



Welcome to Holy Name of Parish
2nd Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 11-12, 2026
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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30 and 10 am
Weekday: Tues, Thurs: 7:30 am Mass in the
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former convent)

Wednesdays – in Church
4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Adoration
4:30pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Families are asked to contact the office before the
arrival of your new child for instructions and
registration.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 4:30pm in Church
Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm (Or by appointment)

MARRIAGE

We celebrate Christian love and family with the
Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact
the office one year in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone who is ill and in need of prayers, comfort
and/or strength should call the office to arrange to
receive this beautiful Sacrament.

HOSPITALIZATION

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
due to HIPAA law.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please call, visit the office or register
online at www.hnojchurch.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit to: parishoffice@hnojchurch.org
Bulletin deadline is Friday at 4:00pm

The Catholic Community of Stratford, rich in tradition and united in its mission to foster meaningful encounters with Jesus Christ, invites, welcomes, accompanies, prays with, and educates disciples to minister and serve.

Together, we are vibrant.

Together, we grow in our faith in new and exciting ways.

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CCS Weekly

Divine Mercy Sunday

Since the pontificate of St. Pope John Paul II, the second Sunday of Easter has been celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. The day commemorates St. Faustina, a Polish nun of the twentieth century who had numerous visions of Christ. We pray with her words today of her diary today:



"In whatever state a soul may be, it ought to pray. A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose its beauty; a soul which is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul which is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it might rise again. There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer."

Vacation Bible School: Summer 2026

Parents and guardians have two opportunities for vacation Bible School in the town of Stratford this year: August 10-14 at St. Mark and August 17-21 at Our Lady of Peace. Please reach out to Dana Donia at ddonia@stmarkstfd.org for more information for the week at St. Mark, or Colin Petramale at colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org for more information for the week at OLP. Both weeks promise to be faith-filled for all involved!



Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a prayer that came to the Church through Saint Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s. Sister Faustina (1905-1938) was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. Jesus asked her to share this prayer so that people everywhere could call on His mercy. It is a reminder that God's love is for all people, no matter their past.

The Chaplet is said on regular rosary beads

Make the Sign of the Cross

Opening prayer:

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 this prayer three times:

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

Next say an Our Father, A Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I 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. Amen.

On the large bead before each decade say:

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.

Repeat for the remaining decades

After the five decades are complete, say this prayer three times:

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

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. Amen



Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Mar 28-29		
Sunday	\$	1,988.00
Palm Sunday	\$	1,071.00
Other	\$	906.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF - Mar 23-29		
Sunday	\$	1,100.00
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Other	\$	323.00
ONLINE GIVING - Mar 23-29		
Sunday	\$	423.00
Palm Sunday	\$	20.00
Other	\$.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	5,918.00
IN-CHURCH April 4-5		
Sunday	\$	2,329.00
Easter	\$	2,262.00
Other	\$	135.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF - Mar 30-Apr 5		
Sunday	\$	1,205.00
Easter	\$	157.00
Other	\$	125.00
ONLINE GIVING - Mar 30-Apr 5		
Sunday	\$	663.00
Easter	\$.00
Other	\$	175.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	7,051.00

Thank you! Your generosity is a blessing.



Our celebrations of Lent, Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum have been inspirational, prayerful, life changing and joyous. We give thanks for God's guidance and grace and heartfelt gratitude to the staff and numerous – too numerous to mention – stewards who have given so much of their time and talent to create, fashion, plan, and present the many aspects of celebration and prayer throughout Lent, Holy Week, and the Sacred Triduum. Many of the people of this great Parish have worked long hours and selflessly so that we might pray well and grow in our faith. Well done good Stewards!



Easter Egg Hunt!

Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesdays 4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available 5:30pm Mass

April 11-12 Parish Nurses

April 14 and April 17 Neo Catechumenal gathering in Heritage Hall -all are welcome

April 18-19 Coffee And...

April 19 Family Faith Event—all parishioners are invited

April 22, 29 The Chosen

April 25 Men's Reflection

April 25-26 Monthly Food Collection

April 26 Bible Study with Fr. Jim

April 26 Faith Formation for children



Men's Reflection Group



Upcoming Saturday Reflection dates:

April 11, 25, and May 16 Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am in the Parish Community Room -with reflections on the Readings at 8:00, and we'll finish at 9:00am.

Bible Study



Join Fr. Jim as we continue understanding the Prophet Isaiah.
Sunday, April 26, 11:30am-12:30pm and
Saturday, May 16, 10:00am -11:15am

The Chosen



We hope you will join us for Season Two of...**The CHOSEN Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall**
April 22 Episodes 1 & 2
"Thunder" "I Saw you"

April 29 Episodes 3 & 4

"Matthew 4:24" "The Perfect Opportunity"

May 6 Episodes 5 & 6 **"Spirit" "Unlawful"**

May 13 Episodes 7 & 8 **"Reckoning" "Beyond Mountains"**

All are welcome—Bring the family! Snacks will be available or you may bring your dinner! Study guides will be provided for you to take home. Sign-up sheets in the back of church

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT! April 24



FAMILY BINGO!!

Friday, April 24th

Heritage Hall

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HIS MERCY

ENDURES



Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Parish family, on this Divine Mercy Sunday I want to share with you much of Pope Leo XIV's *Urbi et Orbi* message that he gave Easter Sunday.

Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred. It is a victory that came at a very high price: Christ, the Son of the living God (cf. Mt 16:16), had to die — and die on a cross — after suffering an unjust condemnation, being mocked and tortured, and shedding all his blood. As the true immolated Lamb, he took upon himself the sin of the world (cf. Jn 1:29; 1 Pet 1:18–19) and thus freed us all — and with us, all creation — from the dominion of evil.

But how was Jesus able to be victorious? What is the strength with which he defeated once and for all the ancient adversary, the prince of this world (cf. Jn 12:31)? What is the power with which he rose from the dead, not returning to his former life, but entering into eternal life and thus opening in his own flesh the passage from this world to the Father?

This strength, this power, is God himself for he is Love who creates and generates, Love who is faithful to the end and Love who forgives and redeems.

Christ, our “victorious King,” fought and won his battle through trusting abandonment to the Father's will, to his plan of salvation (cf. Mt 26:42). Thus he walked the path of dialogue to the very end, not in words but in deeds: to find us who were lost, he became flesh; to free us who were slaves, he became a slave; to give life to us mortals, he allowed himself to be killed on the cross. . .

Brothers and sisters, this is the true strength that brings peace to humanity, because it fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups, and nations. It does not seek private interests, but the common good; it does not seek to impose its own plan, but to help design and carry out a plan together with others. .

And so Pope Leo also reminds you and me of an inconvenient and challenging truth we all need to pray for the grace to face and respond with love for one another as Jesus loves us.

Brothers and sisters, through his resurrection, the Lord confronts us even more powerfully with the dramatic reality of our freedom. . .

*We are growing accustomed to violence, resigning ourselves to it, and becoming indifferent. Indifferent to the deaths of thousands of people. Indifferent to the repercussions of hatred and division that conflicts sow. Indifferent to the economic and social consequences they produce, which we all feel. There is an ever-increasing “globalization of indifference,” to borrow an expression dear to Pope Francis, who one year ago from this loggia addressed his final words to the world, reminding us: “What a great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day in the many conflicts raging in different parts of the world!” (*Urbi et Orbi Message*, 20 April 2025). . .*

[Jesus] passed through death to give us life and peace: “I leave you peace; I give you my peace. Not as the world gives it, I give it to you” (Jn 14:27). The peace that Jesus gives us is not merely the silence of weapons, but the peace that touches and transforms the heart of each one of us! Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ! Let us make heard the cry for peace that springs from our hearts! For this reason, I invite everyone to join me in a prayer-vigil for peace that we will celebrate here in Saint Peter's Basilica next Saturday, April 11. . .

I hope many of us were able to join Pope Leo in Saturday's prayer vigil for peace in ourselves, our families, our nation, our world. And let us continue to pray and work for understanding, dialogue, reconciliation, and peace especially during this Easter season and always. God bless+



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