

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 27, 2025
[DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY]



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00AM-12:00PM; 4:30PM-6:30PM

Wednesday: 9:00AM-3:00PM; 4:30PM-6:30PM

Thursday: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Saturday: 9:00AM-3:00PM

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 11:00AM: St. Casimir

Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's

First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's

Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, April 27th: Divine Mercy Sunday

Private: Robert Jurino by wife and son

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Dolores Mankosky by Beverly and Frank Vento

Monday, April 28th: Easter Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Joe and Mary Pohl by Mickey Pohl

Tuesday, April 29th: Saint Catherine of Siena

12:05pm (SA) Leonard Mankosky, Anniversary by Scott & Paula Hilinski

Wednesday, April 30th: Easter Wednesday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Thursday, May 1st: Saint Joseph the Worker

12:05pm (SA) Charlotte Prez by Ann & Paul Krauza

First Friday, May 2nd: Saint Athanasius

12:05pm (SA) D.G. Shin by Lucia Lee

First Saturday, May 3rd: Saints Philip and James

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Special Intentions of Mickey Pohl and Family

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, May 4th: Third Sunday of Easter

Private: Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Charlotte Prez by Brian & Catharine Edmonds

CONFESSIONS: Monday-Friday, 11:30-11:55AM (St. Ann's)

April 27, 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Apr. 28th - Private Intention

Tues., Apr. 29th - Stella Pawlak (Judy Hornyak & Girls)

Wed., Apr. 30th - Anne Wisinski (Kristen & Joe Waskiewicz)

Thur., May 1st - Luise Dudkiewicz (Eleanor Reisenweber)

Fri., May 2nd - Christine Sullivan (Christine Sierota)

Sat., May 3rd, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., May 4th, 9:00AM - Camille Riffe (St. Stan's Women's Society)

Readings for the week of April 27, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-24/Rv 1:9-11-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8

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

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: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 30:2-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19



SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Jim Dela (Rich & Diane)

HOLY FAMILY: 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

ST. ANN'S: 1) Prayers for more devotion to religious life; 2) Special Intentions of all our Priests and Deacons

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family; 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Question: Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

On rosary beads say: *(one time)*
*‘Our Father’..., ‘Hail Mary’...
and ‘The Creed’...*

Then on the Our Father beads 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.’*

On the Hail Mary beads say:
*‘For the sake of His sorrowful
Passion have mercy on us and
on the whole world.’*

In conclusion say: *(three times)*
*‘Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy
on us and on the whole world.’*

*‘O Blood and Water, which gushed
forth from the Heart of Jesus as a
fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.’
Say this Chaplet at 3 o’clock, if possible.*

SEDE VACANTE

It was with great sadness that the world learned of the death of Pope Francis is past Easter Monday, April 21st. The funeral toll at St. Stanislaus was rung at 8:00AM Monday morning, as is customary upon the death of a Pope.

With Pope Francis’s death, the “Chair of Peter,” symbolic of the Pope’s authority, is considered “sede vacante” — “the seat is vacant.” Consequently, it is also customary to place an empty chair in the church, decorated in colors of mourning, along with other memorial symbols that acknowledge the life and death of the Pope.

The Church also encourages the observance of “Novendiales,” meaning “nine days.” The faithful are asked to pray over a period of nine days for the following intentions:

- Day 1) Prayers for mercy upon Pope Francis
- Day 2) Prayers for humility
- Day 3) Prayers for the poor
- Day 4) Prayers for God’s creation
- Day 5) Prayers for the Church
- Day 6) Prayers for Family Life
- Day 7) Prayers for evangelization
- Day 8) Prayers for Peace
- Day 9) Prayers for Pope Francis eternal reward

Following this nine days of mourning, the Cardinals will gather in conclave to elect the next pope. We keep them in prayer during this time, as well.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Special devotions will take place at St. Anne’s Church. Confessions will begin at 1:30PM. A special Mass will be celebrated at 3:00PM to remember the deceased members of the Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families.

MSGR. MAGRAW CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

All are invited to celebrate Msgr. Magraw’s 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. A reception will be held at the Holy Trinity church social hall on Sunday, May 18th after the 10:30 am Mass (approximately 11:15AM). For reservations please call Mary Ann at 814-456-0671.

SPRING CLEANING REMINDER

St. Stanislaus is, once again, planning on holding a multi-family garage sale this coming June. As you engage in your spring cleaning, leave aside any items you might otherwise discard, and consider donating them to our sale. We cannot, however, accept clothing or cloth covered furniture. “Drop off” dates will be May 10th and 31st, and June 7th and 14th, from 9:00AM-1:00PM.



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