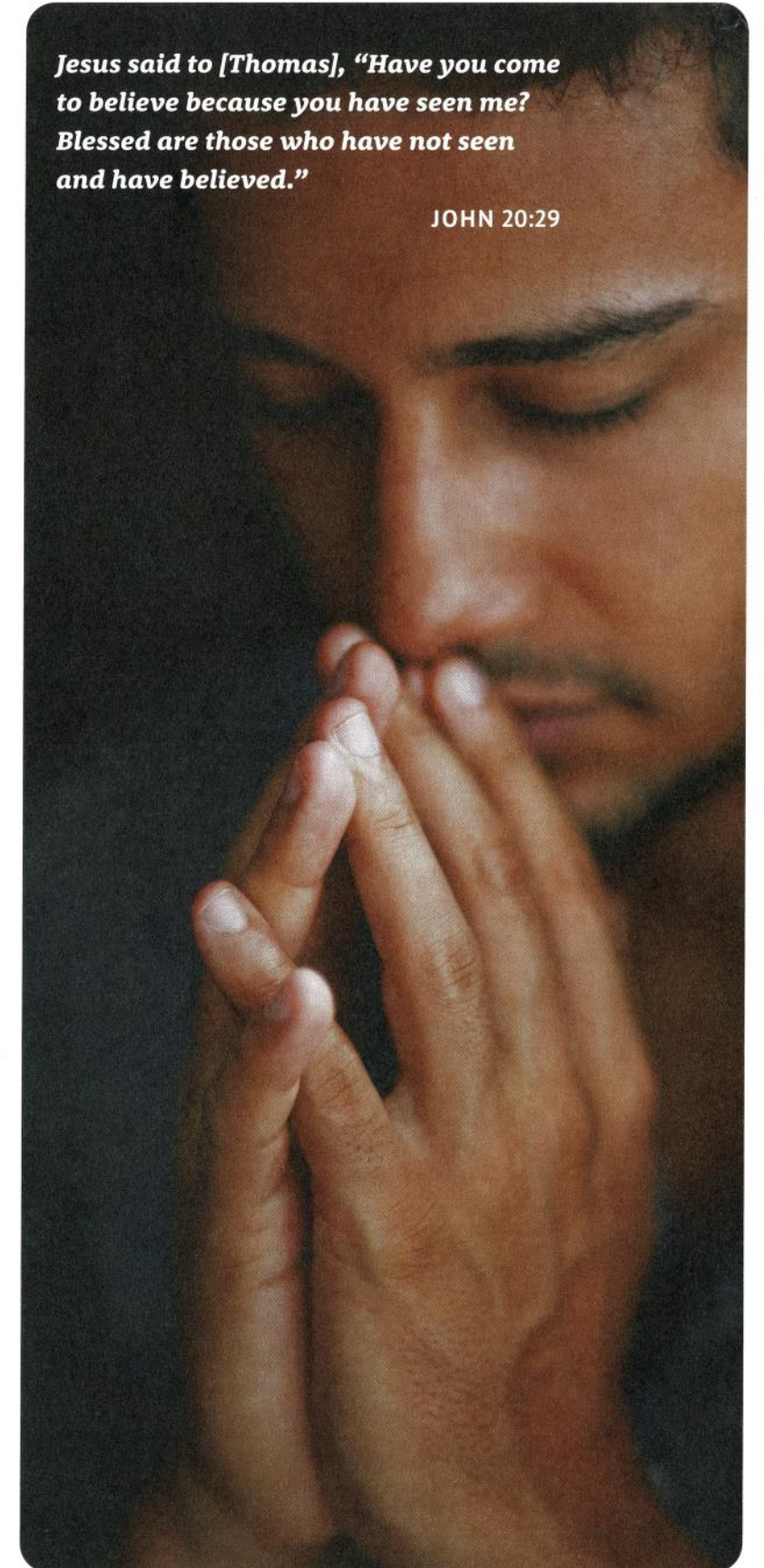
Sometimes that’s true for us. We’ve heard the truth, but we haven’t experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ●

Reflect

Have you ever surrendered to faith even when you were filled with doubt?

Jesus said to [Thomas], “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The story of Thomas is in fact the story of every believer. There are times of difficulty when life seems to belie faith, moments of crisis when we need to touch and see. Like Thomas, it is precisely in those moments that we rediscover the heart of Christ, the Lord’s mercy.

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Parish Picnic 9/15/24
 Next mtg:
 24 Apr, 2024

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
 Potosi, MO 63664



April 2024

Mass Schedule

St. Joachim	Mon:	8:00 AM
St. James	Tues:	8:15 AM
St. Joachim	Wed:	8:15 AM
St. James	Thurs:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Fri:	8:00 AM
St. James	First Sat:	8:00 AM
St. James 1st & 3rd	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. Joachim 2nd/4th	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. James	Sun	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	10:00 AM

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM;
 prior to Sat evening Mass
 Or by appointment

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Live Your Life for an Audience
 of ONE: **GOD!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:
April 8, 2024

Apr 09	TUE	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 10	WED	8:15 AM	Alvina Coleman
Apr 11	THU	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 12	FRI	3:00 PM	Vincent Coleman
Apr 13	SAT	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 14	SUN	4:00 PM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 14	SUN	8:00 AM	Sharon and Scott Forrester
Apr 14	SUN	10:00 AM	(Mass @ St. Joachim)

We Need Your Help Please

Have you moved, or have you changed your Phone number? Are you new to our parish? If so, please call the office to register, or update your information. 573-438-4686

Week of: Mar 31, 2024

Envelope.....\$	1500.00	On-Line donations.....\$	80.60
Loose.....\$	556.00	Retired Priests.....\$	640.00
SVDP.....\$	153.55	Holy Land.....\$	104.00
Votive Lights.....\$	28.00	Easter offering.....\$	2066.00
Light House.....\$		Quilt Bingo Donation\$	100.00
Main & Repairs.....\$	70.00		

Special Ministers

April 14, 2024
 Lectors:
 Sunday 8:00 am
 Jamie Warden

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday 8:00 am
 C: Jim Politte
 L: Jamie Thompson
 R: Sharon Forrester

Sat: 4:00 pm (celebrated at St. Joachim)
 Sun: 8:00 am volunteer please
 Sun: 10:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)

Music:

Sat: 4:00 p.m. Chala Short
 Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
 Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of April: Peanut Butter & canned meats pls
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
 ~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 04/12: Judy East
 Altar Linens: 04/15: Jean Roberson

Quilt Bingo

St. James Quilt Bingo is on! April 21st, beginning @ 1:00 pm. Doors open @ 11:00 with refreshments available throughout the day. All are welcome. Must be at least 16 to enter the building. Any questions, please call Judy Cain @ 573-210-8220 for more information. All proceeds go to St. James Church.

Second call for Operation Rice Bowl.....Now that our Lenten Season has come to an end and we are celebrating the Easter Season, please remember to bring your Rice Bowls and turn them in. Thank you and may God's Blessings be abundant.

Vicariate News!

Caring Hearts Pregnancy Resource Center in Potosi – In the second half of March, the Respect Life Apostolate and the ACA granted funds to help this sole pregnancy resource center in Washington County stay open for the remainder of 2024. Additionally, through a Catholic Charities donor, a new ultrasound machine was given to Caring Hearts as well. A big “Thank You” to Mary Varni, Marie Kenyon, Debbie Koeller, and Brian Thouvenot for their work on behalf of Caring Hearts.

Word of Life

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select “Find Help” from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion” www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy

For those who have participated in an abortion and feel they have committed an unforgivable sin: May they come to know the Lord's limitless mercy, and turn to Him for forgiveness and healing; We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

Apr 07: Divine Mercy Sunday
 Apr 08: Annunciation of the Lord
 Apr 09: Parish Council, 5:30 pm
 Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
 Apr 12: Clarity House, Friday evening Mass, 6:00 pm
 Apr 14: Confirmation at the Cathedral, 2:00 pm
 Apr 15: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
 Apr 21: Quilt Bingo, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
 Apr 24: Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall

Jul 17: National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, IN

Clarity House Friday evening Rosary & Mass

April 12th. **Come celebrate the Holy Mass with us.** All are Welcome!! The evening starts at 6:00 pm with the rosary and prayers of intention. It is followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. Then we share refreshments & fellowship. All are invited and welcome to attend. Also, there are bedrooms available if anyone wants to reserve one for the night. Please contact Mary Roy @ 636-234-6680 and let her know if you'd like a room. If anyone wants to ride together, please call the church office and let us know! **We will drive the church van if there are enough riders.** (5:00 pm departure)

*****FORMED*****

Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: “Have mercy on us and on the whole world.” Join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. God's mercy helps to console the suffering, give peace to the anxious, wisdom to our pastors, and renew all people in their trust in the Lord: Jesus, I trust in you.

Chaplet Prayers:

First say one: Our Father, Hail Mary, Apostle's Creed
 Then say on the large beads:
 Eternal n Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the smaller beads:

For the sake of His sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.
In conclusion:
 Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
 Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion – inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

To sign up for “Formed”

Go to: <https://signup.formed.org/>
 Enter our parish's zip code
 Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

Missionary Discipleship

Easter Sunday: Resurrection and the Real Presence

Surrexit Dominus Vere, Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Share this great news. Not only has the Lord risen, but He also remains present to us in every Catholic church throughout the world. As Pope Paul VI taught, “The Catholic Church has always displayed and still displays this latraria that ought to be paid to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of it, by taking the greatest possible care of consecrated Hosts, by exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and by carrying them about in processions to the joy of great numbers of the people” (*Mysterium Fidei* 90). We derive great strength from the Risen Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist each Sunday. How privileged we are to receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity and also to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Each tabernacle is a throne for the Risen King. We must take advantage of the opportunity to adore our Lord and to pray in His powerful presence. He has given us new life and has raised us to the status of adopted sons and daughters. Embrace this new life!

A very Blessed Easter Season

Sunday of Divine Mercy April 7, 2024

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy. “Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it.



Divine Mercy Indulgence requirements, except Mass, will be celebrated at St. Joachim parish. Adoration, Benediction, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of Mercy Image and Confession (2 priests available) will take place from 1-3 p.m. (Mass requirement is celebrated at both parishes Sunday morning)

PARISH PICNIC

Parish Family; **The Bottle Game was a HUGE Success last year!! So, we are planning it again this year!**

It's not too early to start this year with planning for the Picnic... “the Bottle Game” is back. We are asking all to bring a “bottle of...” (examples; shampoo, wine, ketchup, mustard, pickles, lotion, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, syrup, 2 liter soda, honey, jelly, vanilla, cooking oil, etc.) that we will use for this fundraiser. The way this will work is, we will sell the same number of “chances” that we have for the number of “bottles” that we receive, the tickets will be numbered, the bottles will be numbered, each ticket will cost \$3 to purchase, so you can see that this will be a good fundraiser for the church, just think you might end up with a bottle of!

We would ask that you please make sure when you are making your purchase for these items to please check the expiration date on any perishable food items.

We will put 3 boxes/containers in the back of church, not in the vestibule – **under the pew in front of the cry room for all to place their bottles in.** It's not too early to start collecting, so bring your bottles. Thank you all for your support of our Parish!

Our next Picnic mtg is scheduled for **April 24th @ 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.** We strongly encourage our parish family to come to the next mtg and get involved. Lets make this year's picnic as good if not better than last year! :-)

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY

April 13, 2024
 8:30-12 NOON

St. Michael House, located at the Junction of Hwy 21 and CC
 PHONE 636-586-5171 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Sale will feature items of clothing, shoes, household, furniture; beds, dressers, table & chairs, books, lamps, etc. Must take items the day of sale.



Daughters of Isabella Spaghetti Dinner April 14, Knights of Columbus Hall. 13225 Hwy. E, Desoto. Serving from 11-3. Adults \$12, Children \$8. Includes drink and dessert. Sponsored by St. Rose Daughters of Isabella#659.

“God removes the sin of the one who makes humble confession, and thereby the devil loses the sovereignty he had gained over the human heart.”

St. Bernard

St. James PSR NEWS

**** Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **April 17th:** Dinner @ 5:15pm, class will begin @ 6:00 pm, **Unit 7** will be due.

Apr 14th is Confirmation @ the Cathedral, 2:00 pm

May 5th, First Holy Communion, 10:00 am, St. James Church
May Crowning is May 12th, following 10:00 am Mass
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