

April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00pm - Saints Peter & Paul

Sunday:

7:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

10:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

Eucharistic Adoration:

First Friday of Every Month 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Confession:

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

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STEWARDSHIP

Mass Schedule

Saints Peter and Paul

Tuesday: 12:15pm

Wednesday: 12:15pm

Thursday: 12:15pm

Friday: 12:15pm

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30 am

We Live Stream weekend Mass on the parish website:
www.sspeterandpaulplains.com
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Mar. 30 - 8:00pm:

256 people attended

81 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,604.00

Sunday, Mar. 31 - 7:30am:

246 people attended

82 envelopes received

Offering \$1,386.00

Sunday, Mar. 31 - 10:30am:

433 people attended

80 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,414.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

Holy Thursday- \$1,779.00

Good Friday- \$2,013.00

Easter- \$14,572.00



JESUS
I Trust in You

***The Second Collection
this weekend is for
Care and Education of Priests***

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Apr. 06	4:00pm	Stella A. Dudzik by Joe & Jane Lapsansky
Sunday	Apr. 07	7:30am 10:30am	Raymond Polak, Sr. by Bernardine Polak Dow Family by Charlene & Lawrence Giza Arlene Stella by Family

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Apr. 09	12:15pm	Joseph & Mary Salus by Tom & Elaine Salus
Wednesday	Apr. 10	12:15pm	Margaret Janerich by Daughters, Terri & Joanne
Thursday	Apr. 11	12:15pm	Andy Wanat by Charlotte & Tom Thiry
Friday	Apr. 12	12:15pm	Marie Pisack by Mr. & Mrs. William Falzone

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Apr. 13	4:00pm	Andrew & Angela Katsock by Family
Sunday	Apr. 14	7:30am 10:30am	Gary Totino by Wife & Daughter Louis Walkowiak by Betty Matchko



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Stan Miskiewicz, Jr.

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Hilda Kalinowski

HOLY FAMILY
Joseph & Eva Canterini

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 7, 2024



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.

Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of “one heart and one mind.” They had no rich or poor among them, for they shared all necessary items with one another.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

John explains that we become God’s children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 7, 2024

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them.”

As we live the joy of the Easter season, let’s pause and take a test. I ask myself if our Parish can identify with the description of Saint Luke of the first followers of Jesus. Do I recognize that everything I have is a gift God has given me? He wants me to use it for the benefit of someone else. Maybe I am the person in need, and I will discover how I can contribute it to our parish community, or small group with whom I share? Whatever gift or talent I possess is not for me, but to be brought and used for the benefit of someone else. The corporal works of mercy are the perfect way to begin: an invitation to someone to return to the sacraments, a donation for the food pantry or a gift card to the supermarket, a get well card or phone call to a homebound person, a prayer intention - how important yet easy. As I do my part, the community of the Acts of the Apostles becomes mine - food pantry or gift card. My need is to do something. This is divine mercy in action.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - APRIL

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For April our focus will be Using our talents in the
Easter Season*

April is a beautiful month! It is a time of new beginnings. We begin to see flowers, trees blossoming, and the days getting longer. With Easter on March 31st this year, April is also the time to celebrate that Jesus Christ has risen. We remember that He has come to save us and, after being brutally crucified, we are given hope in His Resurrection. "In the church there is diversity of ministry," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "but unity of mission" (No. 873).". We all have the mission to build the Body of Christ on earth, now that He has risen. There is a diversity of talent among all of us. It is our responsibility to use our talents to build our parish. Working together, we can do it! We all lead busy lives, but we can do our part to make our parish the way Jesus would want it. Don't have time to volunteer? Then donate food or clothing to our Food Pantry and Treasures. Spend your days with patience, showing family, friends, co-workers and everyone you meet the goodness you can live through your faith. Building the Body of Christ is as simple as being a positive role model for others. Or, if you are able, participate in one of the many ministries our parish has available. Whatever your talent, whatever time you have, please try to spend this month to use it to make the world a better place in Christ. You may not think you make a difference, but each individual is special, and through example, you are more important than you realize.

This cannot be said too many times – a Parish needs a vibrant community to survive. So take the opportunity in reflective silence and seriously consider being an active Lay Ministry participant. This will lead you to a life of deeper and strengthening faith.



Love. Grow. Serve.

WEEKLY READINGS

**Second Sunday of Easter (or
Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

Sunday

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

Monday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10;
Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37;
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26;
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33;
Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42;
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7;
Jn 6:16-21

SERVICE

We are Called to Serve...

*"Do you understand what I just did for you?
You address me as 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and fittingly
enough, for that is what I am. But if I washed your
feet—I who am Teacher and Lord—then you must wash
each other's feet. What I just did was to give an
example: as I have done, so you must do."*

(John 12:2-15)

Loaves and Fishes

For the month of **April** we will collect **canned soups and canned vegetables**.

Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills, and Parsons area in need of food can **contact Pauline at 570-472-1646 to register**. **Food is distributed to the community on the third Friday of every month**. **Non perishable** food donations are always accepted. Please place them in the basket in the vestibule of the Church.

Treasures

We are now accepting clean, gently used **Spring & Summer clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off at 155 Austin Ave in Parsons during business hours only. **Mondays 5pm-7pm & Fridays 10am-12 pm**.

Prayer Shawls

can be given to anyone for many reasons! Comfort, illness, occasions, friendship & joy. If there is anyone that would like to receive a shawl or request one for someone, please contact the Parish Office

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Ministries

Pauline Makowski, *Food Pantry*

Mary Jo Marek, *Prayer Shawl*

Laura Rudloff, *Treasures*

Kathy Grinaway, *Hospitality*

Claire Koshinski, *Women's Society of Saints Peter & Paul*

Sister Madonna, *Outreach to Homebound*

Memorial Donations

The following donations/memorials have recently been given to our parish to support: Food Pantry; Bernardine Hall; Parish Scholarships; and General donations.

Food Pantry

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dessoye

In memory of Michael J. Yeosock

\$25 Bernard Antosh & Family

In memory of Clement Szczecinski

\$30 Jim & Maureen Williams

\$150 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Davis

\$100 Deborah M. Davis

In memory of Karen Werner

\$20 Tara J. Yamelski

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and loved ones in our prayers.



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Faith Formation 9-10am	8 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	9	10	11 Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Center Dining Hall	12 Treasures 10am-12pm	13
14 Faith Formation 9-10am	15 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	16	17	18 Food Pantry Prep	19 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	20
21 Faith Formation 9-10am Purse Bingo- Doors open at 12pm – Bernardine Hall	22 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	23	24	25	26 Treasures 10am-12pm	27
28 Faith Formation 9-10am	29 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	30	1 May	2 Women's Society 6:30pm – Parish Center Dining Hall	3 Treasures 10am-12pm	4

Save the Dates

Purse Bingo - April 21st

APRIL 11TH OPEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FLEA MARKET DISCUSSION

It has been decided that beginning on April 11th, all Parish Council meetings will be open through July. We will spend that time discussing the upcoming Flea Market to be held August 10th and 11th. Anyone interested in participating in the Flea Market, or just want to come and hear about it are welcome. Discussed in greater detail will be pick up dates and times, all acceptable items, and any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend and want to be involved, please contact Kathy Grinaway at 570-498-2093, or contact the Parish Office. We would love to hear from you and are open to all ideas. Many volunteers are needed, from working pick-up, set-up, pricing, to being there on the days of the event.

Meetings are held in the Parish Center Dining room (lower level) and begin at 630 PM. Hope to see you there!!!



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FLEA MARKET



Once again, Saints Peter and Paul Parish will be hosting a Flea Market on August 10th and 11th. So now is the time to save those gently used or new items you no longer need. More information will be coming soon!

Some examples of acceptable items include jewelry, dishes, glasses, silverware, children's toys, lamps, pictures, pet items, floral arrangements, tablecloths, and seasonal items.

We **will not accept** books, records, stuffed animals, textbooks, encyclopedias, clothing or large items such as appliances, fitness equipment, computer equipment, electronics, large furniture, or televisions.

Please consider donating both your items and your time to this very worthy cause. Last year was a great success, and we want to make it even better!!!



Purse Bingo

Date: April 21st

Tickets are now available
\$30 in Advance- \$40 at Door

Tickets can also be purchased on website.

If anyone would like to volunteer and be on the Purse Bingo Committee, please call the office and we will add your name to the list. We will call you if needed.

We would also greatly appreciate any monetary or basket donations.

COMMUNITY

**The Sons of Italy Gloria Lodge 815 of Old Forge
Is sponsoring a Scholarship Fund Raiser Pasta Dinner
Sunday April 14th 2024 11am to 3pm
It is Take-outs Only/Drive-Thru Service
Walk-ins Welcome
At the Felittese Grounds 3rd St Old Forge
\$15 Includes Penne Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Roll & Dessert
Pre-orders for Sauce \$8/qt. or 2/qts \$15, Meatballs & Sauce \$12/qt.
Call 570-498-0178 or 570-448-5878**

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Gospel Today

2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy | John 20:19-31

That evening, when Jesus appeared to the disciples for the first time since His Resurrection, they were in a room with the door locked. When Jesus offered them peace and the Holy Spirit, their fears were relieved. The following week Jesus appeared again, this time making Thomas a believer.

Year B

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,
right, up, down or diagonally.

Jesus	Touching
Appeared	Wounds
Locked	Peace
Room	Father
Offered	Receive
Disciples	Holy
Believed	Spirit
Doubting	Sins
Thomas	Forgiven
Needed	



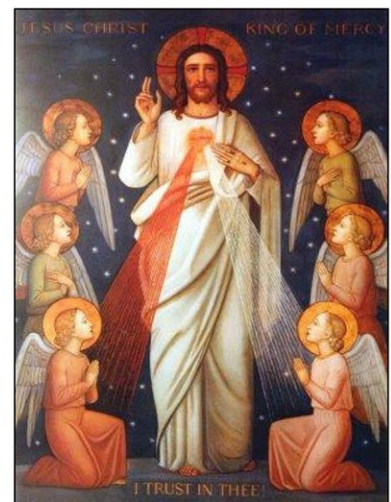
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus gave Sister Marie Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)
a simple **ABC** message to write down

Ask for His Mercy, **B**e Merciful, **C**ompletely Trust in Jesus

Do you sometimes feel like a "doubting Thomas"? Think of this
simple **ABC** message God has given us to strengthen your faith.



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