

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 7, 2024



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ST JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

MASSES

Saturdays 4:00pm
Sundays 8:00am & 10:00am

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 2:30–3:30pm
Sundays: upon request
before & after Masses

Location for Mass:

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Thornton, CO

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Jesus, I Trust in You

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Here's what you can do for
our Tanzania Sister Parish,
who are praying for
us at each Mass

- Pray for them
- Financial support



Christ The King parish and girls Catholic high school is in Nyantakubwa, Tanzania, just below Lake Victoria. St JP2 also supports an orphanage close by in Geita.



"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

~ St. John Paul II

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFERS
a plenary indulgence
in union with
Divine Mercy Sunday under
these normal conditions:

- ~ GO TO CONFESSION
- ~ RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST
- ~ SAY A PRAYER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR POPE
- ~ SPEND PRAYER TIME IN VENERATION OF JESUS SHOWN IN THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat April 6th 4pm Debbi & Smokey Mortus
Sun April 7th 10am †Yvonne Duffus
Sat April 13th 4pm †Alfred & Elizabeth Lockwood
Sun April 14th 10am Mrs. Norma Marks

Sunday 8am & Easter 9am Mass Intentions are for
Pro Populo; for the parishioner of St. John Paul II

Intentions are not read aloud during Mass, but placed on the altar for the priest to offer up silently at Mass.
Send Mass intentions to: SmokeyM@StJP2.org

SUNDAY READINGS

APR 7 2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday
1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-35
Rsp Psalm: Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24
2nd Reading: First John 5: 1-6
Gospel: John 20: 19-31

APR 14 3rd Sunday of Easter
1st Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19
Rsp Psalm: Psalms 4: 2, 4, 7-8, 9
2nd Reading: First John 2: 1-5a
Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

Parish Registration Are you interested in joining this parish community? Register as parishioners under "Connect" on our website.

Welcome All Newly Received Catholics

Here at St John Paul II Parish and across the globe, the Catholic Church opens its arms with joy to welcome our newly baptized Catechumens. Let us unite in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and their families, as they embark on their faith journey following the light of Christ.

May our prayers also embrace those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion on April 21st, that all may be strengthened and guided in their deepening faith.



Faith FORMATION

Our next Faith Formation Families gathering is **Sunday, April 14th** at **11:30am – 12:30pm**.



Our Youth Group will be gathering on **Wednesday, April 17th** from **6:30pm-8pm**

March for Life 2024 Rally

When: **Friday, April 12, 11am**
Where: **Colorado State Capital**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church has organized a trip to the *March for Life Rally*!

We have two buses departing from and returning to the church. Spots are limited, so secure your seat [HERE](#) or contact Hugh at CCC.Rep@StJP2.org



Please keep in your prayers...

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| ☞ Rene Gonzales | ☞ Jennifer Dunkley |
| ☞ Julie Wessling | ☞ Fr. Brian Morrow |
| ☞ Melanie Rohr | ☞ Bill McGee |
| ☞ Earl Beer | ☞ Chuy Medrano |

Email names of those who are ill or in need of prayers to PrayerList@StJP2.org. Names will remain on the list as space allows.

Divine Mercy Sunday This Sunday, April 7, 2024

See *Plenary Indulgence* conditions on front page of this bulletin

St. John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and proclaimed the Second Sunday of Easter "Divine Mercy Sunday."

Jesus inspired her to write the Diary to help us grasp His merciful love for us. Make time daily to reflect on these words from our Lord, captured in the pages of her diary.



For daily St. Faustina Diary reflections & 60-second prayers, sign up at: TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup

Jesus' words to St. Faustina:

"Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The feast of mercy emerged from My very depth of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

From the Diary of St. Faustina, excerpt 699

"Come to Me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. Out of My heart shall flow rivers of living water"

~ Matthew 11:28, John 7:38

Extra Confessions on Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30am-7:45am, 9:15am-9:45am
Fr. James Spahn

7:30am - 10:00am
Fr Austin Okigbo

8:00am - 10:00am
Fr. Salas Pathrose

9:30am - 11:30am
Fr. Joe Hartmann

9:30am - 11:30am
Fr. Robert Reyecraft

10:30am - 12:30pm
Fr. Andrew Kemberling

10:00am - 12:30pm
Fr. John Stapleton



Knights Corner



Join the Knights of Columbus and be the support as the right hand of the Church. Free membership with code "BLESSEDMCGIVNEY" at KofC website: www.KofC.org/Join to learn more and join our St. John Paul II Council #17142. Contact SmokeyM@StJP2.org

Columbian Squires

Columbian Squires are an international youth fraternity run by the Knights of Columbus for boys between ages 10 and 17. At IHM, the Squires help out with church events, perform community service and socialize.

If you think your child would be interested, email squires3645@gmail.com for more information.

World Prayer Day

Sunday, April 21, 2024

The Church throughout the world prays for vocations especially on April 21st. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations, especially to the priesthood and religious life?

- Keep priests and religious sisters and brothers, living and dead in your prayers.
- Encourage your children to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women to respond to God's call.

Save the Date for Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus, a summer catechetical youth program, is being held at **St. John Paul II Parish on June 23-28, 2024!**

Grade School Children (grades 1-6) programming runs Mon-Fri, 9am-2:30pm.

Middle & High School Youth (grades 7-12) programming runs Sun-Thur, 7-9pm.

Registration will open in May! Cost is \$50 per child or \$100 for a family of 3+ children.

Questions? Contact Kristina Hummel at FormFaith@stjp2.org.

Online Giving

St John Paul II parish has our own online giving account through Vanco, with a link on our website. Here, we have established a few shortcuts for you to use:

Option 1. Easily download the app "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" on your phone to set up "Saint John Paul II Catholic Parish"

Option 2. Go directly to our giving page at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z61A>

Option 3. Point your phone camera here at our QR Code:



Divine Mercy Sunday

A Universal Church Feast
observed on the
First Sunday after Easter

Sunday, April 7, 2024

In her *Diary*, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska recorded 14 revelations from our Lord requesting this feast. The most complete, concise description is found in entry 699:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. ... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace, and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy.

We also are encouraged to venerate the Divine Mercy Image (see back of flyer) and perform acts of mercy through deed, word, or prayer.



Read more about this feast at TheDivineMercy.org/celebrate

The Image of Divine Mercy

The Image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, is to be venerated* on Divine Mercy Sunday. It is to be given a place of honor in our churches and homes on this Sunday. Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina and then directed her to have this appearance of Himself as the Merciful Savior painted and then venerated publicly. He told her, **I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it** (*Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 341).

In the Image, the pale and red rays symbolize the Blood and Water that flowed from His side while He was on the Cross. But, in His appearance to St. Faustina, they had been transformed into glorious rays, a source of healing graces for sinners who will turn to Him with trust. That is why the Image bears the inscription: "Jesus, I trust In You!"

We can venerate the Image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, by gazing upon it in prayer and adoration. As signs of our love for Jesus, we can place candles and flowers before the Image. First and foremost, as we gaze upon our Merciful Savior in prayer, we can decide to trust in Him and to perform works of mercy — responding to the call to be merciful as He has shown mercy to us.

*** To "venerate" a sacred image simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents.**



Read more about Divine Mercy at TheDivineMercy.org