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FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH



We are the family of God sharing our LOVE, JOY, FAITH, and SORROWS, while supporting and ministering to our community in times of need through our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

APRIL 12, 2026 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday | 8:00am & 10:00am

Weekday Masses

Monday | Communion Service

Tuesday | 8:00am

Wednesday | 8:00am

Thursday | 8:00am

Friday | 8:00am

Holy Days | 8:00am & 7:00pm

Confession | Saturdays 3:15pm

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

April 18 | Saturday Vigil | 4pm

▸ L. Frohnapfel | J. Fecat | D. Prado | J. Fedorke

April 19 | Sunday | 8am

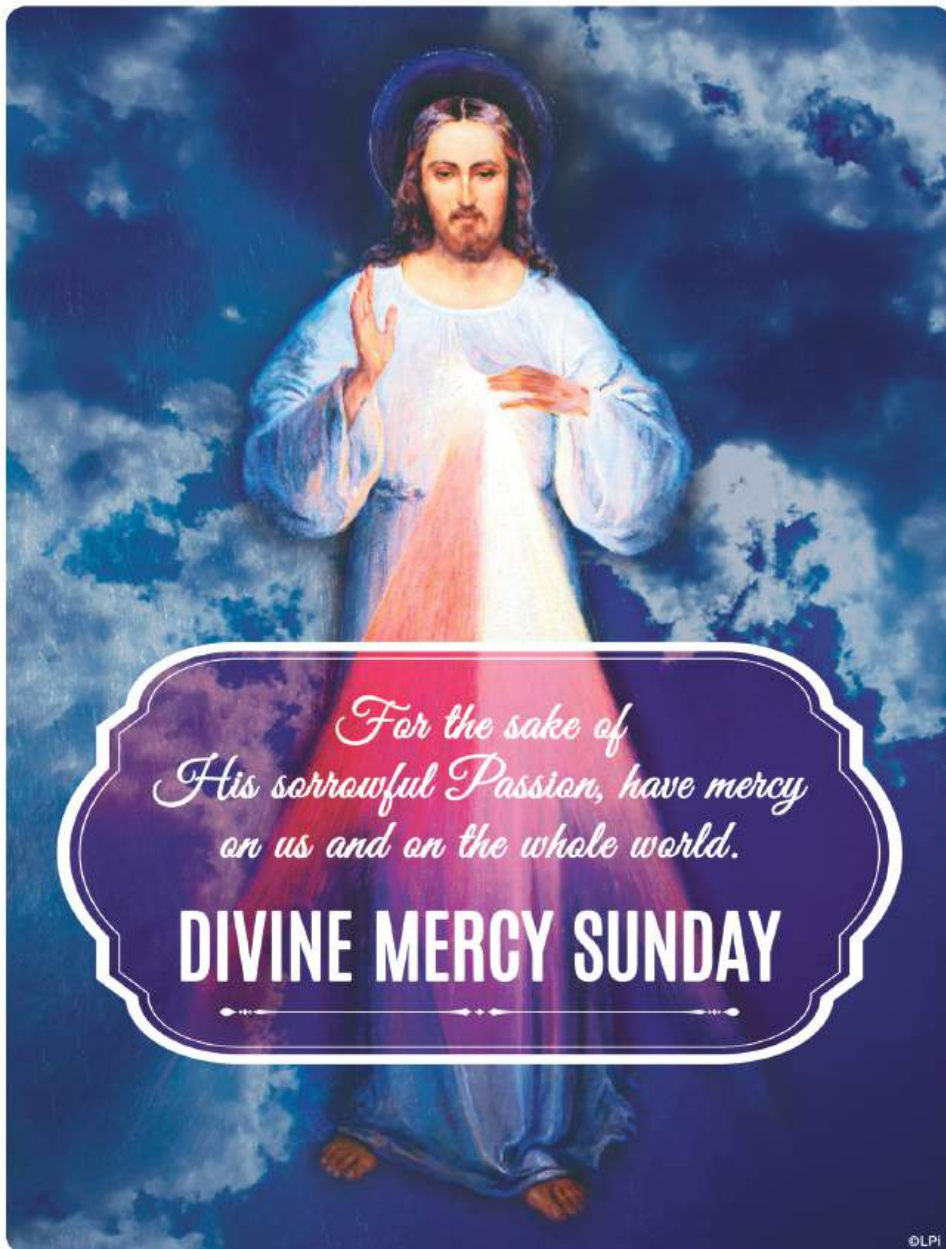
▸ C. Frame | S. Kent | C. Frame | D. Manning

April 19 | Sunday | 10am

▸ L. Whitelatch | C. McDonald | D. Kosky | L. Miller

Sacristy

▸ S. Artimez & E. McCormick



*For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion, have mercy
on us and on the whole world.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is held after 8am Mass every Wednesday. Please join us!

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Mass Intentions

- APRIL 11 4:00pm SATURDAY**
Opal Romanoski †
 ▶ Romanoski Family
- APRIL 12 8:00am SUNDAY**
John Lavendar Jr. †
 ▶ Stan & Kitty Pazyk
- 10:00am**
Zachary Materkoski †
 ▶ Curia Family
- APRIL 13 8:00am MONDAY**
 Communion Service
- APRIL 14 8:00am TUESDAY**
Sr. Euphrasia SJI †
 ▶ Sr. Agatha
- APRIL 15 8:00am WEDNESDAY**
Mark John Klug †
 ▶ Kathryn Helfer
- APRIL 16 8:00am THURSDAY**
Nancy Ferris Coffield †
 ▶ Libby Magnone
- APRIL 17 8:00am FRIDAY**
Teresa Smith †
 ▶ Sr. Agatha
- APRIL 18 4:00pm SATURDAY**
Judy Petrello †
 ▶ Joseph Petrello
- APRIL 19 8:00am SUNDAY**
Agnes T. Gardill †
 ▶ Tex & Theresa
- 10:00am**
Bob Kleinedler Sr. †
 ▶ Stan & Kitty Pazyk

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: In Luke's Gospel, how many lepers did Jesus heal and how many returned to thank him?

Answer: Ten lepers were healed. One returned.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Catholic Q & A

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, St. Faustina, 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. She was instructed by Jesus to have an image painted depicting him with red and white rays radiating from his heart, with the inscription *Jesus, I trust in You.*

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 women, 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 will experience in the years to come."

DIVINE MERCY BLESSING

Dear Jesus,
 May your mercy flow over us,
 filling our gaps and healing our wounds,
 Open our hearts more deeply
 with knowledge of your love for us,
 understanding of the depth of your passion,
 and trust in your never-ending mercy,
 Amen.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Homebound: Judy Seidel, Kathryn Helfer, Phyllis Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori, John Bierce, Sandina Leonard

Nursing Home: Sally Gast, Tim Gast, Carol Riggie, Rachel Kerekes, Kathryn Ferrera, Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori, Dwight Furbee, Katie Renshaw, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybaker, Donna Lagos

Recently Sick: Mary Marsh, Butch Miller, Jerry Durbin, Sister Marita's Mother, Eric Gordon, Joanne Potts, Don Gray, Denise Deroy, Barbara Birch, Suzy Lunau, Eleanor Smith, Roger Frame, Mike Pavilkey, Phil Remke, Jenny Ingram, Maggie Yeater, Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley, Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David Yeater, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Deanne Ferraro

A PRAYER FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

By Pope Leo

As conflict continues in the Middle East, we especially remember our troops, their families and all those affected by war. In these times of uncertainty, Pope Leo reminds us to keep God in our hearts and pray for peace and protection of everyone in this world.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amén.

Lord of Life, you shaped every human being in your image and likeness.

We believe you created us for communion, not for war, for fraternity, not for destruction.

You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you," grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history.

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.

Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation.

Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

Lord, enlighten the leaders of the nations, so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death, halt the arms race, and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center. May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity.

Holy Spirit, make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace: in our hearts, our families, our communities, and our cities. May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation, and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world. Amen.

THIS WEEK IN

Hallow

THIS WEEK ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We are excited to welcome Hallow correspondent, **Lizzy Bagley**, who will be available to answer your questions about the app after all Masses this weekend.

Lizzy will also offer a "mini-retreat" following the **10:00 AM Mass on April 12.**

All are encouraged to attend for coffee, donuts, fellowship, and faith formation!

"HE IS RISEN"

St. Francis Xavier invites you to join us in Hallow for the **He Is Risen Easter prayer challenge**, which began on April 6. It's NOT too late to join!

To get started: Download the Hallow app, go to the Community tab, and search for our parish by name or zip code.



A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life.

We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today?

If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change?

There is only one way to find out.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Give Yourself Completely

By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate.

Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation.

We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy.

They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH CELEBRATES HOLY WEEK Easter 2026

Holy Week is a beautiful time of renewal in the Catholic Church. Thank you to all who helped make our celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday so special.

Congratulations to the newest members of our parish family: **Justin Mullet, Jeffrey Wetherell, and Johnathan Moran.**

God bless our parish family this Easter season.



Washing feet on Holy Thursday



Receiving the Sacraments



Easter Vigil



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Lighting the Pascal Candle



Good Friday Ecumenical Service



Organist Denise Freeland on Easter Vigil



Holy Thursday



Father Sebastian



Bill Yurkiso lights the Saturday Vigil fire



BABY GABE EDWARD SORKIN IS BAPTIZED

On Easter Sunday, April 5th Gabe Edward Sorkin, son of Nicholas Sorkin and Kayla George was baptized by Fr. Sebastian. Gabe's Godparents are Derek and Lindsey George. Congratulations to the Sorkin and George families!

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION Wednesday, April 15

Special intentions this week are for the families listed below. Eucharistic Exposition is every Wednesday after 8am Mass.

- Ruza
- Scarbin
- Ryan
- Schorr
- Salvaterra
- Sebastian

ADOPT A PLANTER

Help keep our church beautiful by adopting one of our outdoor planters. Sign up at the back of church or contact the office or Helen Zacherl 304-312-1450.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

On **Wednesday, April 21**, Life Line Screening will be held in **Xavier Hall from 9:00 AM-5:30 PM**. This important preventive screening offers an opportunity to be checked for heart-related and other vascular conditions that could potentially save your life. Sign up now-only 7 spots left! To learn more or register, please call **800-324-9458**.



PARISH GIVING APRIL 4 & 5

Envelope	\$4,581.00
Loose Offering.....	\$1,058.00
Church Repair	\$7.00
Xavier Hall	\$622.00
Holy Thursday	\$246.00
Memorial Gifts	\$1,640.00
Holy Land	\$817.00
Candles	\$40.00
Online Giving	\$661.08

Attendance 415

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Tuesdays | 10am
Chair Yoga with Emily | Room 104 of the former school
- Wednesdays | 11:30am & 1:30pm
Line Dancing with Lottie | Xavier Hall
- Thursdays | 12-3pm
St. Vincent de Paul assistance | Church Basement
- Thursdays | 11-2pm
Gabriel Project | In the school
- Fridays | 6pm
BINGO | Xavier Hall
- **Bible Study** | Wednesdays at 9am or Thursdays at 6:30pm | Church Basement
- **April 10 | Bishop Donahue Class Reunion & Mass** at St. James in Benwood
- **April 11- 12** | Lizzy from Hallow joining us for all Masses & mini-retreat after 10am Mass
- **April 22 | Parish Council Meeting** Church Basement | 6:30pm

ST. JUDE YARD SALE

St. Jude parish will be hosting a yard sale on Saturday, April 18 from 8-12pm.

