

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!



**DIVINE
MERCY**

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 12 *Divine Mercy Sunday*

7:30am For St. Patrick Parishioners

10:00am Bob Rentschler

3:00pm **For living & deceased parishioners**

Monday, April 13

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 14

7:00pm Bob Trahin

Wednesday, April 15

8:00am Janet Claxton

Thursday, April 16

8:00am Robert Payne

Friday, April 17

8:00am George & Regina Frazier

Saturday, April 18

5:00pm Bob Trahin

Sunday, April 19

7:30am Gus, Catherine, Chris, Mary Louise Nagy

10:00am For the Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Liturgical Ministries

April 18 & 19

Lectors

5:00pm Raylene Rospond

7:30am Katelyn Germann

10:00am Doug Ford

Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm S. Fawbush, R. Rospond, S. Swangin, Volunteer

7:30am R. Davis, K. Schaefer, Z. Schortgen, T. Schortgen

10:00am M. McGrew, K. Miller, S. Miller, N. Duffy

Gifts

5:00pm Volunteers

7:30am Mark Butts family

10:00am Dustin Trahin family

Ushers

5:00pm J. Burelison, J. Fawbush, J. Gordan, Volunteer

7:30am M. Butts, J. Butts, D. Davis, P. Denihan

10:00am K. Kammer, K. Miller, C. Brown, J. Pirrung

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers

7:30am Bentley D, Wylo D, Tyler N, Matthew N

10:00am John D, Charles D, Paul D, Laura D

Church Cleaning

April 18 Doug & Nancy Ford, Jill Mickley

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stpatrickarcola.org

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My Lord and my God!

Imagine for a moment a locked room. Inside are people filled with fear, uncertainty, and doubt. The doors are shut tight—not just to keep others out, but to keep their own hearts from breaking any further. This is where we find the disciples in today's Gospel. And then—without warning—Jesus stands among them. His first words are not a rebuke, not a lecture, but a gift: *“Peace be with you.”* This is the heart of **Divine Mercy Sunday**—the truth that no door is too tightly shut, no heart too wounded, no sin too great for the mercy of Christ to enter.

The disciples had abandoned Jesus. Peter had denied Him. Thomas had doubted Him. Yet Jesus comes not with condemnation, but with compassion. He shows them His wounds—not as a reminder of their failure, but as proof of His love.

This is the same Jesus who comes to us in our locked rooms—our shame, our guilt, our hidden struggles—and says, *“Peace be with you.”* His mercy is not earned; it is given.

In today's Gospel (John 20:19–31), Jesus breathes on the disciples and says, *“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.”* This is the moment He entrusts the Church with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a reminder that confession is not about humiliation—it is about liberation. It is the place where the chains of sin are broken, where we hear the words that change everything: *“I absolve you.”*

Saint Faustina, to whom Jesus revealed the message of Divine Mercy, recorded His words: *“The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy.”* This is not an invitation to sin more, but a promise that no matter how far we have fallen, His mercy is deeper still.

Thomas, absent on that first Easter evening, refuses to believe until he sees and touches the wounds of Christ. When Jesus appears again, He invites Thomas to do just that. Thomas responds with one of the greatest confessions of faith in Scripture: *“My Lord and my God!”*

April 12, 2026

Pro-Life: Choose Love! Choose Life!!

Young Adult Bible Study on Monday Evening (18–35-year-olds) will be held on **Monday, April 13 from 6-8 pm** in the Conference Room.

Life Teen! Leading Teens Closer to Christ! All 8th - 12th grade on **Saturday, April 25 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm** in the old school building.

Encounter Youth Group for all 6th and 7th grade students on **Saturday, April 18 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm** in the old school building.

Life Defenders Summer Camp June 11 – 13 at University of Saint Francis. Register at www.ichooselife.org/camp. This 3-day event, open to high school and college-aged students, equips young people to speak confidently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time—abortion.

Art Camp Children ages 7-13, weekly session available from June 1-19 from 9am -11:45am. **Contact Mary Hilger at 260-438-8356** for more information. Need helpers? students aged 12 and over. (Location: 12903 Washington Center Rd)

Tuesday evening Mass Time Change Tuesday evenings masses will be at 7pm with adoration one hour prior to mass.

Job Opening at Good Shephard Books & Gifts for a part-time Bookstore Assistant. If you are interested please go to the attached diocese page where those interested can apply:

[https://secure7.saashr.com/ta/6168565.careers?CareerSearch=\\$lang-en-US](https://secure7.saashr.com/ta/6168565.careers?CareerSearch=$lang-en-US).

Queen of Angels hosting video series “The Perfect Prayer: The Mass”, the study group will meet in the school 9 consecutive Mondays, beginning the first Monday of Lent, **February 23 thru Monday, April 20 at 6pm**. Free series.

The ECCE Young Adult Choir presents *Abide with Me: A Concert of Sacred Music* on **April 18 at 6:30 pm** at **St. John the Baptist Church (4500 Fairfield Ave, FW)** Dinner will be provided at 5:30 pm in the Parish Activity Center. Free and open to all concert attendees!

BINGO! Saturday, April 18 after 5pm Mass! All proceeds for St. Patrick’s Altar Servers. Save the date and come and support are wonderful Altar Servers! Food, Fun, and Fellowship for all.

Healing Service on **Monday, April 20 at 7pm** at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**. *“His heart was moved with pity for them, and He cured their sick.” -Mt. 14:14*



Divine Mercy Sunday Mass **April 12 at 3pm**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, you promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession and the soul that receives Holy Communion with trust in Divine Mercy will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Lord, please give me this grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

Congratulations to our Catechumens and Candidates who were received into full communion in the Roman Catholic Church after making a solemn Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil: Timothy DeRose, Rachel Edwards, Zach Elder, Kurt Germann, Eric Hathaway, Les Mangis, Caterina Peregó, and Lisa Wolfcale. *“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” – John 14:6*

Weekly Offertory Collection March 30 – April 5

Regular Collection - \$4,940

Online Collection - \$1,943

TOTAL Giving - \$6,883

Annual Bulletin Announcement

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the protection of children and young people. These can be reviewed on the diocese’s website, www.diocesefwsb.org, under “Youth Protection.”

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Jodi Marlin, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (260) 399-1447 or jmarlin@diocesefwsb.org; or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at PO Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46801; at (260) 399-1419, or at mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

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