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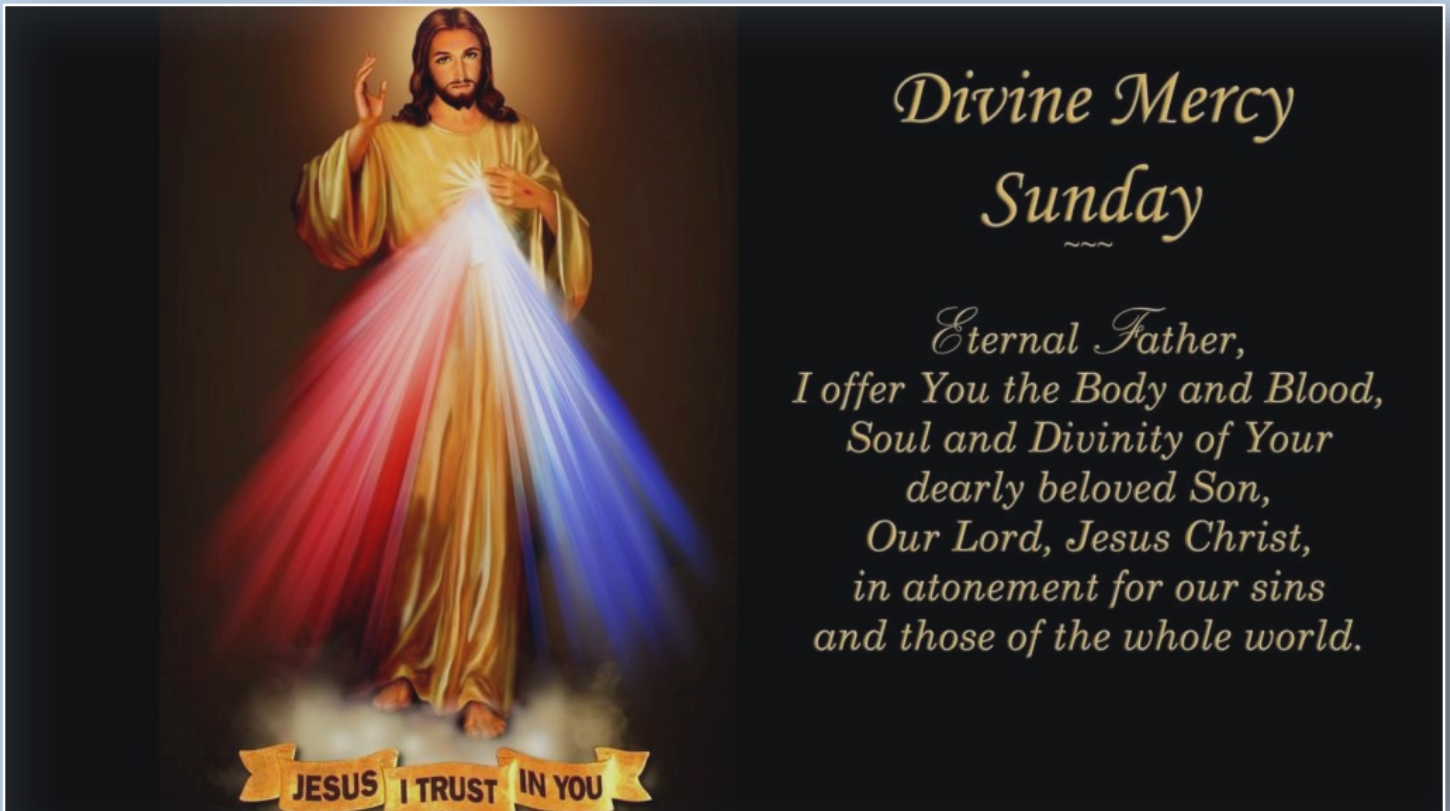
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## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026



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*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.*

### MASS TIMES

If you are new to our parish please visit our website [www.quadparishes1.org](http://www.quadparishes1.org) to register. We look forward to meeting you. The office is located at 306 E. Birch St., PO Box 20, New Berlin, IL 62670.

#### CONTACT US

PARISH OFFICE: 217-488-3545

HOURS: 8:30AM-1:30 PM Monday-Friday  
[secretary@quadparishes1.org](mailto:secretary@quadparishes1.org)

#### Weekdays:

Mon. 8:00AM Visitation  
Tues. 5:30PM St. Mary's  
6:00PM Adoration  
Wed. 8:00AM Sacred Heart  
Fri. 8:00AM St. Sebastian  
No Mass on Thursday

#### Weekends:

Saturday:  
4:00PM Visitation  
5:45PM St. Sebastian  
Sunday:  
8:00AM Sacred Heart  
10:00AM St. Mary's

Confession Times-Sat.- 3:00-3:40 PM Visitation  
Tues.-6:00-6:30 PM St. Mary's

\*Other times by appointment\*

## Pastor's Pen

### The Great Plan God Has For You

We can all, at times, have dreams of grandeur. What if I were rich and famous? What if I had great power in this world? What if I were the Pope or the President? But what we can be certain of is that God does have great things in mind for us. He calls us to a greatness we could never imagine. One problem that often arises is that, when we begin to sense what God wants of us, we run away and hide. God's Divine Will often calls us out of our comfort zone and requires great trust of Him and abandonment to His Holy Will (See Diary #429).

Are you open to what God wants of you? Are you willing to do whatever He asks? Often times we wait for Him to ask, then think about His request, and then become filled with fear over that request. But the key to fulfilling the Will of God is to say "Yes" to Him even before He asks anything of us. Surrendering to God, in a perpetual state of obedience, will free us from the fear we can be tempted with when overanalyzing the details of His glorious Will.

*Dear Lord, I say "Yes" to You this day. Whatever You ask of me, I will do. Wherever You lead me, I will go. Give me the grace of complete abandonment to You no matter what You ask. I offer myself to You so that the glorious purpose of my life may be fulfilled. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Several churches in diocese available for Special Year of St. Francis pilgrimage so you can receive indulgence – Pope Leo XIV declared a Special Year of St. Francis to mark the 800th anniversary of his death, running until January 2027. During this time, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting Franciscan churches or praying spiritually if unable to travel, following the usual conditions of going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the pope's intentions (e.g., one Our Father and Hail Mary). For example, in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, one can make a pilgrimage to St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis, St. Francis of Assisi Church in Springfield, or St. Francis Adoration Chapel in Alton (home of the Sisters of St. Francis of Martyr St. George).

### Mass Intentions

Mon.	4/13	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues.	4/14	Patricia Walters (Ralph Walter & Jean Moss) Jeannine Frank (Alice Moss)
Wed.	4/15	<b>No Mass</b>
Thu.	4/16	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri.	4/17	<b>No Mass</b>
Sat.	4/18	
	4:00 PM	Gertrude Critchelow (Cathy Stephenson)
	5:45 PM	Wilma Fitzpatrick (Jerry Fitzpatrick)
Sun.	4/19	
	8:00 AM	Patricia Frank (Allen & Barb Courier)
	10:00 AM	Jackie Hermes (Karen Walker) Ed Cantrell (Ed & Diane Murphy)

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19*

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

Henry Hammann received his First Communion and Confirmation on March 24 at the Cathedral. We rejoice with him and his family as he continues to grow in faith. Congratulations Henry!



**Parish Offering As of 4/8/2026**

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$1,459	\$1,869	\$1,189	\$158
Online	\$301	\$545	\$000	\$000
Weekly	\$1,760	\$2,414	\$1,189	\$158
YTD Giving	\$107,153	\$52,830	\$38,574	\$27,315
YTD Budget	\$102,505	\$65,891	\$37,512	\$26,534
YTD Net	<b>\$4,647</b>	<b>-\$13,060</b>	<b>\$1,062</b>	<b>\$781</b>

**Online Giving QR Codes**



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

**Important Dates**

**April 13**-No Mass

**April 15- 17**-No weekday Masses

**April 12**-St. Mary's 1st Communion Confirmation  
@ Cathedral

**April 19**- Catholic Home Missions

**Pray for our sick Parishioners**

Janet Blankenship, Sarah Simpson, Louise Lenn, Sue Lowder, Kathy Gordon, Barb Johnson, Mary Lee Staley, Joe Gaston, Lisa Richardson, Mary Hemberger, Roseanne Hartley, Calyssa Richie, Dale Fitzpatrick, Mary McCray, Heather Boudreau, Sy Haber, Donna Reichart, Joyce Henn, Paul Sweet, Carol Bold, Nancy Blankenship, Jackie Hamilton, Kathy Norman, Kathy Piel, Russ Adams, Suzanne Berry, Carol Peterson, Alice Greenwood, Matt Cumby, Jane Sullivan-Ishii.

**Summer Immersion Experience 2026. Single Catholic women ages 20-45** who are curious about religious life are invited to a national service immersion experience hosted by four Dominican Sisters' congregations in Springfield **June 16-20**. The group will live at Sacred Heart Convent and experience the rhythms of apostolic religious life, which includes community life, prayer, active service, and theological reflection. **There is a \$50 participation fee, but no woman will be turned away for lack of funds.** Apply soon at [springfieldop.org/events](http://springfieldop.org/events) or call Sister Denise Glazik, OP, 217-787-0481 for questions.



We are looking for new members who are male Catholic gentlemen, 18 years of age or older, who have an interest in enhancing their church and local communities. Contact Kevin Kirsch at 217-685-1819.

**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

**Sunday April 19** is St. Mary's Food Pantry Sunday.

-Any nonperishable boxed, bagged, or canned item is welcome.

-Pasta, jarred pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal and pancake mix are all great options.

-Alternatively, as you shop, consider picking up duplicates of nonperishable items your own family enjoys.

**St. Mary's Coffee & Donuts** will be held **Sunday April 19** after Mass in the Parish Center.



Thank you to the Williams Family for volunteering to host this gathering.

**Project Rachel:** Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

**Jacksonville Pregnancy Resource Center**

2026 Annual Walk

Saturday May 16, 2026

9:00am—11:00 am

Nichols Park

McGee Spaulding Pavillion

Register at [JAprcevents.org](http://JAprcevents.org)

**Springfield Catholic Charities 2026 Annual Fundraiser – “Get Your Groove On”**

– Springfield Catholic Charities will be hosting its Annual Fundraiser on **Saturday, April 25, 2026** from **5:00 – 8:30 p.m.** at the Knight of Columbus Hall, 2200 Meadowbrook Rd. in Springfield. This year's fundraiser will be 70's themed and include a costume contest, a fun photo booth, 70's trivia and a DJ to help you “Get Your Groove On”. Event tickets are \$50 per person or \$350 for a table of eight and include hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Tickets may be purchased on our website at: [cc.dio.org/events/springfield-2026-annual-fundraiser](http://cc.dio.org/events/springfield-2026-annual-fundraiser).

**Vocations Corner**

In addition to the more well-known Easter hymns, our rich faith tradition has handed down many others over the centuries. Check out 'Easter at Ephesus (Rereleased)' on YouTube for extraordinarily beautiful chant music sung by the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, a religious order of sisters from Missouri. Learn more about the sisters at <https://benedictinesofmary.org/monasticvocation/>



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