April 19, 2020 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary! Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia! Yes, we are still celebrating Easter Sunday! Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and it is the final day of Octave of Easter. After this day we will move into the Season of Easter and continue the celebration of Easter until the end of the day on Pentecost Sunday.

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, is a day of unfathomable and ineffable graces! I urge all to ask for and celebrate the great gift of Divine Mercy offered by our Heavenly Father through His Son, Jesus Christ! We will have opportunities to visit our Lord in at least one of our churches on Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have time for private prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Confession offered. Plan now to celebrate our Lord's infinite Mercy this Sunday. Please self-regulate regarding having only 10 people gathered in the church, spaced 6 feet.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a day of great promises from our Lord Jesus, particularly when we ask Him to share with us His unfathomable and ineffable Mercy!

Here is a brief summary of the message of Divine Mercy: "The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us - all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

- **A** Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- **B** Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread."

The message of Mercy grows through various devotional

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Matrimony - Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to hoped-for wedding date.

Eucharist - Either Fr. Kasel or our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are happy to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound. Please contact either parish office.

Anointing of the Sick - This is for someone who is seriously ill, dealing with major surgery or infirm. Please contact Father Kasel to make arrangements. WEEKDAY & WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

No Scheduled Public Holy Masses

practices. These practices are:

F – Feast of Divine Mercy: celebrate Divine Mercy in your parish! I – Image of Divine Mercy: venerate the Image of Divine Mercy and place on in your home!

N – Novena of Divine Mercy: pray the Novena of Divine Mercy! C – Chaplet of Divine Mercy: pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day!

H – Hour of Mercy: 3-4pm is the Hour of Great Mercy – ask Jesus for graces each day during this hour! Pray the Stations of the Cross is you are able and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy! "In repeated revelations to St. Faustina, Our Divine Savior makes it clear that the fountain is His Heart, the water is His mercy, and the vessel is trust.

I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust (*Diary of St. Faustina*, 1520). On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls — no one have I excluded! (1182). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You" (327). The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive (1578).

In the Diary of St. Faustina, we hear Our Lord reminding us that we can depend upon His love ... that He alone is worthy of our trust: I never reject a contrite heart (1485). Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul (1777). (cont. on pg. 4)

Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally in the Most Holy

Eucharist, please come at least spiritually into my heart now. I spiritually embrace You and choose to unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You and Your Love. Thank You, Jesus! I love You! Amen.

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

(Faith Formation information will be emailed).

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Litany to the Divine Mercy

(from the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska) Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father, I trust in You.

Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God, *I trust* in You (repeat this response).

Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery,

Divine Mercy, fountain gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity,

Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or angelic,

Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness,

Divine Mercy, better than the heavens,

Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders,

Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe,

Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate Word,

Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus,

Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners,

Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host,

Divine Mercy, in the founding of the Holy Church,

Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,

Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ,

Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life,

Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death,

Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life,

Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life,

Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell,

Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners,

Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to

Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God,

Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery,

Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy,

Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence,

Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands.

Divine Mercy, crown of all God's handiwork,

Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed,

Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts,

Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls,

Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear.

Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls,

Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope,

Let us pray: 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. Amen.

WEEKLY TITHING for April 11-12, 2020

Envelopes: 3,360.00 Plate: 1,212.27 232.50 EFT: **Total:** 4,804.77

Kitui Living Water Project: Please remember to turn in your water bottles for the Living Water Project to the Parish office. We thank you for your donations and your generosity. God bless you!

Words to Live By:
"Oh how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Q433X Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils believe in My Justice, but do not glorify My Goodness. My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy.'" (Diary of St. Faustine, #300)

"'Proclaim that Mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with Mercy." (Diary, #301)

"When once I asked the Lord Jesus how He could tolerate so many sins and crimes and not punish them, the Lord answered me, 'I have an eternity for punishing [these], and so I am prolonging the time of Mercy for the sake of [sinners]. But woe to them if they do not recognize the time of My visitation." (Diary, #1160)

"The Lord said to me, The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (Diary, #1397)

"Jesus: 'My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for My Kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the Fountain of Life - for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My Goodness." (Diary, #1488)

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for April Crackers (Saltines & Snacks)

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

No Scheduled Public Holy Masses You are invited to join the Holy Mass via Live Stream Here is the link: fb.me/StMichaelPinelsland

> Schedule will be emailed to Parishioners. For questions call the Parish office.

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (unless you hear otherwise)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 22, 2020 †Jerome Kirtz April 24, 2020 †Lester Durben April 25, 2020 **Parishioners**

April 26, 2020 (EF)†Reginald Lipp (Rob & Sue Bestgen)

April 26, 2020 †Thomas Jeanson (family)

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

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Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who have given donations for Easter Flowers! Due to not having public Holy Masses for Easter Sunday, we will not purchase flowers for the sanctuary at this time. We will, however, utilize donations for Easter flowers to provide beautiful flower arrangements as soon as we are able to have public Holy Masses once again.

We will also list your intentions associated with your donations in a future bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact me or the parish office.

May God bless you!

In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

V. Do you reject Satan? R. I do.

V. And all his works? R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May He also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Prayer to be Delivered from the Seven Deadly Sins

O meek Savior and Prince of Peace, implant in me the virtues of Gentleness and Patience. Let me curb the fury of anger and restrain all resentment and impatience so as to overcome evil with good, attain Your Peace, and rejoice in Your Love.

O Model of Humility, divest me of all pride and arrogance. Let me acknowledge my weakness and sinfulness, so that I may bear mockery and contempt for Your sake and esteem myself as lowly in Your sight. O Teacher of Abstinence, help me to serve You rather than my appetites. Keep me from gluttony - the inordinate love of food and drink and let me hunger and thirst for Your Justice.

O Lover of Purity, remove all lust from my heart, so that I may serve You with a pure mind and a chaste body.

O Father of the poor, help me to avoid all covetousness for earthly goods and give me a love for heavenly things. Inspire me to give to the needy, just as You gave Your Life that I might inherit eternal treasures. O Exemplar of Love, keep me from all envy and ill-will. Let the grace of Your Love dwell in me that I may rejoice in the happiness of others and bewail their adversities. O zealous Lover of souls, keep me from all sloth of mind or body. Inspire me with zeal for Your glory, so that I may do all things for You and in You.

Prayer during the Corona Pandemic:

Dear Lord,

Help us:
Be prepared, but not anxious,
Be aware, but not desperate,
Be vigilant, but not in fear,
Be joyful, but not clueless,
Be faithful, but not careless,

Lord, be our hope and strength through all trials. Amen.

WEEKLY TITHING for April 12, 2020

Envelopes:

\$ 1.965.00

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CCW Madonna Dinner: Please note that the CCW Madonna Dinner, originally scheduled for May 4, has been postponed.

The Zumbrota Food Shelf remains open as usual and ready to assist anyone needing food assistance at this time. For information, to make a donation, or request a delivery call (507) 732-7330 and leave a message.

PRO LIFE QUOTES

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life." We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." (#28)

"The blood of Christ, while it reveals the grandeur of the Father's love, shows how precious man is in God's eyes and how priceless the value of his life. . . . Furthermore, Christ's blood reveals to us that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self... Whoever in the Sacrament of the Eucharist drinks this blood and abides in Jesus (cf. Jn 6:56) is drawn into the dynamism of his love and gift of life, in order to bring to its fullness the original vocation to love which belongs to everyone." (cf. Gen 1:27; 2:18-24) (#25)

"Everyone has an obligation to be at the service of life... Together we all sense our duty to preach the Gospel of life, to celebrate it in the Liturgy and in our whole existence, and to serve it with the various programs and structures which support and promote life." (#79) (quotes from 'Gospel of Life, St. John Paul II)

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Tuesday, April 21, 2020

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (unless you hear otherwise)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 21, 2020 Darleen Gillard (Mike & Karen Hodgman)

April 23, 2020 †Philip O'Neill (Rose Perra)

April 26, 2020 Parishioners

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 1) My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy. (699)" (info and quotes taken from www.thedivinemercy.org)

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin and Foster Father of our Redeemer, St. Paul and St. Michael, may our good Lord Jesus grant us open hearts to desire and receive His Divine Mercy!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Thank Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all who have continued giving so generously during this time! Your donations enable us to pay bills for utilities, maintenance, priest and staff wages, insurance, and much more. Please consider mailing contributions or placing them in the drop box at our parish offices.

Easter Prayer of St. Gregory the Great

It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Onlybegotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: Dear *Father*, by Your wondrous condescension 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, 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!



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