



## Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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### Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

### Weekly Devotions and Prayers

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

#### Rosary:

Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

#### Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

#### Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

#### First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Wednesday in church, 7pm  
Saturday following 8am Mass

**Marriage:** Contact the parish office  
at least six months prior to the wedding

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office  
to register for class and to arrange date

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:**  
Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

## April 11, 2021



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all-forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

## Welcome! Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

### Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

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### Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion  
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Confirmation Preparation  
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass  
Adult Education  
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

### Quick Contacts Directory

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#### Youth and Young Adults

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Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

## New Life in Christ!

He is Risen!! Alleluia! Alleluia! Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Parishioners,

We come together on this final day in the octave of Easter to rejoice in God's abundant mercy revealed to us through the Life, Death & Resurrection of Jesus. Today we celebrate the mercy that God so generously wants to offer to any who come to Him with sincere repentance. That gift of mercy is incarnate in the life of Christ and breathed upon the Church this Easter morning. May the breath of Divine Mercy fill all of us with the life of the Risen Christ and encourage us to grow as disciples.

Many thanks to all who made our Triduum & Easter celebrations so beautiful. It was truly a beautiful Holy Week and a great beginning to this season of joy. As the prayers of the Roman Missal remind us, may we be filled with paschal joy as we recall the great mystery of our Redemption. While the world moves on past Easter, our celebration is just beginning. As we celebrate 50 days of joyful gratitude, may we constantly encourage one another to live this season in all its fullness.

Please pray for our children who make their First Communion during the Easter season. May this be the first of many moments when they praise God our Father, receive Our Risen Lord and are sent out in the Spirit to witness to the



truth of the Gospel. I thank their parents and Catechists for preparing them for their special day. We work together to form each generation and individuals of every age to know Jesus the Christ.

I mentioned on Holy Saturday to our converts that we are taking off the training wheels and giving them a big push to start peddling. Each of us wants and should take responsibility for the maturation of our faith. Those of us entrusted with the vocation of fathers and mothers want to ensure that for our children. May the Holy Spirit bless our families in their sincere desire to live and embrace the fullness of our faith.

Our most important time together as a parish family is at the altar of the Lord. Celebrating His Paschal Mystery, praying for one another and lifting up the needs of our local community, nation and world are all part of our common priesthood in Jesus. He is the Head and we are blessed to be members of His Body. May our celebrations throughout this Easter season deepen our peace and joy.

Blessed Easter,

*Fr. Tom*

## Divine Mercy Sunday: Year B

As a crowning grace to the Easter Day Octave, the Universal Church celebrates what is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that "the Second Sunday of Easter henceforth throughout the Church will also be called Divine Mercy Sunday". The desire for this celebration was expressed in an approved apparition by Our Lord to St. Faustina, and can be found recorded in her Diary:

...My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession, and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (emphasis added).** On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. (Diary 699)

See more later in the bulletin

### Ministry Schedule

#### April 10—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Kathy Lalonde, Ann Zaleuke  
Lec: Richard Lalonde, Clare Holifield  
Serv: Aiden Panus  
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan  
Ush: Wally & Jan Karase, Bill Pollihan  
Proj: Stafford Family

#### April 11—7:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Deacon Chris, Janet Hespen, Kris Jenkins  
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Bob Leeker  
Serv: Natalie Jaeckle  
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi  
Ush: Rich Scharf, Gary Potter, Mike Hardesty  
Proj: Nancy Ast

#### April 11—9:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Deacon Chris, Laura Orf, Maureen Blondin  
Lec: Youth  
Serv: Youth  
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan  
Ush: Youth  
Proj: Josephine Simon

### Ministry Schedule

#### April 17—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Bob Brossette, Pat Roche  
Lec: Sharon Hagan, Yvonne Brossette  
Serv: Zara Panus  
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan  
Ush: Ed Etzkorn, Mike Rieker, Andy Pope  
Proj: Elizabeth Jaeckle

#### April 18—7:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Maureen Blondin, John Fiacco, Dianne Dickherber  
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Kris Jenkins  
Serv: Mary Grace Becker  
Music: Brooke & Verdi  
Ush: Ron Jacob, Frank Kardasz, Tom Meczowski  
Proj: Leah Becker

#### April 18—9:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Josh Deters, Pat Gentry, Don Hladky  
Lec: Patrice Riley, Susan Hladky  
Serv: Izzy Czuchna  
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan  
Ush: Bob Hutchcraft, Alan Raymond, Michelle Greiwe  
Proj: Thomas Kokker

### Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of April 11:	Bernie Pollihan
Week of April 18:	Theresa McDaniel
Week of April 25:	Irene Caldwell

### Purificators

Month of April:	Pat Roche
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## Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Carl Wolff, Terry Hagan, Richard & Doris Berhorst

Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford), Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax), Karen Windler (sister of John Wappelhorst), Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),

Peyton Newman (grandson of Mike & Mary Hardesty), Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter)

**Hospitalization:** If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

**Communion Calls:** If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

**Prayer Requests:** Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

## ✠ Rest in Peace ✠

**Peggy Miller**

mother of Fr. Tom Miller

**Tim O'Neill**

brother-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan

May they and all the faithful departed rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Fr. Tom will offer a memorial Mass for his mom at a date to be announced. He truly appreciates all the prayers you have offered and expressions of sympathy you have shown.

**Prayer Shawls:** If you or someone you know needs to be wrapped in prayer, please pick a prayer shawl! We have a good supply in church of shawls that have been hand-crafted by parish members who offer a prayer with each stitch, and each one has been blessed by Fr. Tom.



## Mass Intentions

Monday, April 12	
8:00am	Rick Cobleigh +
Tuesday, April 13	
8:00am	Dennis Britton +
Wednesday, April 14	
8:00am	Frieda Poultney +
Thursday, April 15	
8:00am	Erma Guinn +
Friday, April 16	
8:00am	Peggy Miller +
Saturday, April 17	
8:00am	Agnes Benne +
4:00pm	Bob Manker +
Easter Sunday, April 18	
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	All Souls Marietta Mueller +

## Activities this Week

*social distancing recommended at all events*

- Sunday, April 11**  
Luke 18 retreat, Grand Hall and Founders Hall
- Monday, April 12**  
Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm  
ACTS Core team meeting, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, April 13**  
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am  
Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
- Wednesday, April 14**  
Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am  
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm  
Reconciliation, 7pm
- Thursday, April 15**  
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am  
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
- Friday, April 16**  
Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
- Saturday, April 17**  
Reconciliation, 8:45am  
SVDP Food Pantry open 9-10:30am  
Congratulations to Deacon Tony & Joan Falbo  
who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary!
- Sunday, April 18**  
Baptismal preparation class, Weber Hall, 11am  
Pre-registration is encouraged!

## Contributions, April 3/4

General Offertory:	\$10,902.25
Online—General Offertory:	\$7,196.85
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$18,099.10</b>

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."*  
~~ Colossians 3:2 ~~

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money—these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

We pray: that we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God's people.

## Needed at the Pantry

Coffee, tea, paper products (Toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels), brownie mixes, cake icings, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, canned fruit, sauerkraut & spinach. We have plenty of pasta sauces & salad dressing (thank you) .



***Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!***

In the Gospels today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul collection you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.



**Janet Hespen,  
Youth Minister,  
314-369-6521**

Youth Group meets Mondays in Weber Hall, 6:30—8pm

April 10/11: organize the Luke 18 retreat for 8th grade Confirmation Class

July ??: Summer trip to Springfield for Steubenville conference. Lots to do and see on this exciting weekend away, but early registration is required as it sells out fast.

**God would have given us something greater  
if He had something greater than Himself.**

*—St. John Vianney*

## What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition and the Church's Magisterium. I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith." (Pope St. John Paul II)

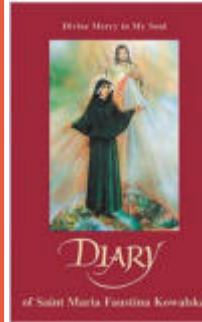
- Purity of heart brings freedom from widespread eroticism and avoids \_\_\_\_\_ inclined to voyeurism and illusion.
  - people
  - entertainment
  - malls
  - bars
- The tenth commandment concerns the \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart; with the ninth, it summarizes all the precepts of the law.
  - language
  - intentions
  - pulse
  - beating
- Desires often exceed the limits of \_\_\_\_\_ and drive us to covet unjustly what is not ours and belongs to another or is owed to him.
  - reason
  - pain
  - speeding
  - patience
- The tenth commandment forbids \_\_\_\_\_ and the desire to amass earthly goods without limit.
  - gluttony
  - owning property
  - wealth
  - greed
- It is not a violation of the tenth commandment to desire to obtain things that belong to one's neighbor, provided this is done by \_\_\_\_\_ means.
  - deceptive
  - coercive
  - forceful
  - just
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a capital sin. It refers to the sadness at the sight of another's goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself, even unjustly.
  - sloth
  - jealousy
  - envy
  - greed
- God warned man against seduction by what from the beginning has seemed good for food—a delight to the eyes—to be desired to make one \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 3:6)
  - immortal
  - happy
  - wise
  - attractive
- Christ's faithful have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires; they are led by the Spirit and follow the desires of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - stomach
  - Spirit
  - passions
  - body
- Jesus enjoins His disciples to prefer Him to everything and everyone, and bids them renounce all that [they have] for His sake and that of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - parish
  - gospel
  - community
  - pastor
- All Christ's faithful are to direct their affections rightly, lest they be hindered in their pursuit of perfect \_\_\_\_\_.
  - living
  - charity
  - attrition
  - contrition

ANSWER KEY:

## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

### From the Parish Library: Stoltz Grand Hall



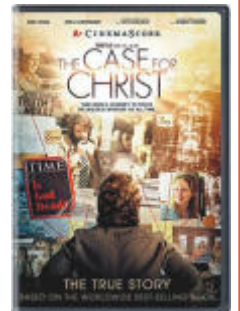
### The Divine Mercy "Diary" of

**St. Maria Faustina:** A review from Amazon.com states, "This is one of the most spiritually enriching books I have ever read. The insights into how God works in our lives is spellbinding. What Jesus asks of Faustina is truly remarkable. It is sometimes hard to read, not because of the text but because of the sacrifices she is asked to make on behalf of others.

One of the real eye-opening insights comes in paragraph 301 in which Jesus tells Faustina that to know God we should meditate on His attributes, and that the greatest attribute of God is His mercy. This book should be in the spiritual library of everyone seriously seeking to develop their relationship with God." Cardinal Raymond Burke wrote, "Having studied the "Diary" and having returned often to reread its passages, I wholeheartedly urge you to obtain a copy for your daily spiritual reading and meditation.

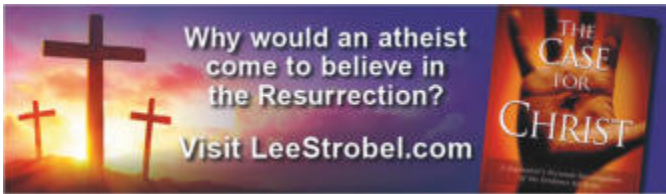
### The Case for Christ: Movie

(From a Review on Amazon) Wow what can I say, this movie was realistic, practical, believable and yet also supernatural. Unlike many Christian films that often have cheesy plots, ideas, or delivery, this movie was the kind of movie that can rock someone, even an unbeliever, to the core. I pray regularly for God to portray His truth on the Big Screen in Hollywood, and lately some gems like this movie have come forth. Such an upgrade from what we have seen many "Christian" movies be in the past. Sure it's based on a true story so that may have helped, but really I believe the execution of the movie was captivating, inspiring and very moving emotionally. It confronts the reality that an "unbeliever" may think they are basing their beliefs on facts, but the reality is they are still having "faith" in many things that they cannot see or prove. So the idea that a believer is the only one having "faith" is a lie. Even someone who believes in God wholeheartedly, and has ministered the gospel to 1000s of lives, I was incredibly inspired, encouraged and motivated to more adequately share the love of Jesus with others after watching this movie. The fact that there is simply so much hard evidence of Christ's death, burial and resurrection, more so than any other major event in history, should speak volumes to any person who doubt Jesus even existed, let alone was God in the flesh.



## PSR Corner

Did you know that the months of the year have been given a devotional "focus" in Church tradition? The month of *April is traditionally dedicated to several themes: the Blessed Sacrament / Resurrection / Holy Spirit*. One person stated, "If you travel back in time from the present to 2000, to 1500, to 1000 to 100 to 0, what event happened....so that now we even mark our time back to this event?" The photo is of a recent billboard that is posted on 40 and Prospect Dr.



### MISSOURI PRO-LIFE BILLS

There have been a number of Pro-Life bills filed to be voted on by the Missouri Legislature this Spring. Missouri Right to Life is encouraging Pro-Life citizens to contact the legislature requesting them to support those Pro-Life bills. The IHM Pro-Life Committee will have petitions for parishioners to sign after Masses this weekend, April 10/11. Those petitions will then be sent to the legislators. Please stop by Weber Hall and sign the petitions.

### MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE TRANSPORTATION

Missouri Right to Life is providing bus transportation to the Midwest March for Life in Jefferson City on Wednesday, April 14. A bus will be leaving the Wentzville Wal-Mart parking lot at 8am and returning at 4:45pm. There is no cost for the bus ride, but a free will donations is appreciated. Please contact Bill Winters 636-828-4133 to sign up to ride the bus to this event,

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If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."\*

Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available for those who have been impacted by an abortion experience. Locally, our **Project Rachel** ministry can be contacted at 314-792-7565 or [stlprojectrachel@archstl.org](mailto:stlprojectrachel@archstl.org) for women, and **Project Joseph** for men at 314-792-7565 or [stlprojectjoseph@archstl.org](mailto:stlprojectjoseph@archstl.org).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

\*"Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"

[www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

|      |                                           |
|------|-------------------------------------------|
| Sun: | Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3 |
| Mon: | Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2/Jn 3:1-8                |
| Tue: | Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93/Jn 3:7b-15             |
| Wed: | Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34/Jn 3:16-21             |
| Thu: | Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34/Jn 3:31-36             |
| Fri: | Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27/Jn 6:1-15              |
| Sat: | Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33/Jn 6:16-21               |

## Dynamic Catholic *Alive!*

### Mercy

In the Gospel, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, authorizing the Apostles to forgive sins in the name of Jesus. It is no coincidence that Jesus says, "Peace be with you" more than one time to them as He greets them. When was the last time you went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? What beautiful peace in our hearts is found in this sacrament! Through the priest, Jesus forgives us of our sins when we are truly contrite. We receive sanctifying grace and actual graces that will help us to overcome sin in the future. Although sometimes we may still be restless and doubt God's forgiveness, we must remember the words of Christ to St. Faustina: *"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted—it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."* God's mercy is always greater than our sins. Let us approach the throne of grace and mercy, trusting in the goodness of the Lord.

[archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)

### Pope's Intentions for April: Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



## Marriage Encounter

Does springtime give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you and your spouse lovingly planted the seed of a lifelong relationship. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** will give you the tools you need to help your marriage grow and blossom more beautifully. The next Encounter in the St. Louis area will be virtual (April 23-25). For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

With great power the apostles bore witness  
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,  
and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

### PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is  
everlasting. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

### SECOND READING:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is  
begotten by God,  
and everyone who loves the Father  
loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

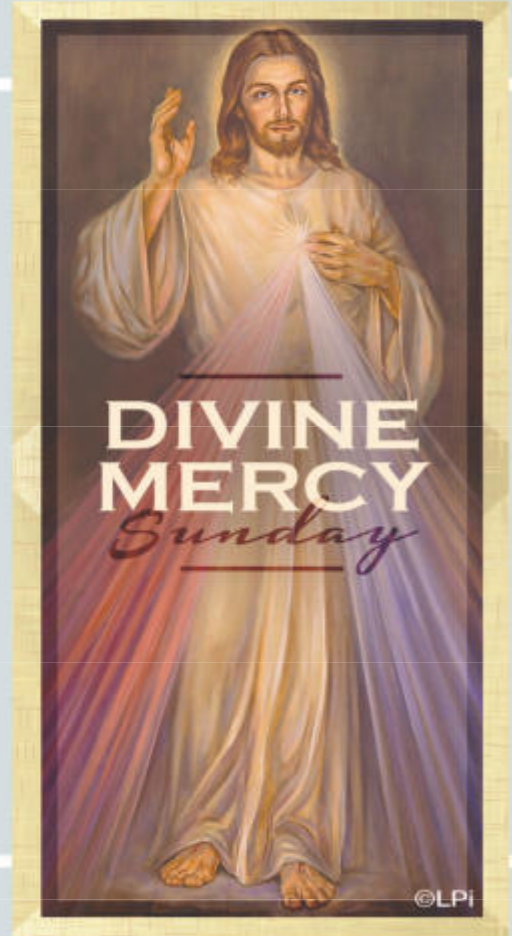
### GOSPEL:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr  
Thursday: Tax Day  
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

### SECOND READING

John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

### GOSPEL READING

The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?

**How good &  
how pleasant it is,  
when brothers dwell  
together as one!**

**PSALM 133:1**

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# ADORE

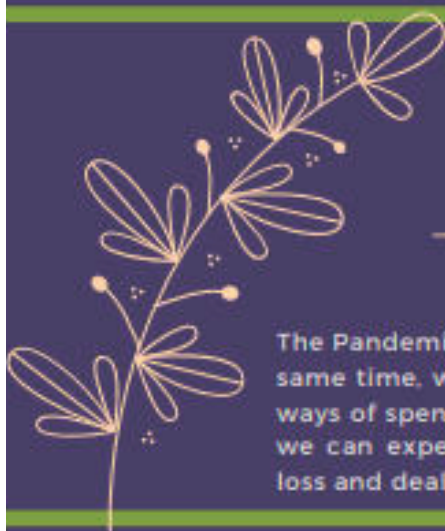


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# Learning FROM LOSS, Growing THROUGH GRIEF

The Pandemic has caused layers of loss for all of us. Loss of jobs, homes, loved ones. At the same time, we have experienced the loss of community, a sense of security, and familiar ways of spending time with family and friends. We know that loss is part of life. What if we can experience personal growth by directly dealing with our grief? Acknowledging loss and dealing with grief can change your life.

**These offerings are for anyone who has experienced loss, is looking for support, and wants to transform through their grief. Join us for one or both of the following virtual offerings.**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18  
2:30 - 4:00 PM CDT**

**90 minute introduction  
Fee: \$25**

This Offering is for anyone experiencing loss. You will receive information about the grieving process and tools to identify how grief is affecting your life. You will have an opportunity to share your grief story with the support of the group and the Bereavement Specialist.

**WEDNESDAYS, MAY 5, 12, 19, 26  
6:00 - 8:00 PM CDT**

**4 week program  
Fee: \$120**

This 4 week program is for anyone who would like to:  
**Learn** the impact of loss on your life, about the grieving process, methods for identifying how grief is affecting your life, strategies for navigating your grieving process, and ways to express your new normal.  
**Grow** by developing healthy coping strategies, cultivating your resilience, and allowing grief to shift your perspective on life; thereby deepening your spirituality.  
**Receive** resources for coping with the stress of loss and grief, ongoing guidance from a Bereavement Specialist, and support through sharing your grief story in a safe community.

**Presented by:** Diana Anderson, a bereavement specialist, healthcare Chaplain, sound healer, composer-musician, Certified Spiritual Finance Teacher. She has accompanied patients and clients through their grief journey and companioned the dying and their loved ones for over twenty years. Diana combines her education, practical knowledge and experience with her spiritual practices of sacred presence and reflective listening to guide participants through their own journey of grief. Diana worked in chaplaincy with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at Nazareth Living Center and in various capacities with the Alexian Brothers.

**Participants registered in the 4 week program will receive a guided relaxation meditation.**

Programs are offered via Zoom with limited space. Advance registration is required. For more details and to register online visit our website at: [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org)

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