



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY | APRIL 12, 2026

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OUR PARISH MISSION: PUTTING HEARTS ON A COLLISION COURSE
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WEEKEND MASS

Sat: 4:30 PM
Sun: 8:00, 9:30,
11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Fri: 6:30 & 8:05 AM
Thu: 6:00 PM
Sat: 8:05 AM

RECONCILIATION

Mon, Tues, Fri: 7 - 8 AM
Wed: 6-7 PM
Thu: 5 PM
Sat: 3-4 PM

PASTOR

Fr. Jaime Zarse

SACRAMENTAL ASST.

Fr. Dan Morris

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

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FOUNDATION STONES SURVEY



It's time once again to take the Foundation Stones survey! This quarter, the survey also includes a question about preferred Mass times as we discern a schedule that best serves our parish community. The survey is quick, anonymous, and a tool for reflection.

<https://bit.ly/48nV0mC>



PIZZA & PARENTING



Couples with kids of all ages are welcome to join us Mondays, April 13 - May 4th at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Meeting Rooms for Pizza and Parenting. We'll share a meal, connect with other families, and explore approaches to raising children in today's world. Cost is \$50 with dinner and \$10 without. Students will receive a FREE Dress Day when parents sign up!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Registration for Vacation Bible School is open for preschoolers - 4th grade!



LISTENING SESSIONS



Renewal from the Heartland pastoral planning continues with listening sessions at 29 locations around the archdiocese beginning April 13. All are welcome to join us to pray, listen to one another and the Holy Spirit, and to hear a message from Archbishop McKnight. The information gathered will be used anonymously in the pastoral planning process.

<https://archkck.org/renewal-heartland/>

PARISH OFFICES

Parish offices will be closed April 20.



FOOD DRIVE

Please show some LOVE for those in need during our Catholic Charities food drive on April 18/19. This month's most needed items are: peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and fruit, and boxed meals/sides.



TRIVIA NIGHT



Join Verso l'Alto Young Adults (ages 21-39) for a Trivia Night on April 24 from 7:00-9:00 PM in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2. All are welcome!



LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT



Join Life Giving Wounds for a retreat in Kansas City April 24-26. The retreat focused on helping young adults and adults with divorced and separated parents give voice to their pain and find transformative healing in Christ.



MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA



Join us for our 3rd Annual Mother Daughter Tea, on May 3 at 1 PM, in the MPC, to reflect on Growing with Mary's Grace, as we look to our Blessed Mother as a model. Together we will enjoy a charming Tea Party complete with tea (or lemonade), dainty treats, crafts, and photos. Tickets are \$12/person. <https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5759>



DASH FAMILY CAMP



Join DASH for a family camping trip at Clinton Lake, May 29-31. There will be meals, campfires, and Mass. Families are welcome to come for the day or both nights.

<https://bit.ly/4dswf7f>

PRAYER & ACTION



Get a headstart on your service hours this summer with Prayer & Action! Prayer & Action is a mission trip June 7-12 helping homeowners in Marysville, KS. Open to all incoming 9th grade to graduating 12th grade Sacred Heart students and friends! Register before cost increases on April 2!



PRAYER SUPPORT



Please fill the prayer sheet for Kolbe Prison Ministries' Retreat on April 24-26. Consider offering an hour of prayer and put into works corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

<https://bit.ly/4bLXOaE>

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Parishioner Mary Welter

Parishioner Jane Wynne and Maria Betzen's sister, Betty Seidl

Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Fr. Zarse reflects on God's infinite mercy—what it is, how it should change our lives, and the historical context of Jesus appearing to St. Faustina Kowalska. Learn how this message, given to one nun in Poland, grew into a devotion that has touched the world—and discover what it means for you today.



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, April 13

6:30 - McKenna Arndt

8:05 - Jim Surface +

Tuesday, April 14

6:30 - Tom Book +

8:05 - Kimberly Brull

Wednesday, April 15

6:30 - Redding Family

8:05 - Loecker Family

Thursday, April 16

6:30 - Sandy Coyle +

8:05 - Greg Flaherty +

6:00 - Justin Owens +

Friday, April 17

6:30 - Edward Morgan +

8:05 - Joan Monley +

Saturday, April 18

8:05 - Fr. Jim Betzen +

4:30 - Marcella Noble +

Sunday, April 19

8:00 - Marvin & Karen Ratzlaff +

9:30 - Dennis Jason +

11:00 - SHOJ Parishioners



BECOMING CATHOLIC



Interested in becoming Catholic? Our new year-round OCIA process welcomes unbaptized inquirers at three different start times each year. Already baptized? You may begin right away. To learn more about the process pick up a flyer at the information desk.

LORD, HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER!

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION:

"When he celebrates the sacrament of Penance, the priest is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the Good Samaritan who binds up wounds, of the Father who awaits the prodigal son and welcomes him on his return, and of the just and impartial judge whose judgment is both just and merciful. the priest is the sign and the instrument of God's merciful love for the sinner." CCC 1465

"A good shepherd, a pastor after God's heart, is the greatest treasure which the good Lord can grant to a parish, and one of the most precious gifts of divine mercy." St John Vianney

"I see clearly the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle! You have to heal their wounds. Then we talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds...And you have to start from the ground up." Pope Francis

WITNESS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH TODAY

In his first Divine Mercy Sunday homily as Pope, H.H Francis emphasized that God's loving patience should inspire confidence in returning to him, no matter how great our sinfulness. Despite St. Thomas the Apostle's disbelief in the appearance of the risen Lord, Jesus came to him, inviting him to place his hands into Jesus' very wounds. Pope Francis says "it is there, in the wounds of Jesus, that we are truly secure; there we encounter the boundless love of his heart. This is important: the courage to trust Jesus' mercy, to trust in his patience, to seek refuge always in the wounds of his love."

Through the pastoral and apostolic activities of the church, Jesus draws women and men burdened by the sin of abortion closer to his merciful heart. It is no exaggeration to say that the church's ministry of healing and reconciliation after abortion is at the heart of the church's mission at this time in her history. The church recognizes that the mothers, fathers, grandparents, and other family members of aborted children who suffer, often silently, deserve individualized, confidential, and quality care tailored to their specific needs. The church's mission now is to proclaim the message of forgiveness, healing, and hope and care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. The Archdiocesan Project Rachel Ministry serves as a bridge to God's mercy, his restoration and wholeness.

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly, what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of Mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and his mercy, you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life." Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae No. 99

CONCLUSION:

Many great saints marveled at the mercy of God. St. John Vianney, the patron of priests, understood well this great treasure from God. In his "Letter Proclaiming a Year for Priests," Pope Benedict wrote, "In his time the Cure of Ars was able to transform the hearts and lives of so many people because he enabled them to experience the Lord's merciful love. Our own time urgently needs a similar proclamation and witness to the truth of Love: Deus caritas est (God is love)." God's mercy is always available and without limit.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School

2025-2026



Please Join Us! Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School Open House on March 26th, 5:30-7pm. Families are invited to meet the administration, enjoy a tour of the school, and get all of your questions answered. Light snacks will be provided.

Call the school office for more info: (913) 422-5520



Watch Fr. Zarse's video!



LOVE BOX

Love Boxes are available at the Greeters Counter and in the Parish office. Each box inspires a mom who is unexpectedly pregnant to be brave and choose life and also includes an invite to a local Embrace Grace group.

SASH GAME NIGHT



Seniors At Sacred Heart (SASH) 55+ Community, will be hosting a game night on Thursday April 16th. Please join us for a fun evening of games, community, and pizza. We will begin after the 6:00pm mass in the meeting rooms.

<https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5762>



NOVENA FOR PROTECTION AND HEALING FROM ABUSE



Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing

FINANCIALS



This Easter season, as we rejoice in the gift of new life through Christ's Resurrection, we are reminded that all we have is a gift from God, meant to be shared in love. May your Easter giving be a reflection of gratitude, hope, and the abundant life we celebrate in Him.

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