APRIL 27, 2025

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Pastor:
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Rectory: 620-475-3420

Parish Office:
Hours:
Wed. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm &
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Mass Schedule:
Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 7:25 am
The rosary is recited before weekend Masses @ 4:35 pm on Saturday evenings and 8:05 am on Sunday mornings

Confessions:
Saturday - 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Upon Request

Adoration:
Wednesdays: 8:00 am-7:00 pm in the Church

Other Sacraments:
Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:
Funeral Dinners: Linda Dieker, (620) 475-3567
Cemetery: Steve Redeker, (620) 475-3255
K of C: Doug Schmidt, (620) 343-0319
Family Life: Kay Schmidt, (620) 475-3767
Outreach: Arlene Redeker, (620) 475-3414
Finance Council: Kevin Flott, (620) 412-3275
Pastoral Council: Kim Irwin, (620) 475-3295
Religious Ed: Lindsey Ratcliff, (214) 732-3813
St. Joseph School Endowment: Michael Ratcliff, (620) 490-0388

Sacristan 04/28/25 - 05/04/25
Michael Dieker

Weekend Servers
04/26: Volunteers Needed
04/27: Lilly & Trey Lieneman
05/03: Kamryn Temeyer
05/04: Clara Traffanstedt & Gaby Coughlin
05/10: James Nunley
05/11: Volunteers Needed
05/17: Volunteers Needed
05/18: Daniel Coughlin
05/24: Volunteers Needed
5/25: Megan Barnhart & Adriana Weeden

Offertory Gift Bearers
04/26: Volunteers Needed
04/27: Volunteers Needed
05/03: Temeyer Family
05/04: Volunteers Needed
05/10: Volunteers Needed
05/11: Volunteers Needed
05/17: Volunteers Needed
05/18: Volunteers Needed
05/24: Volunteers Needed
05/25: Volunteers Needed

Weekend Lectors/Ministers
04/26: LeAnn Eberle
04/27: Shirley Langley
05/03: David Kehres
05/04: Shirley Langley
Barb Kuhlmann - Minister
05/10: Jana Redeker
05/11: Dan Schneider
05/17: LeAnn Eberle
05/18: Greg Markowitz
Trish Markowitz - Minister
05/24: Jana Redeker
05/25: Donna Bolen

St. Joseph Prayer List
Collins Baldwin
Linda Barnard
Alex Conley
Jeanette Reed Copeland
Vicki Dickson
Susan Haag
Sylvia Haag
Darren Heins
Ginny Kiser
Kenneth Langley
Debbie Markowitz
Brian Martin
Sylvia Miller
Shea Mueting
James Nunley
Todd Orear
Olivia Pimpl
Jana Redeker
Mrs. Ken Redeker
Norma Redeker
Carolyn Satterfield
Richard Scheve
Danny Schmidt
Jackie Schmidt
Greg Schonhardt
Mike Wecker

United States Army:
SGM Matthew S. Richter,
Sgt. Austin Burenheide,
Grant Fath,
Major Jacob Haag

Marines:
Lt. Col. James Bechtel

Navy:
Grace Coughlin

Air Force:
Megan DePauw

Army National Guard:
Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	04/26:	5:00 pm	+Montana Cole
Sun.	04/27:	8:30 am	For the Parish
			+Paul Richard
Wed.	04/30:	7:25 am	+Dorothy Schmidt
Thu.	05/01:	7:25 am	+Barbara Goetz
Fri.	05/02:	7:25 am	+Louis & Bertha Trear
Sat.	05/03:	5:00 pm	For the Parish
			+Roy & Marilyn Kuhlmann
Sun.	05/04:	8:30 am	+Loretta Schneider
			1st Communicants

Tuesdays are dedicated to services at St. Mary's, Hartford.

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (31) - Easter Offering	$ 1,840.00
Plate - Easter Offering	495.00
Priesthood Past & Present	70.00
Rice Bowls	331.45
Good Friday - Holy Land	471.00
Easter Flowers	225.00
TOTAL:	**$ 3,432.45**

2nd Grade Special Events

Wednesday, April 30th – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
2nd graders will meet in the church to practice for their 1st Holy Communion

Sunday, May 4th – 8:30 a.m.
1st Holy Communion Mass (meet in the cry room by 8:10 a.m.)

The St. Joseph BBQ committee will soon be making preparations for the annual BBQ which will be on Sunday, August 31 this year! We could sure use more volunteers to help sell tickets and assist with the evenings activities. Please prayerfully consider donating a few hours of your time to help support our religious and family life programs. If you can help, please call Laurie at 620-343-0321 as soon as possible. THANK YOU KINDLY!!

Knights' News

Please join us this Sunday, April 27, from 7:30-10:00 for our delicious Biscuits and Gravy breakfast. These free will donation breakfasts are prepared by volunteer Knights members and all proceeds benefit our seminarians and charities, as well as numerous events and organizations.

The Knights of Columbus would like to recognize the following for the month of April:

Family of the Month - Brian Schmidt family
Knight of the Month - Alan Nuessen
Friends of the Knights - Those who help with funeral dinners

Thank you to these wonderful people who commit numerous volunteer hours and kind deeds for our organization.

In addition to the list published in last weekend's bulletin, flowers to decorate the altars during this Easter season were also given in loving memory of

Brian Miller

A sincere thank you to all who donated towards Easter flowers to decorate the church. Also a BIG thank you to those who decorated and prepared the church and participated in the liturgy for Holy Week and Easter services! We are so blessed by the talent and volunteerism in our parish!

Please consider volunteering to assist with the mowing schedule for the parish grounds which goes from April through September. We are so grateful for those who are already on a mowing team! We ask more of you to make time to participate in this task.

Volunteers are assigned for one month, and if there are enough members, you may only have to mow once or twice in that month. **Please contact Terry Taylor at (620-340-5062) if you can assist.**

An updated list of the mowing crews and schedule for this year will be published the first weekend of May.

Come to the Feast

May

FRIDAY 2 AT 5:30 PM

Parish Hall

Feast For Our Future

Your ticket includes dinner, dessert and time to break bread with fellow parishioners. We will celebrate Catholic education and have an opportunity to support Sacred Heart School through our Feed the Need Campaign and live and silent auctions.

Ticket Prices:
$40 per person or
Reserve a table of 8 for $250.

To Purchase TIckets:
Scan the QR Code or go to
https://TheFeast.givesmart.com

For more information, call the school at 620-343-7394

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Introduction:

The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "*God of everlasting Mercy*." In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat several times, "*His mercy endures forever!*" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, in sending His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord through His suffering, death, and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments (all instituted to sanctify us), especially that of Reconciliation.

Scripture Lessons Summarized:

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the apostles in the early Church. The Faith of the apostles enabled them to minister to the people, giving them the Lord's healing love in "signs and wonders."

The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation (given by Jesus to the Apostle John in exile on Patmos), was intended to comfort and bolster the Faith of persecuted Christians for all time. Today's selection assures us of the presence of the merciful Lord in our lives and encourages all of us to fight fear with Faith, and trepidation about the future with trust and Hope.

Today's Gospel recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, "*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "*My Lord and my God,*" the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Life Messages:

1) We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each our loving service. The Fathers of the Church prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic faith of St. Thomas the Apostle:

a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible.

b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer.

c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and receiving the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "*If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action.*"