

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

Acts 5:12-16 Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

On this second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, we see the full effect of God's mercy in the lives of the people of Jesus' time. The sick continue to find wellness, the Kingdom of God continues to be preached, and the doubtful are counseled by Jesus himself. In the first reading the apostles' teaching has had a great effect and many people have now come not just to listen to their teaching but to seek cures for their illnesses. All that the apostles do is done in the name of Jesus and it is Christ who grants healing through their actions and words.

The Psalm reminds us that the love of the Lord has no end. This endless love is manifested in the mercy of God; a mercy that called for Jesus coming to earth as the incarnation of God and implementing a solution to the sinful nature of mankind—nothing less than the sacrifice of a spotless lamb in the form of Jesus himself. Our second reading comes from the opening chapter of Saint John's Revelations in which John tells us that he has been imprisoned for having preached the word of God. During this imprisonment he had a vision from God in which he is visited by Christ who tells him that he has not died but lives forever.

In our gospel we see Jesus appearing to the disciples where they have locked themselves away in fear of the Jews. He gives them his Spirit and sends them out to preach in his name. Of particular importance to us is the absence of Saint Thomas. When the others told him that Jesus had appeared he refused to believe and only believed when Jesus appeared eight days later. Thomas represents all of us who find the idea of resurrection difficult to grasp and the reading also reminds us that the first apostles were also slow to come to full belief. He also represents us when he makes his great declaration of faith – 'My Lord and my God!' This is the declaration which we too must make if we are to inherit eternal life through the Lord's resurrection. Today, let us embrace the Lord's divine mercy and share our love for both our God and our neighbor.

Peace, Deacon Dare

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 24 – Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 AM - Edward & Rosemary Coolican / Ed, Lisa & Michelle 10:30 AM - Mary Ann T. Miller / Simizon Family 5:00 PM - Dolores Pandelly / King Family

Monday, April 25

7:45 AM – Pam Hancock / Dee Petta 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, April 26

7:45 AM – Parishioners of Holy Cross 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, April 27

7:45 AM - Tom Dadey / Rosemary Evans 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, April 28

7:45 AM – Kristen Gerthoffer Woodmansee / Pat Garvey 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, April 29

7:45 AM – Dolores Pandelly / Diane, Brenda & Families 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, April 30

9:00 AM – Deceased Members of Cathedral Candle Co. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM – Rosemary Coolican / Ed, Lisa & Michelle

Sunday, May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM - Dr. Alfred Falcone / Eva Majewski 10:30 AM - John F. Bernier / Diane, Brenda & Families 5:00 PM - Maureen McManus / Elaine Lostumbo

> Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp Bill Sovik / Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Frank Colao, Kathleen Crouch, Stanley Jackimeck, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Elizabeth Mollica, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Nancy Patane, Carol Scullion, John Toole, and Teresa Vita.

CALL 315-446-0473 TO ADD A REQUEST

News & Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Service SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 | 3:00 PM

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, please join us for a prayer service at 3:00 PM which will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Monthly Movie TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 | 1:00 PM

This month's feature will be *The Case for Christ*. An investigative journalist and self-proclaimed atheist sets out to disprove the existence of God after his wife becomes a Christian. The movie is free to attend and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

Mass at St. Mary's

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022 | 7:00 PM

Please join us for Mass at St. Mary's in Jamesville on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!

Knitting Group THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, May 5 at 1:00 PM. Please join us downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome. Questions? Please call Rita at (315) 472-1478 or Jo at (315) 446-3328.

Pray the Rosary Daily

Join us Monday through Friday after 7:45 AM Mass (around 8:15 AM) to pray the rosary. It is informal and open to anyone who would like to pray.



L'Arche Flower & Plant Sale wednesday, may 4 - sunday, may 8, 2022

The annual Mother's Day Flower & Plant Sale to support L'Arche Syracuse is May 4-8. Visit their tent in the Shop City Plaza to find a beautiful selection of flowers and plants. Find times and info online at <u>larchesyracuse.org</u>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

L'Arche is looking for volunteers to help set up and assist customers. (Plant knowledge is helpful but not necessary.) They're also looking for a few people with a flair for flower arranging on Saturday morning. Call the L'Arche office at 315-479-8088 if interested.

ABOUT L'ARCHE

We are people with and without disabilities sharing life in a community of faith. Mutual relationships and trust in God are at the heart of our life together. We seek to build a world that recognizes the unique value of every person and our need for one another. Learn more online at larchesyracuse.org



GRAB A TAG

The Refugee Assistance Committee is hosting a newborn baby shower for 20 moms-to-be resettling in the Syracuse area through Catholic Charities. If you would like to help with this urgent need, please pick up a tag in the Gathering Area over the weekends of April 16-17 and April 23-24. Please return item with tag attached by May 1. No wrapping necessary.

ONLINE REGISTRY

If you can't grab a tag (or two) from the Gathering Area in person, you can also help out by purchasing items on our online registries (Amazon Wishlist and/or Target Baby Registry).

Scan code above with your smartphone camera, or visit *holycrossdewitt.org/news*

Thank you! -



Congratulations and Welcome!

Congratulations to our RCIA candidates whom were received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Candidates have been preparing and journeying with our priests, their sponsors, and our RCIA coordinators over the past year. We are so thankful for these individuals and their presence to our community. Welcome to the Church and welcome in a deeper way to our parish family! Please continue to pray for these new Catholics and the grace and renewed strength given to them in the Sacraments.

Our hope in RCIA is that anyone would have the opportunity to further explore the Catholic faith and use the journey to help discern if he or she is being called to join the Catholic Church. Please get in touch if your are interested in learning more about RCIA.

† <u>holycrossdewitt.org/rcia</u>



Teens and leaders from our youth discipleship group (Lux Mundi) celebrated and welcomed their friend into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Celebration of First Eucharist

APRIL 30 - MAY 1 & MAY 7 - 8

Our children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist will celebrate with our parish families during Masses on the weekends of April 30 - May 1 and May 7 - 8. We thank all of our faithful community for your ongoing prayerful support. Be sure to join us in encouraging and celebrating the faith of these children and their families over the next few weeks.



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

MONDAY, APRIL 25

7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church 8:15 AM - Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

6:45 AM - FF (High School), Yeazel Hall 7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church 1:00 PM - Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

6:45 AM - FF (Middle School), Yeazel Hall 7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church 7:00 PM - Adoration, Church 7:00 PM - Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

7:45 AM - FF (Elementary), Yeazel Hall 7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church 7:00 PM - Mass, St. Mary's, Jamesville

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 AM - Daily Mass, Church 3:00 PM - Reconciliation, Church 4:00 PM - Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, MAY 1

7:30 AM - Mass, Church 9:15 AM - Adult Ministry, Rms 12 & 13 10:30 AM - Mass, Church 4:00 PM - RCIA, Conference Room 5:00 PM - Mass, Church

Visit **holycrossdewitt.org/calendar** for the latest event details.



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We have taken great care to choose a partner that is dedicated to protecting personal information and privacy. They comply with the highest level of industry security standards and must pass rigorous independent on-site audits annually in addition to other critical assessments. We take information security very seriously and value your right to privacy.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88 COLLECTION FOR APRIL 10: \$16,734.13



