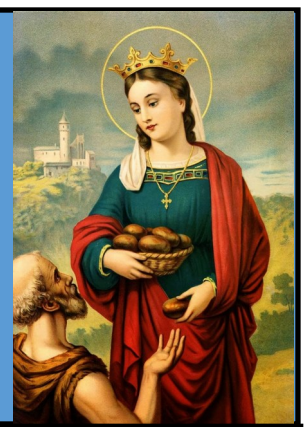


CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH



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This Week: Sunday, April 12th—Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy Sunday: The second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The readings for this Sunday are about God's Divine Mercy given to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our need for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. This Sunday's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith for everyone. We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives. Through sacraments and the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.



Congratulations and God's abundant blessings to Dylan Milliner and Kaiden Smith, who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the easter Vigil.

Prayer List: Emila Adkins, Connie Allen, Betty Baker, Glenn Campbell, Carol Carter, Sharon Clemons, Allie Sue Collins, Norman & Hettie Conder, Dale & Donna Darst, Teresa Elmore, Crystal Frazee, Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, Helen Gawarecki, Erica Gibson, Lisa Graas, Jeff Hack, Ralph Haycraft, Dennis Higdon, Pat Higdon, Nancy Hill, Roz Hill, Mary Jackey, Gibson Jagers, Jr & Eve Jarboe, Donald Kennedy, Ron Kennedy, Chris Lampton, Travis Lampton, Lora Lashley, Mike & Pat Leonard, Dianna Lush, Teresa Lynn, Bernice McCombs, Mary McDermott, Savanna Mercer, Lucas Meredith, Delois Miller, Joe Ed Milliner, Timmy Milliner, Irv & Coreen Moore, Zachary Nelson, Mary Norris, Lois Pack, James Paris, Taylor Pharis, Sharon Portman, Sharon Roberts, Bobby & Michelle Robinson Family, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Karen Smallwood Sackstedar, Gene Schafer, Dan Scholl, Ellen Schraeder, Mark Seabolt, Mary Sue Seward, Michelle Shaffer, Ann Skaggs, David Skaggs, Iris Smith, Linda Steinhoffer, Mimi Stinson, Misty Thomas, Shelia Thomas, Bud Underwood, Jon Usher, Jerry Wheatley, Brian Wilson, Norma Jean Witten, Bill Wortham, Ellen Johnson, mother of Sandy Clemons

For Those Serving In The Military: Ben Foster, Dan Harrison, Dan Leonard, Owen Meredith, Shelby Gregorio, Phillip Sims

Grace Marriage offers couples a relaxed, monthly space to reconnect, strengthen their marriage, and enjoy uninterrupted conversation—no pressure to share. Meets the third Tuesday each month at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. Our first meet up is April 21st at 6pm. For further information please contact St. Paul Office—stpaulamy@outlook.com or 270-242-7436
 Sign Up Link <https://connect.gracemarriage.com/register/4PN4K9KT6I3XG7RW7P4WKXUW>

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—St. Paul

Date: Saturday, April 18

Lectors: Mike Foster; Becky Lucas
Eu Min: Joan Butterworth; Bobby Robinson
Servers: Payton, Waylon, Jack
Gifts: Jerry & Evelyn Sims

Date: Sunday, April 19

Lectors: Amanda Decker; Brayden Kingrey
Eu Min: Randall, Larry
Servers: Collin, Ethan, Cannon
Gifts: Doug & Mary Smith

Mass Intentions for the week April 13 –19

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Adolph & Rose Milliner +
Wednesday	6:00pm	St. Eliz	Gerald Avis +
Thursday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Sr. Anne Michelle +
Friday	Noon	St. Paul	Byron Whitworth +
Saturday	5:00 pm	St. Paul	Al Darst+
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Paul	Parishioners
Sunday	10:30 am	St. Eliz	Rod Brady +

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –St. Elizabeth

Date: Sunday, April 19

Lectors: Grant, Patty
Eu Min: Pat, Carol
Servers: Wyatt, Austin
Gifts: Burlison Family

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH

Mar 29 Collection: \$ 1,149.00
 Apr 5 Collection: \$ 2,383.00
Needed for Budget each week: \$2,050.00
 Under /Over this week : **-\$568.00 (2 weeks)**
 Budget for the whole year : \$106,000
Under/ Over from July 1st: **-\$13,012.75**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL

Mar 29 Collection: \$ 2,461.00
 Apr 5 Collection: \$ 4,514.00
Needed for Budget each week: \$ 3,380.00
 Under/ Over this week : **+215.00**
 Budget for the whole year : \$176,000
Under/ Over from July 1st: **-\$3,406.37**

Pastors' CORNER

St. Faustina of Poland: She is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April, 2000, at 10:00 AM on the Second Sunday of Easter, His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy." "The Lord of Divine Mercy," a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!" The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God.

Law v Mercy: In Reader's Digest, Jim Williams of Montana, writes: "I was driving too fast late one night when I saw the flashing lights of a police car in my rearview mirror. As I pulled over and rolled down my window of my station wagon, I tried to dream up an excuse for my haste. But when the patrolman reached the car, he said nothing. Instead, he merely shined his flashlight in my face, then on my seven-month-old in his car seat, then on our three other children, who were asleep, and lastly on the two dogs in the very back of the car. Returning the beam of light to my face, he then uttered the only words of the encounter. 'Son,' he said, 'you can't afford a ticket. Slow down.' And with that, he returned to his car and drove away." Sometimes mercy triumphs over law.

Photographer's mercy: The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proofs of a picture, was very angry with the photographer. He stormed back to the man's studio and screamed at him: "This picture does not do me justice!" The photographer replied, "Sir, with a face like yours, what you need is mercy, not justice!"

Mercy of Sisters of Mercy: There is a joke about the payment of a bill at the Sisters of Mercy Hospital. A man was brought to Mercy Hospital for surgery. The operation went well. The Sister waiting by his bed said to the man, "You're going to be just fine," and asked him, "We want to know how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?" He whispered, "No, I'm not." The sister asked, "Can you pay in cash?" He replied, "I'm afraid I can't, Sister." She continued, "Do you have any close relatives, then?" The patient replied, "Just my sister in New Mexico, but she's a spinster nun." The sister said, "Nuns are not spinsters, Mr. Smith. They are married to Jesus." The man said with a smile, "Okay, then send the bill to Jesus, my brother-in-law."

Fr. Suneesh Mathew :Have a Blessed week

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 12	First Communion; Both Churches Youth Group Traveling Dinner Party; St. Paul, 4:45 PM
Tuesday, April 14	Eucharistic Adoration; St. Elizabeth, 11:00 AM—8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM—6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 15	Senior Meal, St. Elizabeth, 11:30 AM Parish Council, St. Elizabeth, after 6:00 PM Mass
Sunday, April 19	CCD; St. Elizabeth

Divine Mercy Sunday: There are many notable things about the life and papacy of St. John Paul II, but perhaps most impressive was his devotion to divine mercy. In 1980, he wrote an entire encyclical on it, "Dives in Misericordia" ("Rich in Mercy"), in which he outlines the truth and meaning of mercy from biblical times to the present and beyond. In it, he states mankind's mission of mercy. "The church must profess and proclaim God's mercy in all its truth, as it has been handed down to us by revelation," he wrote. He took this task upon himself becoming for many the champion of divine mercy.

Not surprisingly, he seemed to have found in St. Faustina Kowalska a kindred spirit. She was a humble, uneducated and holy nun of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland who received extraordinary revelations of Our Lord. Jesus instructed Faustina to record his messages of God's divine mercy. She did and compiled them into a diary. Faustina's message reverberated in St. John Paul II's heart, as he demonstrated in his homily at her canonization on April 30, 2000.

"And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of divine mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. "May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. "Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in you! he said.

At the same time, John Paul II declared Divine Mercy Sunday to be celebrated worldwide on the Sunday after Easter. In his 2001 homily on Divine Mercy Sunday, John Paul II pointed to the revelations of Faustina as "the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies. ... Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium."

His confidence in divine mercy never waived. Throughout his life, he not only promoted it, but he personified it. As if to crown his work, providence saw to it that John Paul II died on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday 2005. He was canonized on April 27, 2014.



St. Elizabeth

Birthdays:

April 16—Stephanie Burlison

Anniversaries:

None this week

St. Paul

Birthdays:

April 15—Dorris McGrew

April 19—Faye Milliner

Anniversaries:

April 9—Kevin & Melanie Crawford (21 years)

April 17—Matt & Jamie Carwile (22 years)

THANK YOU—The family of Byron Whitworth would like to thank the parish family for the funeral home visits, the funeral meal, donations made to the school in Byron's name, and for all the prayers and kind words. We are truly appreciative of each of you.

ST. PAUL RESURRECTION FAIR FAQ

Is it after 8:30 Mass April 19? YES

Is it for the whole parish? YES

Will there be food and drink? YES

Will ages 0-High School get Prizes? YES

Can adults play the games too? YES

Is it free? YES

Should you join us? YES

St. Paul School News:

- **Pork Lunches will return on 4/24/26 and 5/8/26.**
- **St. Paul Palooza – May 1, 2026** Join us for a fun and welcoming introduction to St. Paul School! We are hosting a special **Palooza event for incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten families** from **11:30 AM – 2:00 PM.**