

Holy Spirit

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit. The first fifteen days of the month fall during the season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color violet or purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of April falls during the Easter season which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). As our Lenten journey comes to a close we prepare to follow Christ all the way to the cross and to witness His glorious Resurrection. Hopefully we have sacrificed and prayed so that we are now able to more fully reap the fruits of a well spent Lent. The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized. The unfathomable mercy of God is made manifest today if we but accept His most gracious offer.

1. What is Divine Mercy Sunday? Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska. **2. What does the Church do to encourage the celebration of devotion to the Divine Mercy on this day?** Among other things, it offers a plenary indulgence: To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff [John Paul II] himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, as will be explained below, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters. . . . **a plenary indulgence**, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!"). **3. What is the Divine Mercy image?** The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. The original, though not the most popular one today, is shown above. A basic explanation of the image is: Jesus is shown in most



Religious Ed Seniors!

I am so excited to feature some of our High School SENIORS from the Religious Ed Program. I love receiving updates! Email me @ re@stpatrickmauston.com



Name: Emma Eilers
Place: Mauston, WI
Future Plans: I plan on going to Western Technical College to study in their digital marketing program. After two years there, I will transfer into a second university's marketing program.
Advice for Future Graduates: Go to the football games, the basketball games, join that club, go to the dances; enjoy every little moment because it goes by faster than you'll ever believe.



Name: Mia Quist
Hometown: Mauston
Future plans: I plan to attend Viterbo University majoring in Nursing and minoring in Servant Leadership. I will also be playing volleyball for Viterbo as well.
Advice for Future Graduates: Do everything with passion and purpose.

April Schedule

- **April 6th** ~ RE class 1st-5th grade 4pm-5pm// Mass @ 6:15pm // RE class with 6th grade and Confirmation I 6:15pm-8pm
- **April 7th** ~ Communal Penance 7pm
- **April 8th** ~ Stations of the Cross @ 6pm
- **April 12th** ~ Chrism Mass at 10:30am at St. Joseph's Cathedral in La Crosse
- **April 13th** ~ RE class 1st-5th grade 4pm-5pm// Mass @ 6:15pm // RE class with 7th/8th grade and Confirmation II 6:15pm-8pm
- **April 14th** ~ Holy Thursday 7pm
- **April 15th** ~ Good Friday 1pm Stations/1:30pm Service
- **April 16th** ~ Holy Saturday 8:30pm
- **April 17th** ~ Easter Sunday 8am & 10 am
- **April 20th** ~ RE class 1st-5th grade 4pm-5pm// Mass @ 6:15pm // YOUTH NIGHT
- **April 23rd** ~ 1st Communion Retreat 4pm-7:30pm
- **April 24th** ~ Divine Mercy Sunday//Social Sunday following the 8am Mass//Confessions and Adoration following the 10am Mass

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- Saying "thank you" doesn't seem like enough, but it's a start! So many people helped make our Parish Mission so successful and the ones that I know of I would love to thank by name:
- Gina Boppart
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 - Bonnie Clark
 - Jeanne Walsh
 - Nany Schaller
 - Pam Zolondek
 - Jaime Pouillie
 - Corrine Kaiser
 - Adam Pouillie
 - Makenna Pouillie
 - Ellie Pouillie
 - Jodi Field
 - Joanne Schumer
 - Ann Benz
 - Joe Clary
 - Heidi Randall
 - Liz Housworth
 - Cristina Becker
 - Lisa Pouillie
 - Julie Whitney
 - Jeri Kolba
 - Bridget Gunther
 - Elliott Thayer
 - Connor Laridaen
 - Lauren Laridaen
 - Jennifer Laursen
 - Cathy Hines
 - Michelle Komiskey



Name: Shae Massey
Hometown: Plainfield, IN
Future Plans: Attend UW - Baraboo Sauk County
Advice for Future Graduates: Laugh as much as you can and enjoy where you are because high school flies by.



Name: Claire Fischbach
Hometown: Mauston WI
Future Plans: Attending Western Technical College in the fall as a pre major surgical tech
Advice to Future Graduates: Enjoy your high school years and always be kind.



Name: Haley Marini
Hometown: Adams, WI
Future Plans: Religious Studies at Alverno College
Advice for Future Graduates: Life is fragile, handle it with prayer.

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 versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent). The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: Jezu ufam Tobie). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy". According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus [source]. **6. What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?** The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. They are usually said

using a standard set of Rosary beads, often at 3 p.m. (the time of Jesus' death), but with a different set of prayers than those used in the Marian Rosary.

Use an ordinary rosary.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed
3. On the Our Father beads say:
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.
4. On the Hail Mary beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.