He rose

again

the third day according to the scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:4



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# **Mass Intentions**

Father Jeff On Vacation No Weekday Masses



Saturday 3:30–Confession at Sacred Heart 4:30pm - Mass at Sacred Heart Mass Intention: For the Elderly of Sacred Heart Parish; Rodney Cole

# **Divine Mercy Sunday**

7:00am - Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: Linda Horning; Charles Marek

8:30am - First Communion at Sacred Heart Mass Intention: For the People of Sacred Heart

and St. Joseph Parishes 10:30am - Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: Terri Samples; Barbara Miller

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Service





# March 30, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY

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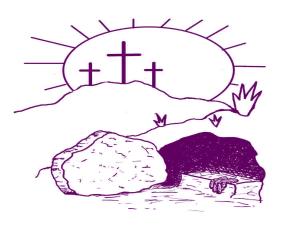
Easter Blessings to All!

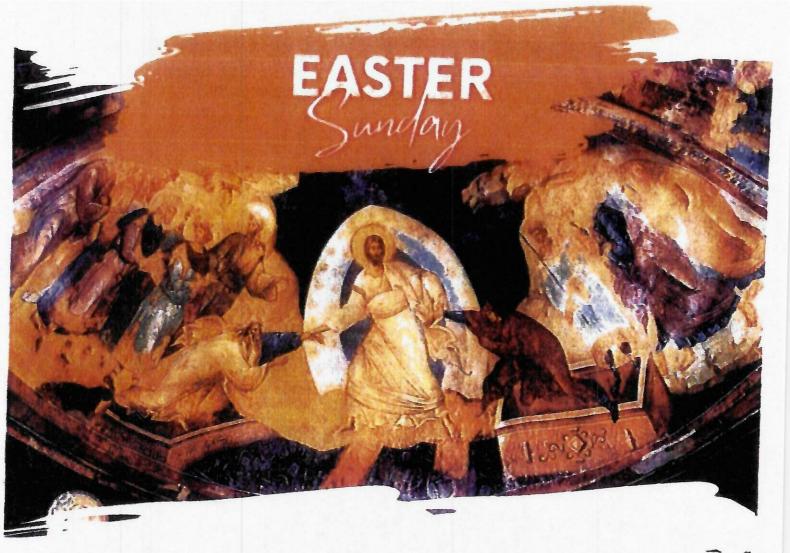
This Easter I would like to offer praise with you to the Holy Trinity. Let us pray together saying:

"On this Easter Day it is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You our almighty God. Dear Heavenly Father, by Your wondrous gift of Loving-Kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son. Dear Jesus, You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in Loving-Kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. Now we have hope for eternal bliss with You someday in soul and perfected and resurrected bodies. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of Eternal Happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love!"

Amen!

In Christ, Fr. Jeff





# CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times Easter is the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday of Easter to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian, Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith" (1 Cor 15:14).

The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days, which stretch from the first Sunday of Easter to the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.



## Pray together

The Resurrection of Jesus is the first Glorious Mystery. Pray the Glorious Mysteries today.

- The Resurrection of Jesus.
- The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- The Assumption of Mary into Heaven.
- The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven



Make this a true celebration! In secular society, other holidays are more extravagant, but for Christians, there is no greater celebration than the Resurrection of the Lord!



## Decorate together

Make sure your home reflects this joyous season. If you don't have any decorations, make an Alleluia banner!



This Sunday is popularly known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope John Paul II decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

#### **Pray together**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a prayer that can be prayed using a rosary, but is shorter and prays much faster. It was given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death.... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

If you are not familiar, there are simple tutorials online. The basics are:

- On the large bead, where you would typically pray an Our Father, pray: Eternal 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 10 small beads, pray: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

#### **Craft together**

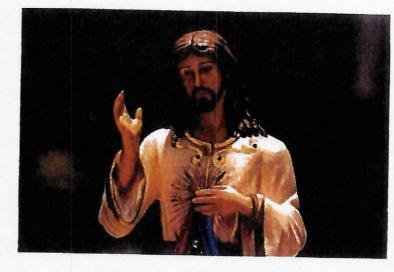
Make a Divine Mercy heart.

#### Materials Needed:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Tape or glue stick
- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- Optional: red and blue streamers

1. Draw a heart and cut it out

- 2.In the center of the heart write, "Jesus I Trust in You."
- 3. Make "rays" and attach them to the center of the heart near the bottom. The rays on the left should be red and the right should be blue. Rays can be made out of red and blue streamers, paper, or whatever red and blue materials you have!



During one of the visions, Jesus asked Sister Faustina to paint the image of Divine Mercy pouring forth from his heart: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I Trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. In the Divine Mercy image, Jesus is portrayed with one hand outstretched blessing the world, while his other hand rests on the side wounded by the soldier's spear. From the wound in his side stream blood and water. Below most images of the Divine Mercy are the words, "Jesus I Trust in You."

#### **Discuss together**

Think of someone you need to forgive as fully as Jesus has forgiven you. During this Easter season, make it your goal to reach out to this person and try to reconcile. If that's not possible, try to spend a little time praying for that person each day.

#### Watch together

Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley on FORMED (adults) or Story of Saint Faustina on YouTube (kids)



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#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, April 3rd: No Mass

#### Saturday, April 6th.

MUSIC MINISTER Kevin Willis

<u>SERVERS</u> Rudy & Finnegan Belcik

<u>OFFERTORY</u> Mike & Carrie Kemerer Family

> EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Loretta Bocian Greg Keller Karen Keiser

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> <u>LECTOR</u> Molly Belcik

#### Sunday April 7th.

MUSIC MINISTER Adult Choir

<u>SERVERS</u> Kimberly Biglin Lauren Ann Vogt

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> EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Deacon Steve Vogt Lisa Myers Peggy Pauley

> > <u>USHERS</u> Cory Myers Cody Gosser

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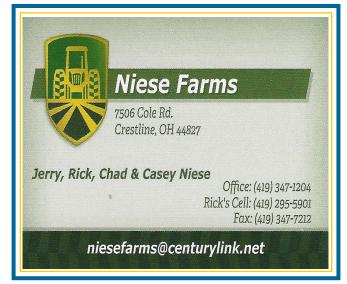
<u>COUNTERS</u> Veronica Cain, Kristi Faith Miriam Schroeder

#### Bible Readings for the Week March 31st. 2024

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Our second grade students will be making their First Communion on Sunday, **April 7th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.** Pews will be reserved for our First Communicants and their families. Please pray for these students as they prepare to receive the Body of Christ.



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY !

Steve Keller	April 2nd.
Kim Gosser	April 10th.
Maxine Niese	April 15th.
Tom Metzger	April 17th.
David Paynter	April 19th.
Joe Niese	April 28th.
Paul Schroeder	April 29th.

#### Accepting enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year at Sacred Heart School

We are currently accepting enrollment for 24/25 school year from 3 yr. old preschool through eighth grade. Sacred Heart School is a fully accredited school with the State of Ohio. We offer a nurturing classroom environment where students are able to grow into the person God is calling them to be. We offer multiple scholarships. Mrs. Myers would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you all of the benefits of attending Sacred Heart School. She can be reached at: 419-342-2797 or 419-683-1697 or Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org.



# 131 Year Tradition!

It is here!!! Time to put together the 2024 festival work list! If you have a special request or will not be here on July 28th. For the festival, please let us know by April 14th. You can drop a note in the collection basket or text me at (419) 571-3865. Thank you! Tara Finnegan



#### Welcome OCIA candidates and catechumens into Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Joseph Parishes !

St. Joseph: Brooklyn Gebhardt

#### Sacred Heart: Jenna Alt

#### **Shelby Help Line Ministries - Treasurer**

Volunteer position, individual would be responsible for managing organizations financials. Responsibilities include; tracking donations, making deposits, writing checks, assisting with donation receipts and thank you letters, attending board meetings, creating financial reports, communication with our accountant, etc. Treasurers' schedule can be flexible. Time frame is typically one day a week for 2-3 hours to complete tasks.

\*\*\*If you have any interest in this position please stop by our office for a volunteer application, contact Jolene Arms for any additional information. 419-347-6307.

#### Solar Eclipse/Family Retreat

Monday, **April 8th**. @ Noon: Holy Trinity Parish Activity Center 740 Tiffin St., Bucyrus. Games, crafts and learning about the eclipse. All are invited to the activity center at 2:00pm for a light lunch and snack. If you plan to attend please email ewurm 124@gmail.com or call the Holy Trinity parish office by April 1st. to ensure there will be enough food and supplies for everyone. **Please bring your own chairs, blankets and eclipse viewing glasses!** 

#### Theology on Tap

Our next Theology on Tap will be taking place on **April 17th** from 6-8 p.m. at the Bucyrus Knights of Columbus Hall located at 217 Poplar Street in Bucyrus where we will have dinner, drinks and a whole lot of fun! Theology on Tap is for young adults and those who are young at heart who wish to deepen their faith and meet new people. Our featured presenter this month is Jeff Reser. This is a BYOB event but dinner will be provided. Donations are welcome to cover the cost of food. We would greatly appreciate anyone who is anticipating on attending to RSVP for food purposes to Elizabeth Wurm at <u>ewurm124@gmail.com</u>.

We hope to see you there!