DIvINE MERCY SUNDAY
TRUST IN HIS MERCY

APRIL 16, 2023   DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY #1167

Please join us for Adoration from 7AM to 8AM before the 8:30AM weekday morning Mass.

PRAYER FOR PEACE
God of peace and justice, today we hold the people of Ukraine in our prayers. Please bring peace to our world and the laying down of weapons. Jesus, we ask you to please end the invasion and war in Ukraine and soften the hearts of the Russian authorities.

May all experience your spirit of comfort and compassion.

With Your mercy and grace, please save Ukraine and our world.

Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Pray the Rosary with us Monday through Thursday at 9 AM and on Thursday evenings At 7PM

— LP —
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the members of Holy Ghost Parish, are one body of Roman Catholic people with diverse gifts and blessings, who share responsibility for the transformation of ourselves and our world according to the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. Fed by the Holy Spirit, we nurture our faith through private prayer, liturgy and sacraments, through lifelong learning and teaching of Gospel values, and through love and support of each other. Empowered by the same Spirit, we live our faith in action through the ministries of service, social justice, evangelization and witness, because all are called to one and the same goal: unity with God, now and forever. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 15
7PM Mass
Joseph & Gladys Koziol

Sunday, April 16
8AM Mass
Steven Heiress

10:30AM Mass
Zofia Uscinska

The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

Monday, April 17
Thomas & Virginia Crowley

Tuesday, April 18
Mary Ann Cerceo

Wednesday, April 19
Marcia Baxa

Thursday, April 20
Poor Souls in Purgatory
Teresa Nelson

Mass Intention Information
$10 stipend per Mass Intention.
Mass Intention requests, in compliance with the Decree on Mass Stipends, began on January 1, 2016: There will be one intention for a Mass. Mass will be offered for all Parishioners in the Parish on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and Holy Days of Obligation. No other intentions will be taken for the Masses on these days.

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish’s CMAA goal of $54,300. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference.

If you still need to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA this year and ensure all in our diocese know that we belong to God. There are many options for giving, from pledging to monthly recurring gifts. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our Sanctuary Lamp
Our sanctuary lamp is a 7-day candle that is always lit above the tabernacle. If you would like to contribute $20 to the cost of the weekly candle, we will include an acknowledgement in the bulletin. You are also welcome to make the donation in memory of a loved one. You may mail your request with your contribution to: Holy Ghost Church at 254 N Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL 60191.

Food for the Banquet
A beautiful way to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, is through providing Food for the Banquet. You may mail your request with your $50 contribution to Holy Ghost Church at 254 N Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL 60191.

In Loving Memory of
Pasquale Dardano
From The Dardano Family

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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pray for Our Military
Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

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CAPT Jeremy Shimanek
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LTC Grace Gallagher
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Please help: Is our Military Prayer List current? Please email: joni@holyghostparish.org or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to help us update this information. Thank you!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
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Gloria Anderson
Joel Calderone
Anna Canale
Ron Catalano
Martin Chiodo
James Cumo
John Davis
Rose Marie Davis
Philip Giancola
Agnes Grams
Gerry Grupe
Evelyn Hickman
Special Intention
Anthony Jasinski IV
Karen Junke
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Joyce Kordas
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Bonnie Murphy
Gloria Paz
Lisa Perez
Laverne Peterson
Rose Powers
William Powers
Joseph Prince
Robert Rosch Sr
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Reiner Siedentop
Wanda Slupik
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Maria Yanez

PRAYER & WORSHIP
April 16, 2023 | Divine Mercy Sunday

RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ’s Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation — and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don’t know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn’t surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, “suffer through various trials.” But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

Let the house of Aaron say, “His mercy endures forever.” — Psalm 118:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  ©LPi
READINGS FOR THE WEEK
April 16, 2023
Divine Mercy Sunday

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK
April 16, 2023
Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter
(Devine Mercy)
Friday: St. Anselm,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: Earth Day
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -
AN INVITATION TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: We hear how the original believers in the risen Jesus lived in peace and harmony in Jerusalem. What could you do to promote good-will and happiness in your community of friends or co-workers?

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Gospel: The risen Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Do you consider yourself blessed in this regard?

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Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/
Jn 20:19-31

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/
Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/
Lk 24:13-3

"The Divine Heart is an ocean full of all good things, wherein poor souls can cast all their needs; it is an ocean full of joy to drown all our sadness, an ocean of humility to drown our folly, an ocean of mercy to those in distress, an ocean of love in which to submerge our poverty."

—St. Margaret Mary

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Happy Easter Season. After Easter, now everything is different. Nothing is like it was before. Something amazing and miraculous has happened, and we can’t go back to what it was like before. This was not like anything else that’s ever happened. There have been other great leaders. David was a great king, and he lived, but he died. We can see his tomb. But Jesus lived, and he died, and he rose. That’s the difference.

I can totally understand why people would find that hard to believe. It’s hard to believe even now. Jesus’ own disciple Thomas couldn’t believe it. You can’t blame them. In all of human history – before and since – people are born and live and then they die. And unfortunately, they stay dead. I watched my husband die and my parents, and they are still dead. But Jesus rose.

That changes everything. It changes how we look at the world and how we look at life and how we look at death. Now death is not just an ending it’s also a beginning. Jesus told us then showed us that there is something bigger, that there is something beyond.

Of course the elders would try to discredit this story. Of course they would try to say it didn’t happen, that the body was stolen or moved. This changes too much. This means that there is something beyond this physical world. This means that there is a rule beyond the political rule. This changes everything we thought we knew about the world and our position in it. We know now that this is not all there is. We know now that there is something beyond, and Jesus can lead us there. By: Tamora Whitney

How To Pray the Chaplet
of Divine Mercy

Optional 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 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. USCCB
Please help: Our food drive is ongoing. Non-perishable canned, boxed and bagged food items may be placed on the shelving unit in the gym. Your continued support is most appreciated.

**Bishop Hicks' Column**

**April 2023:**
*The Chrism Mass: A Call to Newness of Life*

By the time you are reading this article, we will probably have already celebrated Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter Sunday. During that holy and busy week in the Catholic Church, there is a beautiful, albeit sometimes overshadowed, Mass we celebrate called the “Chrisk Mass.” Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we gather for it each year on the Monday after Palm Sunday, and I would like to share with you why I love it so much.

During this joyous and powerful celebration, there are two additional parts that are included in the Mass. The first one is the “Renewal of Priestly Promises.” Immediately after the homily, the priests all stand and the bishop begins to address them with these words: “Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God’s holy people, the promises you once made? This year at the Chrisk Mass, as I listened to the priests renewing their promises with zeal and courage, I felt a deep sense of unity with them and gratitude for them. I also thanked God not only for their original “Yes” to the priesthood, but also for publicly reaffirming their commitment throughout all the ups and downs of the journey.

The second additional part is the “Presentation of the Oils.” The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens are first presented and blessed. Then the Chrisk oil is presented to the bishop. Right before the bishop consecrates it, he pours the ‘chrisk essence’ into the container and stirs the oil, then he literally breathes upon it, recalling when Jesus breathed on his disciples after the resurrection, thus sending the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)

I love that after this Mass, representatives from each of our parishes and various institutions receive a box containing the newly blessed Oils and return to their parishes with these Holy Oils. On Holy Thursday, these Holy Oils are presented in all of our parishes at the beginning of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. These Holy Oils are used throughout the year for the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and in the dedication of a new church and/or a new Altar.

Immediately after the blessing of the new Oils at the Chrisk Mass, we turn to the Liturgy of the Eucharist as the gifts of bread and wine are presented with this prayer over the offerings, “May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord we pray, mercifully wipe away what is old in us and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life.” It strikes me that the Chrisk Mass magnifies this newness of life through Christ our Lord as the priests renew their promises and as the people bring back the new holy oils to their parishes. This newness of life was celebrated in your parish on Easter Sunday and these Holy Oils will be used in your parish and ministries in the year ahead to renew us in our lives.

After the Chrisk Mass, as I exited the Cathedral and I was walking through the parking lot, I noticed a small group of people who had also attended the Mass. They were walking to their car, gently carrying the newly blessed Holy Oils almost like parents carrying a new-born baby into the house for the first time. I was delighted by their care and attention.

They told me that they had driven to the Cathedral from Kankakee. One of the women then said, “Bishop, I felt like I won the golden ticket when I was asked to represent my parish at this Mass today. It was just splendid! And it reminded me that our diocese is a lot bigger than just my parish. It felt good to worship with the larger Church today.”

As I started my car, I thought about her comment. Sometimes, we might think that the Church is only as big as our experience in our own local parish. We can easily get focused on just our own personal communities, realities, needs and issues. And yet, we are a large and diverse diocese made up of many people from various demographics and locations with a wide variety of opinions and points of view. Through it all, part of the beauty of what makes us “Catholic” is that amid our diversity and individual parish experiences, we are also united in Christ. And yet together, wholeheartedly, we all believe that salvation is only through, with and in Him.

So, as I drove home from the Chrisk Mass with a smile on my face, I spontaneously uttered a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all of the laity, religious women and men, deacons and priests across our diocese, and for the newness of life that we share, united through Christ, our Lord.
Please join Pope Francis in praying his April 2023 intention:
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

The 33rd Anniversary of the Holy Ghost Knights of Columbus Council will be celebrated Sunday, April 16 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

You are invited to a movie screening of the film "Unplanned". Hosted by the Holy Ghost Knights of Columbus. **Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 1 PM in the Gym**
Light refreshments will be served. **Parental Discretion Advised**

From Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, the writers/co-producers of *God’s Not Dead*, comes a film that speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our time. *UNPLANNED* brings us an eye-opening look inside abortion through one woman's inspiring story of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. She believed in a woman's right to choose, and as one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join the 40 Days for Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life advocates in America.

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Mother’s Day and Father’s Day are just around the corner. A beautiful way to honor each of your loved ones, living or deceased, would be through a spiritual bouquet of remembrance at the Masses at Holy Ghost on those special days.
(Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, Godfathers.) We are offering beautiful customized cards. The stipend for each card is $10.

Father John will silently remember each person, as requested, during the Masses on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day weekends.

Please complete the form below and submit it to the parish office.
Questions: 630-860-2975

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR: ☐ MOTHER’S DAY ☐ FATHER’S DAY

PLEASE REMEMBER: ___________________________ ☐ LIVING ☐ DECEASED

THAT THEY MAY SHARE IN THE SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OFFERED AT HOLY GHOST IN OBSERVANCE OF MOTHER’S DAY OR FATHER’S DAY.

MY NAME IS: ___________________________________________

MY ADDRESS IS: _________________________________________

MY PHONE NUMBER IS: ____________________________

MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS: ______________________________________

ENCLOSED IS MY STIPEND OF $10 PER CARD FOR A TOTAL OF $_____

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, May 20, 2023  6PM Mass

Who may receive the Sacrament of the Sick?
* All persons of any age who have a serious, acute or chronic physical illness.
* Older persons who suffer from the weakening effects of old age.
* Persons facing serious surgery.
* Persons who suffer from anxiety, depression or drug addiction.

Please complete and return this form to the parish office by Thursday, May 18.

Name: ________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________

Phone: _______________________________________________

_______ I wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick at the 6PM Mass. _________ I use a wheelchair.