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April 19, 2009

*Divine Mercy
Sunday*



*Thomas answered and said to him,
“My Lord and my God!”
Jesus said to him,
“Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.”*

J N 20:28-29

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: Mass

Thurs.: Communion Service

All at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

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Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-3:00pm

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Note from the Pastor



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. There is a wonderful story about a man before a judge who was most just. The man was shaking in his boots and had utter fear in his eyes. The judge noticed this and commented, "You have nothing to fear in this court, you will get justice here." Without missing a beat, the man blurted out, "I know that your honor. That's what I am afraid of. What I need is mercy, not justice."

Mercy, mercy, mercy me. What a beautiful word. What a magnificent gift. How interesting that when we begin mass by confessing our guilt we ask not for justice but for mercy. Why? Because, as St. John tells us, all have fallen short of the glory of God. All are guilty. And the guilty will be punished? Only if we were God and thank God, we're not. We have a quid-pro-quo sense of justice; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. It is hard wired into our fallen nature. We consider it a virtue. It makes us feel well...justified. When an offender is executed we feel relief, a little safer, back in control. Justice has been served.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not putting down justice (I'm penning this note from the home of a retired judge). I've spent a good deal of my life advocating justice for the poor. Justice puts back balance in a world out of kilter, out of balance where those who are doing well, are doing very, very well. And those who are not, are suffering by the injustice of those in power. If we are to take the teachings of Jesus seriously, we *must* make justice our aim. On the level of society, in the outer world, social justice is part and parcel of the Gospel of Jesus.

But there's another level, another world. It is the inner world of the soul and the heart that connects the inner and outer. It is precisely here that we need mercy. Without it, we will be sawing the saw of history in the same place forever and never having a break through. The reason is that all of us in our fallen nature feel a little cheated. We never have enough justice from our perspective. If you take out my eye, I want an eye and an ear to make things just again. You then want an eye and an ear and a leg. Then you feel justice is done but I don't, so I'm going after your hand, preferably the one that goes into your pocket book. And so it goes and there's never any real justice. That's why we need mercy.

In today's gospel, Jesus' first appearance to his disciples after the resurrection, if he was just, just, there would be hell to pay. After all, they betrayed him, they abandoned him, they denied him. They sinned against him, big time.

Yet what are the first words out of his mouth, after the resurrection? Shalom! Peace! All is forgiven. No need for justice, He is offering Mercy.

Mercy is the unearned gift of love and reconciliation on the part of the given. It is pure grace, it is pure gift. In the risen Lord there is no revenge, no price to be paid. It is a whole other realm we are in, it is the Kingdom of God where mercy reigns supreme.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. And as we have received, so must we give.

Mercy, upon mercy, upon mercy. How sweet it is.

In Jesus, the all Merciful,

Father Tony



Parish News

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL BEGINS NEXT WEEK

By now you should have received your letter from Bishop Sartain concerning the Annual Ministries Appeal. Hold on to it. Next week is the appeal promotion weekend with the sign-up on the 2nd and 3rd of May. Do purpose to participate in this most important enterprise.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

This Easter was made very special for 16 Needy Families through the generous donations of Jewel & Dominick's gift cards, food and goodies for children's Easter Baskets. A special note of appreciation to all who donated, to all those who helped sort food and especially to the ladies that helped make up 49 Easter Baskets for the children of our needy families. It is certainly a testament to the people of our parish who always extend themselves to help those less fortunate. God Bless and Thank You again for your generous spirit of giving!

Parish News



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SPRING PLANT SALE

Mary Queen of Heaven's CCW is sponsoring a Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 9. This year our plants will be coming from the same greenhouse that we order our Christmas and Easter flowers from. They are a very reputable company and we have always been pleased with their plants. This is a great opportunity to purchase a gift for your mom, grandmother, or a special someone. Order forms will be available in a future bulletin. If you have any questions, please call Sheila Reiter (833-6657), Phylis Twardowski (279-6239) or Karen Vicary (279-4801).



THE WORD IS OUT! HE IS RISEN!

What a wonderful experience our Easter Vigil was this year! Those of you who attended know how well Father Tony brought us into the mystery of the Sacraments of Initiation!

We want to welcome and congratulate those who were Baptized and received First Eucharist: **Asha LaBine, Ian Race, Julian Race**, and those who entered into full communion through Confirmation and Eucharist: **Suzan (Mary) Bakieveska, Alec (Malachi) Van Der Karr, and Chuck (Melchizedek) Woodhull**.

A note of gratitude goes out to all those who have worked so hard over these months preparing the RCIA participants and for those who helped with set up, clean up and everything in between for the vigil itself! Your generous donations of snacks and treats also helped to make our reception following the Mass the best ever! There are just too many names to mention here, but God bless you for all your efforts!



YOGA - NEW SCHEDULE APRIL 13 - MAY 14

We are going to have Yoga in Barrett Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays for five weeks and see how that goes. Come join us either day from 9:00 to

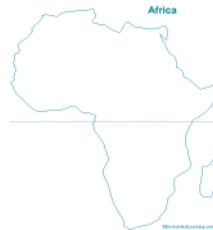
10:00 am \$4/class or \$7 for two classes in one week

**Please bring a Yoga mat if you have one.
Call Debbie 630/941-7224 if you have any questions**

NO FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEKEND

There will not be Fellowship this weekend.

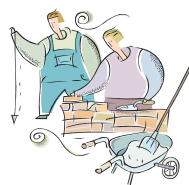
Our next Fellowship Sunday will be May 17th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



8TH GRADE MAKE A DIFFERENCE PROJECT MALAWI

Each 8th grade religious education class has been given \$100 to spend as they wish. Mr. and Mrs. Gusloff's 8th grade R.E. class has chosen to use the \$100 given to them to help an orphanage in Africa. On **Sunday, April 19th, after the 10:30 Mass**, please come and hear Edward Mbewe. He is originally from Lilongwe, Malawi, Africa. Edward will speak about life in Africa, as well as the orphanage his mother has been running for quite a while. **If you wish to come, please bring any type of school supplies as a donation.** He will send the collected supplies to the children living at the orphanage.

Hope to see you April 19th after 10:30 mass!



LIKE BEING OUT IN THE FRESH AIR?

Volunteers needed of any age- Sunday May 3rd - Work an hour or two in the Pathway of Peace Labyrinth behind Mary Queen near the playground.

What needs to get done? We need to lift each stone or brick up, turn to the side, add some gravel with a coffee can and put the brick back. We are raising the bricks up, because over time the grass has been growing over them.

We are looking for ten to thirty volunteers for **Sunday May 3rd for one or two hours between the times of 12:30 and 4:00 pm.**

Bring a coffee can or sturdy bucket, pitch fork if you have - we will provide some also.

Thank you, Debbie and Randy Styka
email debbie@computronics.com or
call 630/941-7224

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7TH GRADERS SPAGUETTI LUNCH

April is pass on the gift month in the Heifer Organization. Mary Queen of Heaven 7th graders are sponsoring a spaghetti lunch after 10:30 mass on May 3rd. Please join them in Barrett Hall. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. All proceeds will be donated to Heifer International.

Diocesan News

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP

Bishop Sartain wishes to express his sincere gratitude to those who contacted their legislators expressing opposition to HB 2354, the State FOCA proposal. This bill has been defeated and will not be called for a vote. This great accomplishment would not have happened without decisive action by the Catholic faithful in the Diocese of Joliet and across the state of Illinois .

We now have the opportunity to contact our legislators once again. This time we need to ask our elected officials to vote yes on HB 3700, a bill that will truly reduce the unnecessary taking of innocent human life. HB 3700 would mandate that an ultrasound be offered to an expectant mother prior to an abortion. If you would like to receive additional updates on this bill, or on other matters affecting the Catholic Church's public policy agenda in Springfield , please call 312-368-1066, or go to www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org.

Thank you for your actions and prayers.



MARKET DAY

Orders for April are due Monday, April 20 at noon. Turn in your order form in the box in the back of church or at the rectory. Pickup on **Saturday, April 25, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.** If you have questions or would like to place an order, please call **Karen** at **630-279-4108** or **Beth** at **630-833-5469** or email her at ekujawa121@sbcglobal.net.

Parish Calendar



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 19- APRIL 26

Sunday, April 19, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5/
Conference Room
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
9:30 AM - 12 noon Preschool Open House
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM 8th Grade Project Malawi in Barrett Hall
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Baptisms in Church

Monday, April 20, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Commissions Meeting in Barrett Hall

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation Practice in Church
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Catholic Christian Women in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Finance Council in Parish Dining Room

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM First Communion Practice for Large Group in Barrett Hall
NO RE Classes for First Communion Small Group

Thursday, April 23, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School 4-5,13
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Building and Grounds Committee in Conference Room

Friday, April 24, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

Saturday, April 25, 2009

9:45 AM - 10:30 PM Market Day in Social Hall
3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church

Sunday, April 26, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5/
Conference Room
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Confirmation in Church
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Confirmation Reception in Barrett Hall

Christian Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



A huge thank you to our RE children who saved their pennies in our "Operation Rice Bowl" project this past Lent. The parish will be sending a check for over \$600 to Catholic Relief Services. Young children can do big things, one penny at a time. We are proud of them.

RE Registrations

Registrations for the 2009-2010 RE year have been mailed. Please note the change in some policies. As our enrollment continues to grow, be sure to return your completed RE registration form as soon as possible.

Catechists Needed

As this RE year begins to wind down, we have to start thinking about our needs for next fall. At this time it looks like we will need catechists and/or aides at many grade levels: Please call the office if you would like to help. Although next September seems very far away, it will be here before you know it. Now is the time to come by and see for yourself what wonderful things go on in our RE classes on Wednesdays. Remember you don't have to be a theologian; you just have to be someone who loves your Faith and would enjoy sharing it with our children. Call the REO for more info.

A huge thank you to Debbie Conroy and her team of catechists for yet another amazing Living Stations this past Good Friday. The church was packed. Mostly thank you to our 7th graders for leading us in prayer. You were great.

Attention Parents of Confirmation Candidates: Please mark your calendars for the following:

Tuesday, April 21st - we will have Confirmation Practice for our Candidates (no sponsors) in Church from 6:00-8:00PM. Since this is the only practice, it is mandatory that all be present.

Sunday, April 26 - Our celebration of Confirmation will take place at 2:00PM in Church.

Attention Parents of First Communicants: There will be a practice for all those taking part in the May 2nd Large Group celebration on **Wednesday, April 22nd from 3:30 to 5:00 PM** regardless of session. There is no class on that day for the small group participants.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Mary Ann Woods at the REO, 832-8962.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

Mary Queen of Heaven continues to accept registration for the 2009-2010 school year. Please join us at one of our Open Houses to tour the school, **meet the teachers, and visit the current families.**

Sunday April 19 from 9:30 am to noon
For additional information please contact
the Preschool Director Liz Lowrey
(630) 833-9500
mqhpreshool@aol.com

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

DESTINY HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

- **Welcome Breakfast** for all 8th grade and high school students on Sunday May 17 at 8:30 in Barrett Hall.
- We are working on a **Mission Trip to Hopkins Park** on the weekend of July 17th with Fr Tony.

WINGS TO HEAVEN 5TH-8TH GRADE GROUP

- **Lock-in May 8th 7pm - Sat May 9th 9am.** If anyone knows of a student grade 5-8 please let them know. Fee is \$15. You must have a permission slip. They can be picked up in Religious Ed office or email Kathleen Gusloff the5ofgus@aol.com
- **Welcome ice cream social** for all 5-8th grade students especially incoming 5th graders for next year on **May 31 at 6pm.**

Christian Worship Commission



To pray for our sick is an important privilege of our parish family. Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face.

When calling the parish office, please leave contact information and your relationship to the person. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Contact the parish office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

Baby Alexander Ross
 Peggy Luckey
 Lino Magnelli

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	B. Lawlor	B. Nosek	P. Reyenertson
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Diggins (S) H. Todd (C) P. Le Tourneau A. Grozik M. Grozik F. Trevino M. Zelinski	K. Vicary (S) D. Bernstein (C) J. Unger T. Nanak R. Styka D. Styka P. Twardowski	J. Spears (S) M. Japczyk (C) F. Tremmel P. Luckey T. Kevil M. Kelly M. McCall J. Lindberg D. Justus
Altar Servers	C. Ceper M. Jankovec M. Piszczor	M. Bourke B. Dunn H. Rossiano	V. Maple S. Pierzchala J. Vosicky



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 19, 2009

8:30 AM † Albert P. Kabat
10:30 AM † Dr. José J. Alonso De La Torre

Monday, April 20, 2009

8:30 AM † Gretrude M. Carey

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

8:30 AM † Francis Ennis

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 23, 2009

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, April 24, 2009

8:30 AM † Gretrude M. Carey

Saturday, April 25, 2009

4:30 PM † Frank Bonfiglio

Sunday, April 26, 2009

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM † Bernadette Brinkmann

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of April 19, 2009

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
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: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/
Lk 24:35-48



Church Support

**Collection Totals for
Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Sunday
April 12, 2009 and Easter will be
reported on the April 26 bulletin**

ParishPay

Making it Easier to Give

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Type "Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church" into the "I support" box, & click "verify". Continue your search.

**Come to Mary Queen of Heaven
Parish's Continuation of
the Exploration of St. Paul**

**St. Paul
His Call to Discipleship**

**Wednesday, May 6th, 2009
7p.m. in Church**



Cackie Upchurch
Director, Little Rock Scripture
Study

***Remember her face?
We've seen her numerous
times in the past years in the
videos in our Little Rock
Scripture Studies.***

***Come meet her in person!
For more information contact
Lynn Suwanski
630-530-2523***

Free will offering accepted.

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