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Soul and
Divinity of
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beloved Son,**



**Our Lord,
Jesus
Christ, in
atonement
for our sins
and those
of the
whole
world.**



St. Peter's Church
OF SPRING GROVE, IL

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Divine Mercy Sunday

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

(9:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 6:45 a.m.

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Mass for the Infirm
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We kindly ask that everyone's Lenten Alms, intended for The Jack Brewer Foundation, be returned next time you come to Mass. The banks, which we received on Ash Wednesday, can be handed to an usher upon entering the Church. The sooner we give our alms, the sooner it will be used to help those who need it!

 **Annual Diaper Drive**
 April 13th & 14th

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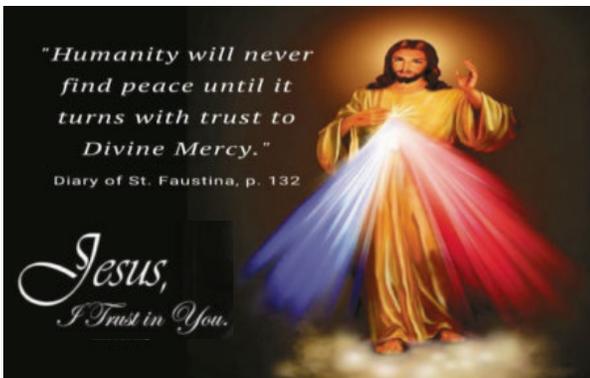
Sizes needed: Babies, Toddlers and Adults

There will be collection receptacles placed in the front and side entrances of the Church.

Donations are also accepted and can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Diaper Drive." Please do not place money in the receptacles.

This Lenten Season, please consider donating a package or two of diapers to help our local families.

Thank you for all your help and support.



Two dear members of our parish family recently went home to Heaven.

Carol Nellesen
 died on Monday, March 25th and

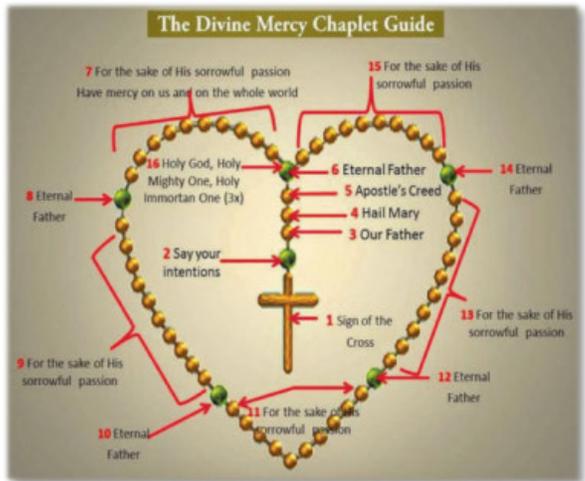
Ron Lindemann
 died on Tuesday, March 26th

Both Carol and Ron were faithful Catholics who believed that Jesus is victorious over death, and He is the one who makes all things new!



Eternal rest grant unto **Carol and Ron**, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



The words of St. Faustina's diary have been used to create the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This prayer is said using a rosary, but with some differences in the prayers. Once you know the words, the Chaplet is a simple prayer to recite, and it is traditionally said at 3:00 p.m. in remembrance of Jesus' merciful act of dying on the Cross for us. If you have never recited the Chaplet, try praying it this week.

Live the Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ—even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at His side. We just have to call His name.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is the Season of Easter and our Lord has risen from the tomb. Today, we celebrate the Mercy that has been poured down upon us as Jesus was pierced in the heart by the lance of the Roman soldier.

I am praying mightily that our Risen Lord's light shines upon all of us! In light of everything that is happening in our world today, we have no greater hope than to trust in the power of our Lord's Resurrection. And I am also praying that the hope of the Resurrection stirs in each one of our hearts and strengthens our resolve to be that special light to those in need, and those who have no voice.

I want to congratulate Ashley and Tyler Zumbrock and Easton Wold who completed the Sacrament of Initiation by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass! And dare not forget the love and dedication of Karyn and Paul Leali who led them on their faith journey through the OCIA program.



We also wish to thank everyone who had a hand in making Holy Week so special. The members of the Arts & Environment team decorated our Church so beautifully for Palm Sunday, the Triduum, and the Resurrection of our Lord. The Choir did a wonderful job leading our community in song as did everyone who served in the liturgies... our Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

On behalf of our parish staff, all ministry leaders and volunteers, may everyone's Easter continue to grow and persevere in the faith of our Risen Lord. May you be filled with the gift of new life and be the witnesses of the empty tomb and the resurrected Lord.

Happy Easter to All!

Father Joe

Fewer, but Fuller

Ever since our bishops lifted the dispensation from our Sunday obligation to attend Mass, many parishioners have commented that the number of people coming to Church, hasn't improved all that much. Father Joe could see it, too, but remained hopeful that parishioners would return to praying the Mass, just as they had done prior to the pandemic. Enough time has passed and unfortunately, the number of empty pews do not justify having three Sunday Masses.

The situation is further complicated because our attempts to recruit new Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Altar Servers has not been as successful as we hoped. Granted, we did attract some new volunteers and we are most grateful to them, but without reducing the number of Masses, we would still be overburdening the ministers we currently have.

There is yet another reason for making this change. We have been so fortunate to have weekend assistance from priests who are furthering their studies at the Seminary in Mundelein. However, indications are that clergy are now opting to achieve their advanced degrees by taking online courses and remaining in their home dioceses.

Change is always difficult, and Father Joe is asking for our understanding when we begin having two Sunday Masses, starting the first weekend in June. **The 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses would be appealing to most people and the least disruptive to our weekend routines.** Confessions and the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass will remain the same.

Should a time come when parishioners return to keeping every Sunday holy and every pew is filled and people are standing in the aisles, Father Joe will be very glad to add more Masses.

Let's pray that that day will come.

CATHOLIC

Written in the Wounds

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

*Thomas answered and said to him,
"My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



FOR THE WEEKENDS
4/6 - 4/14/2024

The Mass		For	
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY			
Sat	4 pm	†	Deceased Members of the Mucek Family
Sun	7 am	†	Mary Lou May
	9 am	†	Susan Wagener
	11 am	†	Edward & Donna Polanek
Tues	8 am	†	Norman Dolsky, Sr.
Wed	8 am	†	John Popelka
Thur	8 am	†	Tom Jez
Fri	8 am	†	Anthony D'Andrea
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Geraldine Stack
Sun	7 am	†	Carol Berg
	9 am	†	Jeffrey Rietschel
	11 am	†	John & Carol Rygiel

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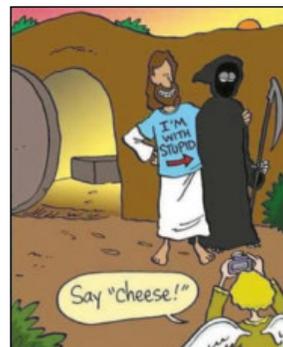
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Saturday 4/6 4:00 pm	Carol Magnine	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Phil Webb
Sunday 4/7 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Heather Justen	Paul Leali Kathleen Harms
11:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Marge Ladner Sharon Ellicson <i>(Choir)</i>	Mike Gordon John Ellicson
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 4/13 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Rich Wirch Denise Wahls
Sunday 4/14 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Deacon Mark	Sean Gosselin Dennis Wehrheim
9:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Eddie Wells	Larry Hauser Mike Wyatt
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel <i>(Choir)</i>	Chad Franckowiak Zach Rygiel
Homebound Ministers			
April 7th - Divine Mercy Sunday			
Deacon Mark, Kathleen Van Ella, Eddie Wells & Thomas Gough			
April 14th - Third Sunday of Easter			
Steve Besetzny, Julia Francis, Georgene Keim & Mary Seil			



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from March 24th through April 6th for † Gerald Hrdlicka, Sr.

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them into eternal peace.

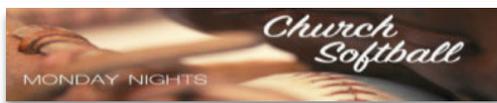


Prayer REQUESTS

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch. Jesus, be with them all, especially:

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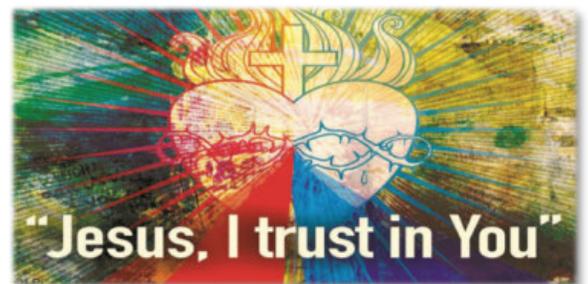
Attention St. Peter's Athletes

It's Spring-time and we are looking for softball players who would like to come out and have some fun with fellow parishioners and share fellowship with neighboring churches.

Games are played Monday evenings at 6:30, 7:30 or 8:30 p.m. at the township (behind the Moose Lodge) or other nearby parks.

Anyone who is interested can contact Tom Boettjer at 773-875-3976.

Thank you for your time and PLAY BALL!



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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7th – Divine Mercy Sunday

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**
- Annual Diaper Drive Collection at Church Entrances
- Sacramental Instruction Classes - Grades 2nd & 7th - 6:00 pm

Monday, April 8th - Parish Officed Closed

- Faith Formation Class Grades 1st, 3rd, & 4th - 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Class Grades 5th & 6th - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 9th

- K of C Business Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10th

- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, April 11th

- Prayers & Squares - Parish Hall - 1:30 pm
- Choir Practice - Church - 6:00 pm

Friday, April 12th - Parish Officed Closed

Saturday, April 13th

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 6:45 am**
- Annual Diaper Drive Collection at Church Entrances

Sunday, April 14th – Third Sunday of Easter

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**
- Annual Diaper Drive Collection at Church Entrances
- Bunco Meeting - Parish Hall - 12:00 pm
- Sacramental Instruction Classes - Grades 2nd & 7th - 6:00 pm

On the Cover ~ "Divine Mercy"

Eugene Kazimierowski was the artist who painted the first Image of Divine Mercy which currently hangs in the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Vilnius, Lithuania.

He was born on November 11, 1873. He was a Polish Realistic painter and he preferred to paint landscapes and portraits. But it was his painting the first Divine Mercy Image in 1934 for which he is best known. He was commissioned to paint this holy Image by St. Faustina's spiritual director and confessor Blessed Fr. Michael Sopocko.

Mr. Kazimierowski was a student at the Kraków Academy of Fine Arts from 1892–1897. He continued his studies in Munich, Paris, and later Rome. After World War I ended, he resettled to Vilnius. There he taught at the Vilnius Teacher Seminary and decorated theatres throughout Vilnius.

The painting of Divine Mercy was first displayed in public during the Easter ceremonies on April 25–28, 1934. The first Mass with a Divine Mercy Image was celebrated by Blessed Fr. Michael Sopocko at the Gate of Dawn Church in Vilnius, on April 28, 1935, which has now become known as the Feast of Mercy. St. Faustina records in her Diary that many people present on that day were very curious as to where this new Image of Jesus had come from, but St. Faustina could not tell them. Shortly after this time, the Mother Superior and St. Faustina had prayer cards with the Image printed on one side printed and distributed them in Vilnius.

Mr. Kazimierowski died in 1939 and although most of his paintings were destroyed during World War II, his painting of the Divine Mercy Image was never harmed.



PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS - Msgr. Jarmoluk is eager and happy to baptize children whose parent(s) are practicing the Catholic faith and registered members of St. Peter's Parish. Please call the Parish Office for additional requirements and information.

MARRIAGES - Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

REGISTRATION - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at StPeterCatholicChurch.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling 815-675-2288

FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Father.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

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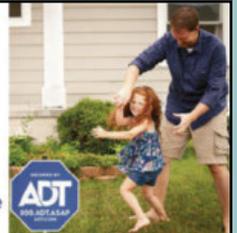
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