

SAINT WENCESLAUS PARISH

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017

Parish Announcements:

Second Collections

This weekend our second collection supports the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Next weekend's second collection will defray the cost of our parish's annual property insurance bill.

Little Flowers & Little Women

These two young ladies groups meet this Sunday, April 23rd at 6:30pm in Msgr. Baer Hall. Contact Shawna Walz at 874-4663 for details.

Easter Home Blessings

It is a holy Catholic tradition to have your house blessed during the Easter season, which ends this year with Pentecost on June 4th. Give Father a call to make this happen for you and yours.

Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy invokes Jesus Christ's self-sacrifice before God the Father to ask for divine mercy on us and on the whole world. It is prayed using ordinary Rosary beads.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross:

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

2. (Optional) Opening Prayer

"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

Then repeat three times:

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!"

3. Pray 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Apostle's Creed

4. At the start of each decade, pray:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul & Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

5. On the 10 small beads of each decade, pray:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

6. Repeat steps #4 & 5 for each remaining decade

7. Pray 3 times:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

8. (Optional) Closing Prayer

"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."

9. Make the Sign of the Cross (step #1)

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Saturday Evening Mass 4PM - Sunday Mass 10AM
Confession Available Before Every Mass

Contributions from April 13-16:

Holy Thursday Alms Collection	\$216.00
Good Friday Holy Land Collection	\$578.00
Easter Adult Envelopes	\$1,633.00
Easter Collection Plate	\$328.50
Easter Youth Envelopes	\$2.50
Youth Lenten Boxes Donations	\$108.02

Mass Schedule:

Mon, Apr. 24 – 8am (Easter Weekday) for:
Healing for Mary Enders
by Randy & Anne Kramer

Tue, Apr. 25 – 6:30pm (St. Mark the Evangelist) for:
Kirk & Jenni U'Ren
by Lonnie & Jane Achenbach

Wed, Apr. 26 – 8am (Easter Weekday) for:
Wencil & Leona Swatek by Florence Kilburg

Thr, Apr. 27 – 8am (Easter Weekday) for:
Karen Fisher by Greg & Mary Fisher

Fri, Apr. 28 – 8am (Easter Weekday) for:
Special Intention by Ken & Peg Myers

Sat, Apr. 29 – 4pm (3rd Sunday of Easter) for:
Blessings on Bob & Karen Fisher

Sun, Apr. 30 – 10am (3rd Sunday of Easter) for:
The Living & Deceased of
St. Wenceslaus & Sacred Heart

Upcoming Liturgical Roles:

Saturday, April 29th : 8:30pm

Lector: Gloria Wall
Ushers: Ron Colson & Charles Linder
Servers: Any Available Servers

Sunday, April 30th : 10am

Lector: Jane Achenbach
Ushers: Randy Kramer & Andrew Wall
Servers: Group B: Zach, Nate, & Jacob
Martin, & Tegan DuCharme

Sunday, April 30th Rosary Leaders:

The Tom & Sharon Martin Family

May Hospitality Activities:

Hall Cleaning (May 6 th)	All Groups & Vols.
First Communion (May 7 th)	Groups #2
Confirmation (May 17 th)	Groups #1 & #3

Stories from a Saint's Diary

St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) was a nun in Poland who experienced visions of Jesus Christ later deemed by the Church as worthy of belief—though (as like all private revelations) not required to be believed by the faithful. The Divine Mercy Image, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Divine Mercy Sunday all stem from of her apparitions. St. Faustina detailed her experiences in a diary she kept from 1934 until her death. It is an episodic but fascinating read. These are just some of her stories:

Once [at age 19] I was at a dance with one of my [biological] sisters. While everybody was having a good time, my soul was experiencing deep torments. As I began to dance, I suddenly saw Jesus at my side, Jesus racked with pain, stripped of His clothing, all covered with wounds, who spoke these words to me: **How long shall I put up with you and how long will you keep putting Me off?** At that moment the charming music stopped, [and] the company I was with vanished from my sight; there remained Jesus and I. I took a seat by my dear sister pretending to have a headache in order to cover up what took place in my soul. After a while I slipped out unnoticed, leaving my sister and all my companions behind and made my way to the Cathedral of Saint Stanislaus Kostka. It was almost twilight; there were only a few people in the cathedral. Paying no attention to what was happening around me, I fell prostrate before the Blessed Sacrament and begged the Lord to be good enough to give me to understand what I should do next. Then I heard these words: **Go at once to Warsaw; you will enter a convent there.** I rose from prayer, came home, and took care of things that needed to be settled. As best I could, I confided to my sister what took place within my soul. I told her to say goodbye to our parents, and thus, in my one dress, with no other belonging, I arrived in Warsaw. (Diary paragraphs #9-10)

Once, I desired very much to receive Holy Communion, but I had a certain doubt, and I did not go. I suffered greatly because of this. It seemed to me that my heart would burst from the pain. When I set about my work, my heart full of bitterness, Jesus suddenly stood by me and said, **My daughter, do not omit Holy Communion unless you know well that your fall was serious; apart from this, no doubt must stop you from uniting yourself with Me in the mystery of My love. Your minor faults will disappear in My love like a piece of straw thrown into a great furnace. Know that you grieve Me much when you fail to receive Me in Holy Communion.** (#156)

Once the Lord said to me, **Act like a beggar who does not back away when he gets more alms [than he asked for], but offers thanks the more fervently. You too, should not back away and say that you are not worthy of receiving greater graces when I give them to you. I know you are unworthy, but rejoice all the more and take as many treasures from My Heart as you can carry, for then you will please Me more. And I will tell you one more thing—take these graces not only for yourself, but also for others; that is, encourage the souls with whom you come in contact to trust in My infinite mercy...** (#294)

Once, when I was visiting the artist who was painting the [Divine Mercy] image, and saw that it was not as beautiful as Jesus is, I felt very sad about it, but I hid this deep in my heart. When we had left the artist's house, Mother Superior stayed in town to attend to some matters while I returned home alone. I went immediately to the chapel and wept a good deal. I said to the Lord, *Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?* Then I heard these words: **Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace.** (#313)

On the evening of the last day before my departure from Vilnius, an elderly sister revealed the condition of her soul to me. She said that she had already been suffering interiorly for several years, that it seemed to her that all her confessions had been bad, and that she had doubts as to whether the Lord Jesus had forgiven her. I asked her if she had ever told her confessor about this. She answered that she had spoken many times about this to her confessors and... *“the confessors are always telling me to be at peace, but still I suffer very much, and nothing brings me relief, and it constantly seems to me that God has not forgiven me.”* In answered, *“You should obey your confessor, Sister, and be fully at peace, because this is certainly a temptation.”* But she entreated me with tears in her eyes to ask Jesus if He had forgiven her and whether her confessions had been good or not. I answered forcefully, *“Ask Him yourself, Sister, if you don't believe your confessors!”* But she clutched my hand and did not want to let me go until I gave her an answer, and she kept asking me to pray for her and to let her know what Jesus would tell me about her. Crying bitterly, she would not let me go and said to me, *“I know that the Lord Jesus speaks to you, Sister.”* Since she was clutching my hand and I could not wrench myself away, I promised her I would pray for her. In the evening, during Benediction, I heard these words in my soul: **Tell her that her disbelief wounds My heart more than the sins she committed.** When I told her this, she began to cry like a child, and great joy entered her soul. I understood that God wanted to console this soul through me. Even though it cost me a good deal, I fulfilled God's wish. (#628)

After Holy Communion today, I spoke at length to the Lord Jesus about people who are special to me. Then I heard these words: **My daughter, don't be exerting yourself so much with words. Those whom you love in a special way, I too love in a special way, and for your sake, I shower My graces upon them. I am pleased when you tell Me about them, but don't be doing so with such excessive effort.** (#739)

February 6, [1937]. Today, the Lord said to me, **My daughter, I am told that there is much simplicity in you, so why do you not tell Me about everything that concerns you, even the smallest details? Tell Me about everything, and know that this will give Me great joy.** I answered, *“But You know about everything, Lord.”* And Jesus replied to me, **Yes, I do know; but you should not excuse yourself with the fact that I know, but with childlike simplicity talk to Me about everything, for My ears and heart are inclined towards you, and your words are dear to Me.** (#921)