

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!



**DIVINE
MERCY**

2 St. Andrew Staff Directory, Councils & Commissions

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From Fr. Tom

Last Sunday, on Easter Day, during my homily I used an expression that comes from one of the saints: "Love is the eye." Love, lets some see and recognize Jesus after His resurrection while others do not recognize Him.

Today's Gospel passage is another example for that. Thomas was not with the other Apostles when Jesus came. And he says; *"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."* At that moment Love wasn't in Thomas' eye!

After he adamantly, even angrily, expressed his doubt, Christ didn't dismiss him. He didn't write him off. Christ came back... I'd say, for Thomas and for us!

He gave Thomas another chance, and offered him the gift of faith – and Thomas, overwhelmed and awed, watching through the eyes of love, accepted. Christ does that with all of us.

When we least expect it, he will break through locked doors of the human heart. When we've been overwhelmed with this whole COVID-19, with so much suffering and pain, with many deaths around us, Jesus is coming to find us, where we are, in our fear, loss, and uncertainty. He understands our misgivings, our hurts, our infirmities, and weaknesses. He knows only too well the human condition. As Thomas discovered: he has the wounds to show for it.

And he wants to give us another opportunity, another chance and most importantly He wants to give us the same gift He gave to the Apostles, the gift of Peace.

As we celebrate today the Feast of Divine Mercy instituted by Jesus Himself, we have to remember that there is mercy for the world, that there is forgiveness for us all, that there is PEACE that we can find even in the midst of this whole chaos around us... But we have to turn to the Living God, to Jesus, our Risen Lord with the words that come from St. Faustina Kowalska: **Jesus, I trust in You!**

Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, do not be disappointed, do not be anxious, but TRUST in JESUS, because He is OUR LORD and GOD!!

Readings for the Week of April 20

April 20

Acts 4:23-31
John 3:1-8

April 21

St Anselm
Acts 4:32-37
John 3:7b-15

April 22

Acts 5:17-26
John 3:16-21

April 23

St George
St Adalbert
Acts 5:27-33
John 3:31-36

April 24

St Fidelis
Acts 5:34-42
John 6:1-15

April 25

Feast of St Mark
1 Peter 5:5b-14
Mark 16:15-20

April 26

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

APRIL 19 - APRIL 30*

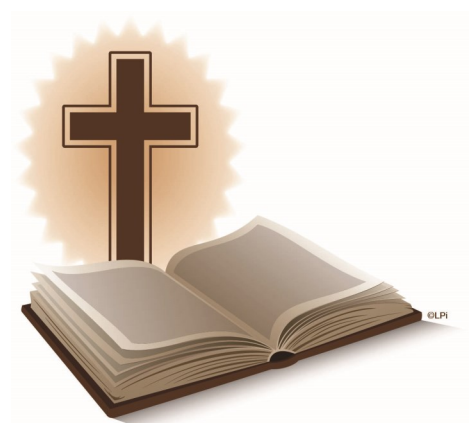
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Emails and voicemails will be monitored

WATCH FOR EMAIL AND
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR POSSIBLE HOURS

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RESUMING
REGULAR HOURS

* as of April 9



4 Worship

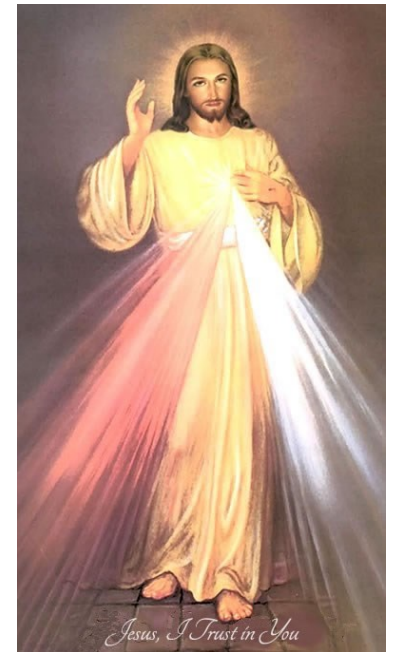
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared:

"It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church *will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'*."

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. A basic explanation of the image is: Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent). The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy".

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. They are usually said using a standard set of Rosary beads, often at 3 p.m. (the time of Jesus' death). The prayers are below or you can find The Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song on YouTube.



How To Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Optional Opening Prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls,
and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat 3 times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a
fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed

For each of the five decades (On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray)

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

(On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray)

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

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.

Join us for a virtual NextStep gathering!

St. Andrew Catholic Church invites you to:



by Dr. Edward Sri

Responding to Relativism with Love and Logic

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are now offering a virtual alternative to our usual face-to-face gatherings.

Scheduled Virtual Gatherings:

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

7:00-8:30pm via Zoom

(See below on how to join)



† St. Andrew Catholic Church
www.standrewchurch.org

To join the Zoom meeting visit: <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 469 451 501 • Password: 032651

Contact Ann Sliney at 248-703-8402 or amcsly@aol.com for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation Asking for Your Continued Prayers



Our RCIA Catechumen (Ryan) and Candidates (Jacqueline, Donna, Charlie, Adam, and Carl) have been diligently and spiritually preparing to enter our Church at the Easter Vigil. Unfortunately, they will have to wait until a future date that has not yet been determined. Please continue to pray for these individuals that God may give them the grace to continue to persevere in faith and this additional time of prayer and preparation will lead them into a greater joy when they finally enter into full initiation of the Easter Sacraments.

Susan Kowalski—RCIA Coordinator

Please hold them in prayer over these coming weeks so that at the Easter Vigil they will celebrate the rituals of initiation within a community that truly encounters the living Christ.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The topic of faith links today's Scripture readings. In St. Peter's First Letter, he encourages the Christians in Asia Minor — modern day Turkey — to be steadfast in their faith, even during difficult trials. In St. John's Gospel, the evangelist tells of Jesus appearing to His disciples on the evening of His Resurrection, but Thomas is not present. This passage also includes the following week's encounter, when Jesus reveals to Thomas the nail marks from His crucifixion. In faith, Thomas now believes and proclaims: *My Lord and my God*. But Jesus admonishes him and professes: *Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed*. God, in unity with His Son and the Holy Spirit, releases this powerful gift of faith by bestowing upon us His abundant grace. While we are granted free will to accept or reject faith, faithful stewards acknowledge and embrace this awesome gift like the early Christians portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles. As stewards, we should open our heart and make Jesus personal in our faith life, then in a spirit of evangelization, share this joy with everyone we meet. Begin to personalize Jesus by learning to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Do You Need Help?

St. Andrew Parishioners who are at higher risk from Coronavirus, including older adults and those with chronic medical conditions, are encouraged to call the parish office or visit <http://bit.ly/COVID19assistance> to sign up to receive assistance including grocery and prescription delivery.

Want to Help?

If you are a parishioner in good health and 59 years of age or younger, please consider volunteering to help deliver groceries and prescription medications to parishioners at higher risk for serious illness from COVID19. Those interested can sign up by calling or emailing Sam Jennings at samj@standrewchurch.org or visiting <http://bit.ly/COVID19Volunteer>

Coronavirus Response: Pray, Study, Act

As Catholics, we are called to respond to this crisis with prayer and study, but also through action on behalf of others, especially those at the margins who are vulnerable to COVID-19 due to social, economic and political factors .

These actions include acts of personal charity (picking up groceries for an elderly neighbor, donating items, volunteering at a food pantry, etc) as well as advocating for the protection of the most vulnerable, including the elderly, those with pre-existing health conditions, those in jail or detention, the poor and those without insurance, those who have lost their jobs, and workers without access to childcare or paid sick leave.

Below is a list of resources to help Catholics learn more and respond to those in need with love and justice.

Care for the Vulnerable and COVID-19

<https://bit.ly/2y6x1p4> This reflection is an excellent resource and includes prayer, action items, and opportunities to learn more.

Pax Christi

<https://paxchristiusa.org/coronavirus-response-pray-study-act/> This site is updated frequently and includes ways for you to learn more, pray for those on the margins, and take action on behalf of the poor. Includes reflections on the Lenten readings in light of the pandemic.

CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES: Responding in Prayer, Reflection, and Solidarity

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/coronavirus-covid-19-solidarity-resources/>

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

Various ministries are in need of volunteers, as well as financial and in-kind donations. For more information Please visit <https://ccsem.org/covid-19-outreach-and-resources/ways-to-get-involved/>.

Neighborhood House: Urgent!

Our friends over at Neighborhood House, a non-profit which seeks to help our neighbors experiencing hardship, is in urgent need of food! Please consider donating food, or grocery store gift cards. For more information please visit <https://www.ranh.org/coronavirus-updates>.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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| • Peanut Butter | • Cereal |
| • Jelly | • Oatmeal |
| • Canned chicken | • Pasta |
| • Canned tuna | • Pasta sauce |
| • Beef Stew | • Juice |
| • Kidney Beans | • Juice boxes |
| • Garbanzo beans | • Lunch box |
| • White beans, | snacks |
| • Black beans | • Personal hand sanitizers |
| | • Toilet paper |

THANK YOU!!

Please bring your donations to the Food Pantry at the First Congregational Church at 1315 N. Pine Street Monday through Thursday or Saturday from 10am to noon.

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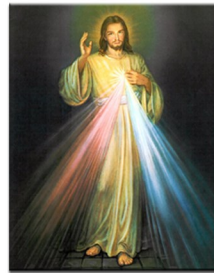
"JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU. JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU. JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU."

Trust is the virtue and the message of Divine Mercy. Trust is the reliance and dependence on God.

As we all know, trust in God is very easy when things are going great, but as we go through this pandemic, doubt appears. We may wonder, "Where is God?" or "Does He really exist?" We may experience painful episodes that we can use to draw closer to Him—Trust in God is key. We must allow trust to be a life vest onto which we cling when we feel we are drowning.

We must trust in God. We must stop spending time, effort and energy worrying about what could or might happen if we lose track of the "moment". We should enjoy and focus our energy on the present—don't worry about tomorrow or fret about yesterday. If we trust in God, He will provide for us.

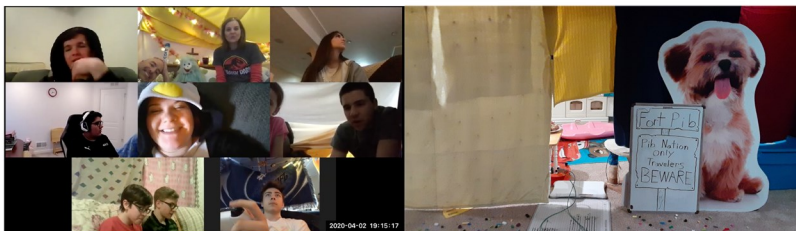
This is all easier said than done. I'll be the first to admit it. Start of small Count your blessings, not the pain.



ZOOM NIGHT

Blanket Fort Zoom Night Fun!

Please email or check the website for how to logon to our zoom meetings.



PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH

In case you (or your teen) missed it last Sunday night, I wanted to share the link to the replay. If you have a few minutes (sixty actually), go to the link below to learn, worship, and pray along with us.

The link below also has a PDF you can print out with some discussion questions and prayer to encourage family conversation and prayer based on the content from last Sunday night. I hope you take advantage of this opportunity to faith share and grow closer together as a family spiritually.

ACCESS THE REPLAY HERE: [PROJECTYM.COM/REPLAY](https://projectym.com/replay)

"YOUTH NIGHT"

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
In the Activities Building
unless otherwise noted
Some join in person and
some join online and fun.
Friends are always welcome!
For more information
please contact me.

MARGARETK@STANDREWCHURCH.ORG

OR

Text this message @stay2020
to number 81010

April

19th ~ Virtual "Youth Night"

21st ~ Zoom Night

23rd ~ Zoom Night



26th ~ Virtual "Youth Night"

28th ~ Zoom Night

30th ~ Zoom Night



Sunday Night 8 to 9

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Events may change or others may be added. Sign up for REMIND to get the most up to date information

As we go through this crazy time of social distancing--I am still here for your teen and your family. Please reach out with prayer requests, concerns, just to say HI!, or to share funny stories. Miss you all!

Praying for your whole family!

Blessings, Margaret Kozak

8 Prayer Requests & Mass Intentions

Prayer Requests

All men & women in the military
& family members
Doreen Valente
Kenneth Beattie
Donna Christie
Patrick Beattie
Louise Carlson
Mark Kujawski
Tony Wojcik
Ken Kwiatkowski
Sally Dupack
Mary Grace
Elias Agirokastritis
Joanne Landry
Karen Holland
Mary Ellen O'Connor
Cameron Kostiz
Tina Denison
David Dehn
Diane Fayle
Caterina Basile
Norman Rosinski
Rebecca Nowakowski
Mary Abraham
The unborn child of Antonio
Walter Gieselmann
Paul Yezback
Sharon Nowakowski
Jordan Baker
Jack Waters
Gary J. Rogers
Aaron Edward Kurmas
Pat Fiorini
Alexander Fabian
Lucas Fabian
William J.H. Smith
Paul Maxwell
Russ LaBruzzy
Mary Pearsall
Mary Ann Ranger
Mike Helms
Ryan Mele
Mary Ziaja
Janet McGarry
Thomas Whitlow
Mary Louise Kaufeld
Therese Tyll
Norine Brum
Patty Miller
Paul & Tracy Jacque
Elizabeth Jary

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 19

(Intentions are still being prayed for by our priests)

SUNDAY	April 19, 2020	
8:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
10:00 am	✦ John Nowinski	Family
	✦ Allen Lewis	Scaccia Family
	✦ Sandie Frederick-Dugan	Scaccia Family
12:00 pm	✦ Classmates of St Anthony Class of 1969	Msgr Mike
	✦ Christine Wissa-Feurig Catherine Basile	Her Parents Family
5:00 pm	For All Those Pursuing Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	
MONDAY	April 20, 2020	
8:15 am	✦ Victor Trebnik	Family
TUESDAY	April 21, 2020	
8:15 am	✦ Joanne Nella Goodrich	Fr. Tom
WEDNESDAY	April 22, 2020	
8:15 am	For the People of St Andrew	
THURSDAY	April 23, 2020	
8:15am	✦ Dick Koerber	Betsy
FRIDAY	April 24, 2020	
8:15 am	✦ Richard Koerber	Lennon Family
SATURDAY	April 25, 2020	
5:00 pm	✦ John & Dorothy Dettloff	Family
SUNDAY	April 26, 2020	
8:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
10:00 am	✦ Rick Ekleberry	Ekleberry Family
	✦ Mark Wagner	Family
	✦ Couveir Family	Neil & Mary Racette
12:00 pm	✦ Frank Buchanan	Mary Buchanan
5:00 pm	For the People of the Pontiac Area Vicariate	



Pray for