



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Saturday 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024

BULLETIN: If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 402-729-2058 or email st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com. Deadline for additions -Wednesday by 9:00 AM.

ADOPT A PRIEST: Our Deanery is taking part in the "Adopt a Priest" program. St. Michael's has adopted Fr. Leo Seiker; Please pray for him.

St. Michael's and St. Mary's Parishes would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting us or are new to the area. If you are not currently registered at St. Michael's or St. Mary's and consider this your Parish, please call the Rectory at (402) 729-2058.

St. Mary's Parish Council: Ritchie Burkhart Trustees: Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Michael's Parish Council, LeAnn Krause, and Mary Prellwitz. Georgann Friedrichsen, Daryl Banahan, Gina Gifford Trustees: Chris Goeking and Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Vickie Banahan

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

CCD Coordinator: Georgann Friedrichsen

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

Parish collection data: March 31, 2024		
Adult	\$1,426.23	\$700.00
Loose Plate	500.50	73.00
Online Giving	125.00	
Children	72.00	
Holy Land	29.00	
Cemetery		
Flowers		
Total	\$2,152.73	\$773.00
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$2,152.73
Overage		\$112.89

Mass Intentions for April 8th - 14th		
Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	9:00am	Cedarwood: Monica Manconi
Friday	9:00am	The Bunce Family
Saturday	4:00pm	Ben & Lauren Burke
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Peyton VanWesten+ The People of the parishes Missa Español
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for April Donna Milius		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Cordelia Mumm * Jo Nease

PCCW WILL MEET Monday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. - Rosary at 6:30 p.m. - All women are invited to attend

THE 2ND K OF C ANNUAL PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER will be held Friday, April 12th at the Superior Country Club. Address is 400 NE-14 Superior, NE. Dinner will be at 6:30pm. Guest Speaker is Fr Bernie Kimminau. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Roger Retzlaff call or text 402-200-0111 or email at roger_retzlaff@yahoo.com. Dress is casual.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

PAUL MACH is the son of Keith & Mary Mach of St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in second Theology at St Charles Borromeo seminary in Philadelphia.

MATTHEW DAVIS is the son of Joachim & Vicki Davis. He is in his third year (of 7) at Our Lady of Guadalupe seminary in Denton.

THOMAS MATYA is the son of John & Lisa Matya of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Omaha.

TYLER JOHNSON is the son of Todd & Leah Johnson of St. John Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in Theology 1 at Mt. St. Mary Seminary.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Some people cannot overcome the embarrassment of going to confession. Feeling ashamed means, you are not happy about what you have done. This is a good sign, but never allow shame to imprison you, because God is not ashamed of you. He always loves you. Pope Francis

Mercy Sunday's Special Graces, Plenary Indulgence: Are They the Same?

From <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

What is the difference between those special graces promised by Jesus for devout communicants on Divine Mercy Sunday, and the plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday devotions that was instituted several years ago by St. Pope John Paul II? Are they the same thing? Or are they different?

Simply put: They are NOT the same thing!

The main difference, of course, is that an "indulgence" is something offered to the faithful by the Church, as the keeper of the keys of the kingdom, with authority to "bind and loose" (see Mt 16:17-19). The special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, on the other hand, were promised directly by our Lord, through a prophetic revelation given to St. Faustina (see Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 699). The Church has not officially ruled that this particular promise was an authentic supernatural revelation (and no Catholic is required to believe it as a matter of faith), but the Church has discerned, in various ways, that there is nothing that violates Catholic doctrine in this promise.

Briefly, here are the other main differences between the "special graces" promised by Jesus for Divine Mercy Sunday, and the plenary indulgence offered by the Church for special devotions to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday:

1) To receive special graces that our Lord promised for Divine Mercy Sunday, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. Any plenary indulgence granted by the Church, on the other hand, involves the fulfilment of a number of conditions, including prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, Confession and Holy Eucharist, and the carrying out of the special

indulged work (in this case: participating in public devotions to the Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday itself).

2) The special graces promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday can be received by a soul in a state of grace, but with imperfect love for God, and imperfect contrition for sin-as long as the soul merely trusts in the mercy of God, and clings to Him because of His promised benefits. A plenary indulgence, however, can only be obtained through the performance of an indulged work as an expression of pure love for God. If the intentions of one's indulged work are not pure (say, the work is done in part out of fear of hell or purgatory, and loathing for oneself - or the desire to impress one's friends and relatives! - rather than purely out of love for God) then the indulgence obtained will be only partial, not plenary.

3) The special graces that our Lord promised for Mercy Sunday can only be received for oneself, through the devout reception of Holy Communion on Mercy Sunday (as stated in #1 above). A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.

4) The most special grace promised by our Lord for Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul: "complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment." Such a measure of grace can only be received otherwise through baptism itself, or through making a sacramental confession as an act of perfect contrition for sin, out of pure love for God.

The Spirit Catholic Radio Network is looking to hire a Community Engagement Coordinator! This full-time, Omaha-based position. See the full job description, and if qualified, apply at spiritcatholicradio.com!

Come to St. Robert Bellarmine in Omaha on April 26 and 27, 2024 to hear friends from EWTN and Catholic Answers speak on THE EUCHARIST: The Source and Summit of our Faith. Jack Williams, General Manager of EWTN Radio, will serve as our emcee as we explore the Eucharist. The symposium will be held from 7 - 9:30 pm Friday, April 26, and 9 am - 4:30 pm Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$25 each. For more info and to purchase tickets, go to spiritcatholicradio.com/april