



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



APRIL 7, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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**NEW PARISHIONERS**  
Contact the parish office.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION**  
Contact the office for more information.

### BAPTISM

Contact the parish office to arrange.

### MARRIAGES

Contact the office at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

### RECONCILIATION

See schedule inside or anytime by appointment.

### HOSPITAL VISITATION

Notify the Parish of anyone being admitted to a hospital or nursing home.

### PRAYER LINE

Please call Cindy at 330.877.0093 to request a prayer intention.

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM

**Sunday**  
9:30 AM

**Daily**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 AM

**Holy Day**  
9:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Holy Spirit Parish is called to be a family, finding its center in Christ and His Body, the parish and in turn, reflecting that Love of Christ to the community and beyond.

## Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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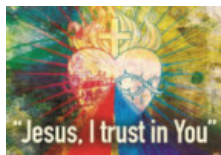
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# MASST INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 pm	<b>APRIL 6</b> Dolores Eichler (Denny & Marilyn Eichler)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am	<b>APRIL 7</b> Marsha Caiazza (The Tawney Family)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 8</b> NO MASS
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>APRIL 9</b> Meredith Johnson (L) (Catherine Gullia)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 10</b> NO MASS
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>APRIL 11</b> Helen Marotta (Dave & Chicky Croft)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 12</b> NO MASS
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 pm	<b>APRIL 13</b> Our Parishioners
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am	<b>APRIL 14</b> Meredith Johnson (L) (Catherine Gullia)

# This Week

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 6</b> •Confessions, following 5:00 pm Mass
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 7</b> •Divine Mercy Chaplet, following 9:30 am Mass •PSR & Youth Ministry, 10:30-11:45 am
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 8</b> •Weekly Gospel Reflection 10:00 am Meeting Room
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b> •Rosary with Knights, 6:30 pm Social Hall •Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 pm Social Hall
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 11</b> •Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Church
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 13</b> •Men of Faith, 7:30 am, Meeting Room •Stitch and a Prayer, 9:00 am, Meeting Room
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 14</b> •Confessions, following 5:00 pm Mass •PSR & Youth Ministry, 10:30-11:45 am



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Evangelization Committee will be leading the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet THIS Sunday, April 7th after the 9:30 mass in the Church. Bring your rosary. The prayer will last about thirty minutes.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ — even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at his side. We just have to call his name. ©LPi

### VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Encontramos una misericordia insondable y un amor eterno en las heridas de Cristo, incluso cuando somos escépticos, incluso cuando tenemos dudas. Dios nos encuentra allí en la confusión. Toma nuestra mano y la coloca a su lado. Sólo tenemos que decir su nombre. ©LPi



### THANK YOU!

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort!

### EUCHRE CARD PARTY

Join us for an evening of Euchre on **Saturday, April 20th** at **7:00 pm** in the Social Hall. Please bring a snack to share. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table near the wood doors.



### ODJFS SEEKS FOSTER FAMILIES

It takes 100% heart to foster and adopt in Ohio. Every year, people open their homes to children in need — and they don't all have fancy houses or graduate degrees. What they do have is 100% heart. Thousands of children in Ohio need stable, consistent, and loving homes. Becoming a kinship, foster, or adoptive parent is a serious, yet rewarding experience that requires research and preparation. Children are the future of our communities. It is up to each of us to make sure that they have families to help them grow and be safe. Children who have been abused or neglected need caring, compassionate people to be willing to open their hearts and homes as foster families or adoptive parents. If you or someone you know might be interested in taking on the challenges and rewards of becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please use this link to learn more. Learn More Today at <https://fosterandadopt.jfs.ohio.gov/foster-care/foster-care>

### SAVE THE DATE!

- ⇒ April 21st after 9:30 am Mass—Coffee and Donuts reception for Fr. Keehner.
- ⇒ April 27th after 5:00 pm Mass—Hors D'oeuvre reception for Fr. Keehner. More details to come.



### BUILDING AND GROUNDS PLANNING MEETING

The Building & Grounds Committee will be holding a planning meeting for the Spring Workday on **Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm** in the Meeting Room. Please join us!

### "A STITCH AND A PRAYER" CRAFT GROUP

The craft group "A Stitch and a Prayer" meets at the church on the second Saturday of each month. The next meeting is **April 13th** from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Want to learn how to crochet...we can teach you...want to make rosaries...we can teach you...want to help cut material for Linus quilts...we can teach you. Hope to see you.

### CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Kendra Mummert who was baptized, confirmed and received her first communion at the Easter Vigil last weekend. We welcome Kendra to the community of disciples.

### PRAYER FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Jesus,  
As you greeted your disciples after you rose, fill us, too, with your peace.  
As you breathed your spirit on them, breathe on us, too.  
As your presence was known to Thomas, make it known to us, too.  
Help us to live in your peace, power, and presence.

Amen. ©LPi





**FISH BAGS**

FISH Bags will be distributed next weekend. Please consider helping out. They need to be returned to the church the weekend of April 20th and 21st.

**A CHORUS FOR A CAUSE**

A Chorus for a Cause is a group of community singers who sing for a cause. A Chorus for a Cause in concert presents Carousel of Life on **April 14th** at Zion UCC, 415 S. Main St., N. Canton and also **April 21st** at St. Mary's Parish, 206 Cherry Rd NE, Massillon. Both concerts start at 6:30 pm, with doors opening at 6:00 pm. These concerts benefit "Refuge of Hope." Tickets are not required but donations are appreciated. Please join us for an evening of fun, enjoyable music.



**RED BIRD MINISTRIES**

Red Bird Ministries serves ordinary families who have been given an extraordinary cross to carry. It is an organization that systematically guides individuals and couples through the complexity and trauma that happens with the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood. Red Bird Ministries is a Non-Profit Catholic Grief Support Ministry. It is Catholic because of the critical role the Church's Sacraments play in the healing process. For more information go to <https://www.redbird.love/> or contact Dave Schmidt at [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451.



**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**April 6th**—after 5:00pm Mass  
**April 13th**—after 5:00pm Mass  
**April 21st**—after 9:30am Mass  
**April 28th**—after 9:30am Mass

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The Second Sunday of Easter is also called "Divine Mercy Sunday." When Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina in the Jubilee Year of 2000, he added the title to this day. In visions, Faustina heard Jesus request that the image of Divine Mercy be venerated on the Sunday after Easter, a day John Paul lovingly chose for Faustina's canonization. Many communities display the image of Divine Mercy on this day. Jesus' penetrating, compassionate gaze reaches out to the viewer. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbols of blood and water—Eucharist and Baptism. Many Catholics confess their sins or pray before the Blessed Sacrament in conjunction with this feast. A priest may use the prayers from the Votive Mass for Divine Mercy on any day when a stronger feast does not conflict. The Second Sunday of Easter has its own prayers and readings, so the Votive Mass for Divine Mercy is never permitted on that day. Instead, we observe the much older tradition of the octave day of Easter. The Gospel story of the doubting Thomas is heard every year on this day because Jesus appeared to him a week after the Resurrection. The other texts for this Mass refer to the season and to Baptism. This day used to be called *Dominica in albis*, the Sunday of white garments, because those baptized at the Easter

Vigil wore their new vesture to conclude a week of catechesis about the sacraments. Today the only change to this liturgy is its title: the Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday. The mercy of God may be proclaimed in the homily or the Universal Prayer, but especially in the actions of believers, who extend God's mercy to all they meet.




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**THURSDAY 4-18-24**

**BISHOP DAVID J. BONNAR**

"YOU'VE GOT MAIL: My Pastoral Letter"

*Presented by Faith and Light Forum--  
Previously the Hamilton Forum*





A LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: 11:30 AM  
 St Michael the Archangel Parish  
 3430 St Michael Dr, NW Canton, OH  
 Cost: \$20 with boxed lunch and \$8 for speaker only

**Reservations by 4/15 via phone: 330-649-1231  
 or email: [faith.light.canton@gmail.com](mailto:faith.light.canton@gmail.com)  
 Specify number of people and if you want lunch.**

**"DID YOU KNOW?"**

When someone contacts Catholic Charities for assistance, a caseworker asks the client many questions about their current situation for reasons beyond what the client is calling for. Past the immediate need, caseworkers ask questions to determine whether clients are eligible for other programs within the agency or in the community that the client is not aware of? In addition, caseworkers talk to clients about many things such as budgeting with hopes that a long-term solution can be found. Catholic Charities caseworkers build relationships and genuinely care for the people they serve. They ask many questions specific to the situation with hopes of giving clients a hand up instead of just a handout.



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**\$416,980 was the amount of rent/mortgage assistance provided.**

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**In 2023, \$353,516 was the total amount of utility assistance provided.**

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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LORD'S DAY OFFERING

03/24/2024 Sunday ..... \$5,144.00
03/24/2024 Building and Land Projects ..... \$35.00
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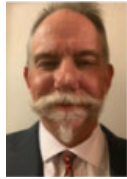
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