

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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April 7, Second Sunday of Easter 1870

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MASSES FOR APRIL 7 – APRIL 14

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Martin Wagner
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Justice & Peace
Thursday 8:30 a.m. +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Theresa Heidlage-Birthday Rem.

St. Mary's

Monday 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion
Wed. 8:15 a.m.
Fri. 8:15 a.m.
Sat 4:00 p.m.
Sun. 8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, April 8
Thursday, April 11

Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord
Memorial of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 21

Reception after Mass to Celebrate our two First Communicants: Karson Campbell and Lilly Prince

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 3,720.00 Holy Land \$290.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
<u>April 7</u>	Doug Pickering	Elsie Chorum	Mark Adamson John Heidlage Charlotte Pickering	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert
<u>April 14</u>	Cheryl (R) Elbert	Sterling Elbert	Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe Cheryl (K) Elbert	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Rosemary Boes, Father Peter Morciniec, Brenda (Wrobleski) Buchannon, Maura Sparks, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

THE MIRROR: subscription is due. If you have not paid for your subscription to The Mirror yet The Diocese wishes that all families receive The Mirror – please help defray costs by paying the \$14 toward your subscription. Checks should be made out to St. Agnes. **We have received the bill for The Mirror, it is \$630.00. We have only collected \$415.00. If you have not yet paid for your Mirror you still have time.**

THANK YOU: At the end of March, I (St. Mary's School), was presented with a check for \$3,560.00 from the parishioners of St. Agnes. On behalf of the school and all who are involved with the school I would like to say Thank you for the thought, the generosity, and for the blessing. The school is truly blessed to have the support of our surrounding parishes, such as the support shown by St. Agnes. Thank You!! Principal Jason Kramer

ST. LAWRENCE: salad luncheon will be held on April 24 from 11-1. Cost is \$10 and seniors \$8. Our proceeds from luncheon will benefit the Barry Lawrence county development center & St Lawrence school. We will also have some local vendors. Hope to see you all there!

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - There will be a reception after Mass to celebrate our two First Communicants: Karson Campbell and Lillian Prince. Please attend and extend your congratulations.

Good News Reflection

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024

Pray: My Lord and my God, open my heart to feel your presence and trust in your mercy and grace. Help me to love you more deeply and mirror your love and compassion for others. Amen.

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Acts 4:32-35

Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Faith, trust, and peace are possible for all through the merciful heart of Christ

Divine Mercy Sunday is one of the Church's most inspiring and comforting feast days. In today's Gospel, Christ's compassion and love shine when he appeared to his disciples in the locked Upper Room on that first Easter evening after he rose from the dead.

Frightened and confused, his friends were shaken following the traumatic events they had just experienced, and they huddled in fear and confusion. They had received a report that Jesus had risen and was alive! What would Jesus say to them now? Would he be angry with their denials, betrayal, and fear?

When our Lord appeared to them, he immediately put them at ease with his words of grace, "Peace be with you." He gifted them with the Holy Spirit and gave them the power and mission to forgive sins.

Thomas, who missed the first appearance of Jesus, was filled with questions and doubts. Jesus showed much patience and compassion, just as he did with the other disciples, and he continues to do for us. Jesus greeted him with peace and offered Thomas another chance, the experience of touching his wounds to help him believe, which won his heart for Christ.

Although Jesus affirms faith without sight, sometimes even the most passionate and faith-filled souls experience fear, doubts, failures, confusion, and setbacks. God's unlimited mercy and love are unstoppable; he will continue pursuing souls and giving them more opportunities to trust in him and experiences to win their hearts. At the heart of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer was offered by Jesus to St. Faustina, which has seen many miracles unfold and brought people to conversion:

*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. **Jesus, I trust in You.***

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Do you only feel at peace when things are going the way you want them to? How do you feel God's peace in difficult times? Is there someone who needs mercy and forgiveness from you?