

## A fountain of Divine Mercy is opened

Dear friends,

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus unleashes a great fountain of grace for the Church: he commissions his apostles and their successors—the bishops, and their helpers, the priests—to forgive sins.

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.  
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained."

As a priest, I have experienced firsthand that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is among the most powerful experiences of the peace and freedom God gives. We remember this powerful fountain of mercy today, on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Pope St. John Paul II designated the second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday in a surprise announcement at the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). The Polish nun, beatified in 1993, and canonized in 2000, on the second Sunday of Easter, began the spiritual movement of Divine Mercy.

Jesus said to St. Faustina Kowalska in 1936:

My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow[s] are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

The image of Divine Mercy shows the source of mercy: the pierced heart of Jesus. On this Feast, we can open wide our

doors to the fountain of Mercy, and call that mercy upon others who need it, even though their doors may be closed. We open wide the doors to Christ, asking for him to enter through sacraments, especially Eucharist and Reconciliation. There are two rays streaming from the heart of Christ in the Divine Mercy Image: red = life given to souls (especially through the Eucharist); clear = purifying mercy that takes away our sins (especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation). This is connected to the blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of Christ on the Cross. Our Lord encourages us through St. Faustina Kolwalska to receive the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday and also go to Confession (within 20 days).

Whatever fear or obstacles or suffering you are bearing in your life, may this Divine Mercy Sunday be a great gateway for the Lord's mercy to break through and pour out upon you!

Here are the conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence on this 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, 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!")
- Sacramental Confession (according to previously issued norms, within about 20 days before or after)
- Eucharistic Communion (according to previously issued norms, preferably on the day, or the days before or after)
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, such as by offering an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be

Today is an excellent day to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy—especially interceding for those in our families and among those we know whose doors seem locked to Jesus. We trust that Jesus can open the doors that we cannot. He loves our loved ones (including the doubting Thomases) even more than we do, and will not give up on them.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet can be prayed on the Rosary beads and takes only about 5 minutes to pray. If you don't know how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, this would be a great time to learn! You can also easily find instructions online. This would also be a great day to practice charity: Christ revealed to St. Faustina that deeds of mercy for our neighbors out of love for Christ are an essential part of Divine Mercy Sunday.

May the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ be a fountain for you today in your own soul, and in your family!

Peace,

Fr. Stephen, O.P.

## MASS and CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Confessions: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

### FIRST SATURDAY, April 6

5:00 p.m. Those enrolled in the Easter Novena

### SUNDAY, April 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (S)

7:00 a.m. +Jerry Bricker

9:00 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10:30 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

12:00 p.m. Those enrolled in the Easter Novena

1:15 p.m. Baptisms: *Declan Daniel McCoy and Lorina Lynn Baker*

### MONDAY, April 8 – ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (S)

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

11:45 a.m. Those enrolled in the Easter Novena

12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

### TUESDAY, April 9 – Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

11:45 a.m. In. of mem. of St. Patrick Women's Club

12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

### WEDNESDAY, April 10 – Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

11:45 a.m. dec. parents, benefactors, familiars, Brothers, Sister of Order of Preachers

12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

### THURSDAY, April 11 – St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

11:45 a.m. Eric & Josephine Yang *Wedding Anniversary*

12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

### FRIDAY, April 12 – Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

11:45 a.m. Special intentions of CMH

12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

### SATURDAY, April 13 – St. Margaret of Castello (F)

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

5:00 p.m. +Harry & Noreen Fitzpatrick

### SUNDAY, April 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Collection: Aid to Church in Central & E. Africa**

7:00 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

9:00 a.m. +Theresa Reeping

10:30 a.m. +Dale Kinsley

12:00 p.m. J. Bruce Horner

1:15 p.m. Baptism: *Kendal Blake Zerrien*

3:45 p.m. Lay Fraternity Holy Hour

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Brandon Peters and Heather Lynn Myers, April 26

Rebecca Dean and Luke Morrison, May 4

Hannah Burke & Angel Valli, May 18

## Dates to Remember

### Sunday, April 7

*Kairos Cookie Bag Distribution; First Sunday Social*

10:15 a.m. CCD

### Monday, April 8

6:15 p.m. First Communion Interviews (Library)

### Tuesday, April 9

7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (PH, Lib., CH)

7:00 p.m. CGS Meditations (DePorres)

### Wednesday, April 10

2:00 p.m. First Communion Interviews (Library)

7:00 p.m. Choir (Patrick)

7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Aquinas)

7:00 P.m. Martha-Mary Circle (Kolbe)

7:30 p.m. Catholic in Recovery (Library, dePorres)

### Thursday, April 11

9:30 a.m. Mary-Martha Sewing (Kolbe)

7:00 p.m. Evangelical Training (Aquinas)

6:15 p.m. First Communion Interviews (Library)

6:30 p.m. Melchizedek Project (AH, CH)

7:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Ministry (PH, Lib., CH)

### Friday, April 12

9:00 a.m. CGS

### Saturday, April 13

*Altar Boy Easter Picnic*

7:30 a.m. That Man is You (Aquinas)

7:30 a.m. Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic, Lauds. Rosary

9:15 a.m. First Communion Interviews (Library)

9:30 a.m. Chorus Angelorum (Church)

### Sunday, April 14

*Kairos Cookie Collection*

10:15 a.m. CCD

1:00 p.m. Lay Fraternity (AH, CH)

3:00 p.m. CCAD/CSCC Campus Ministry (AH)

### *An Experience of Hope*

#### *Post-abortion Support Group*

There are no words to describe the loss and sorrow for the mothers of aborted babies. Group meetings are a most important place to find understanding and comfort. As we begin to draw strength from understanding, we can then begin to share with one another. This provides hope and encouragement needed for mothers of aborted children to begin to accept the greatest gift of all... God's Mercy. *An Experience of Hope* is a confidential, safe place, providing support, prayer, hope, and reconciliation in the context of spiritual renewal.

**Date:** April 17 (continuing 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. of the month)

**Time:** 12:30-2:15 p.m.

**Location:** St. Patrick Parish Library

**Bring:** Sack lunch, bottle of water, notebook, and pen  
Questions? Judy Schlueter, RN, MAPC at (614) 537-6452



# Catholic in Recovery

St. Patrick's Library  
Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Catholic in Recovery invites you to join us for our weekly meeting at St. Patrick Church. We meet every Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and welcome all Catholics who are interested in recovery from addiction and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Our program integrates the 12 steps of recovery with the sacraments of our Catholic Church. If you struggle with alcohol, drugs, food, gambling, pornography, or sex, please join us for a safe place to work through your recovery. We also want to welcome those who have friends and family struggling with addiction issues.

**If you have questions, please contact:**

**Jon Weaver at 614-588-4022**  
**[circolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:circolumbus@gmail.com) \*\*\***  
**[www.catholicinrecovery.com](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com)**

*If you cannot meet on Wednesdays, please join us at  
St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Rd., Col., OH 43235  
on Monday evenings from 8:00-9:00 p.m.*



## Knights of Columbus®

### PASTA & MEATBALL DINNER

**Saturday April 20, 6:00-8:00 PM**

Meatballs from TAT Ristorante Di Famiglia and Nona Marchis' special sauce (meat and meatless).



**Live Music – Accordion and Piano.**

See next week's bulletin for complete details.  
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 11207

[KofC.org/join](http://KofC.org/join)



### KAIROS COOKIE BAG DISTRIBUTION

**April 6 & 7**

The purpose of *Kairos Prison Ministry* is to help grow and nurture strong Christian communities within state and federal adult correctional institutions. Kairos provides two Cursillo-based weekends in the prisons per year. We bring 10,000 dozen (120,000) homemade cookies into each prison. Homemade cookies are a tangible expression of Christian love and an indication of God's concern for a group of people who seldom encounter either in the course of their daily lives. Your loving sacrifice will provide "bread" that shines the Light of God's Grace into the darkest corners of a prison unit.

**There will be a table set up in the gallery these weekend, April 6/7 with information and bags for you to take home to place your cookies, once baked.**

**KAIROS COOKIE RETURN WEEKEND: April 13 & 14**

*Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events*

## C.R.A.S.E. TRAINING

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**12-3 p.m. in Aquinas Hall**

St. Patrick Church and the Columbus Division of Police will offer another important training session to help increase our awareness and preparedness during a potential active shooter scenario (with the hope we never need it.) The more aware we, as a community, are of how to handle these potentially chaotic situations, the more help we can be to each other and the police response team in a crisis situation.

We encourage all members of ministries and in our parish community at large to participate in this training event. (Please, no one under 16 years of age, though.) The training session consists of a seminar and a demonstration/walk-through. Folks of all ages and physicality are welcome. For the benefit of all, we ask that you make room in your schedule to accommodate a training session.

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE  
614-240-5910 or [office@stpatrickcolumbus.org](mailto:office@stpatrickcolumbus.org).**



*St. Patrick Women's Club*

## SPRING BAKE SALE

*CRAFT SALE AND RAFFLE, TOO!*

### April 27 & 28, 2024

**GET READY TO BAKE AND  
DONATE YOUR HOMEMADE  
CAKES, COOKIES AND PIES!**

Our Spring Bake Sale is almost here, and we need donations of baked goods, pies, cakes, and homemade craft items! The efforts of our parish bakers are very much appreciated without whom Bake Sale would not enjoy its tremendous success! Items may be dropped off in Patrick Hall any time on Saturday or Sunday of the Bake Sale Weekend.

#### Questions?

Contact: Anne Nguimbous – 202-823-9556 or  
[annepnpm@gmail.com](mailto:annepnpm@gmail.com)

**RAFFLE TICKET PRE-SALE WILL BE THE  
WEEKEND OF APRIL 20/21.**



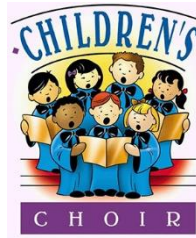
#### **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

The Women's Club earns passive income through our parishioners' participation in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Have you signed up yet? If not, doing so will benefit the Women's Club and St. Patrick Church each time you shop at Kroger.

Please sign up at:

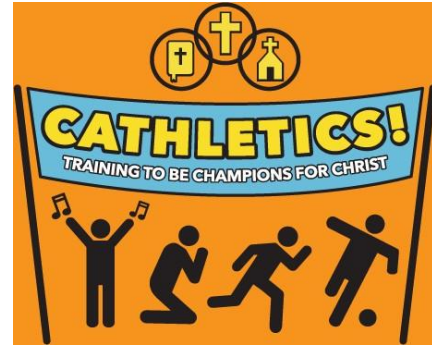
<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

St. Patrick Women's Club Rewards #81656.



Come and sing in the children's choir, Chorus Angelorum, for our First Holy Communion Mass this year. Rehearsals are Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4.

First Communion is Saturday, May 11, at 11:00 a.m. You must be able to make (4) of the (5) rehearsals. Boys and girls ages 8-18 are welcome. Please contact Barbara Magree at 614-940-7720 or [barbaramagree@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramagree@gmail.com) to reserve your spot and for any questions.



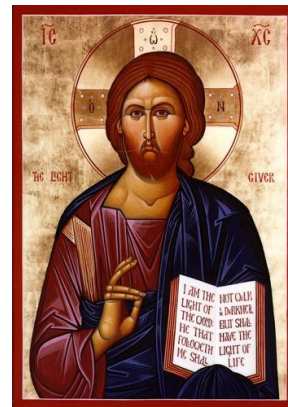
#### **2024 VBS**

**VBS DATES ARE JUNE 24-28, 2024.**

--Please register via parish website.

--Priority registration for parishioners is reserved through 4/21/24.

--VBS registration closes for all on May 1, 2024.



#### **2024-25 CCD REGISTRATION**

**Classes begin September 8, 2024**

--Please register via the parish website.

--Priority registration for registered parishioners is reserved through Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

--Non-parishioners may register after July 21<sup>st</sup>.

(Non-parishioners who register before 7/21/24 will be put on a waiting list.)

--Questions? Contact Sr. Leonarda at 614-240-5912 or [sisterop@stpatickcolumn.org](mailto:sisterop@stpatickcolumn.org).



**COLLECTION FOR FAITH MISSION  
April 6-14**

Office Dylan Price and Officer Murphy with the Columbus Police Department are asking for assistance in collecting donations for the Faith Mission homeless shelter. These officers are currently working on a community immersion project focused on assisting the homeless population of 16 precinct which includes St. Patrick's and the majority of the Downtown Columbus area. Faith Mission has told these officers that their greatest need currently is donations of men's pants, toothpaste, and body lotion. A list of other needed goods can be found on the donation box in front of Aquinas Hall. Questions? Contact Matt at: [maintenance@stpatrikcolumbus.org](mailto:maintenance@stpatrikcolumbus.org).



Walking with Moms in Need will host a **Baby Shower** from 12-2 p.m. on **April 13<sup>th</sup>** in the Church of the Resurrection Ministry Center. Mom Lisa is pregnant with identical twin boys due in July. Come and show your support for Lisa, her mother, 12-year-old son Kevin, and 9-year-old daughter A'miyah. Please also pray for their family and their courageous choice for life. Scan the QR Code for the gift registry. Wrapped gifts may be brought to the playpen set up in the church gathering space from April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup> or brought to the baby shower if you plan on attending. Please contact Becky Ferrell at [rebeccaferrell127@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaferrell127@gmail.com) with any questions you may have and to RSVP if attending the shower.



**Thank you for your support of this Mom in Need!**

**PARISH TUITION GRANT APPLICATIONS for the 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR  
are now available on the home page of the parish website – [stpatrikcolumbus.org](http://stpatrikcolumbus.org).**

**Completed forms must be returned by April 10, 2024. (Deadline Extended)**

Since this is a significant expense to the parish, it is essential that we budget properly for it, thus, the April 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your cooperation! Questions? Contact Frank Hartge, (614) 240-5911.

**Sunday Collection 3/17/24**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Weekly Offertory:	\$25,871.35	\$41,037.00	\$(15,165.65)
Other Income ( <i>parish activities, programs</i> ):	\$ 2,372.00	\$ 1,474.00	\$ 898.00
Capital Repair Fund (Pipe Organ)	\$ 106.00	\$ 125.00	\$ (19.00)
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$28,349.35</b>	<b>\$42,636.00</b>	<b>\$(14,286.65)</b>
Year to Date Offertory:	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Over/Under</u>
	1,066,654.77	1,026,435.00	\$40,219.77

*Thank you for your contributions to Little Margaret's Charity, enabling assistance for parishioners in need and for the poor of downtown.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections (Diocesan, Dominican, Other)**

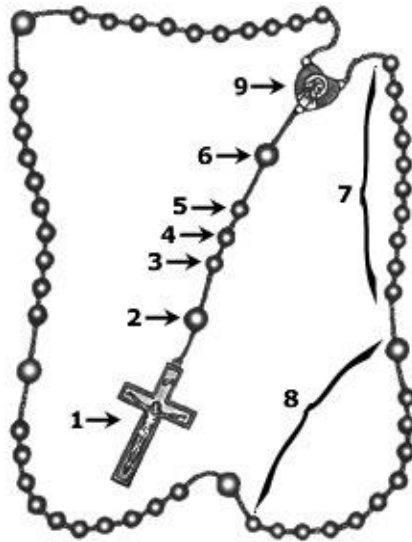
Little Margaret's Charity:	\$5,907.81
Catholic Relief Services:	\$1,669.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 360.00
Holy Land/Good Friday:	\$ 340.00
Ukraine Relief - Dominican Sisters	\$ 110.07
Dominican Formation	\$ 25.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 10.00
Diocesan Seminarian Education	\$ 2.00
<b>Total Offerings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:</b>	<b>\$8,423.88</b>



<https://stpatrikcolumbus.weshareonline.org>

# How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and followed by a closing prayer.



## 1. Make the Sign of the Cross

## 2. Optional Opening Prayers

**St. Faustina's Prayer for Sinners:** *O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon You and I beg Your mercy for poor sinners. O sweetest Heart of my Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, I plead with You for poor sinners. O Most Sacred Heart, Fount of Mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of You light for poor sinners. O Jesus, be mindful of Your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of Your most precious Blood. O Jesus, when I consider the great price of Your Blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equaled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted. Oh, what immense joy burns in my heart when I contemplate Your incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus! I desire to bring all sinners to Your feet that they may glorify Your mercy throughout endless ages* (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 72). *You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (Repeat three times)* *O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!*

## 3. Our Father

## 4. Hail Mary

**5. The Apostles' Creed:** *I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*

**6. The Eternal Father:** *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.*

**7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade:** *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

**8. Repeat for the remaining decades:** *Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.*

**9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times):** *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*