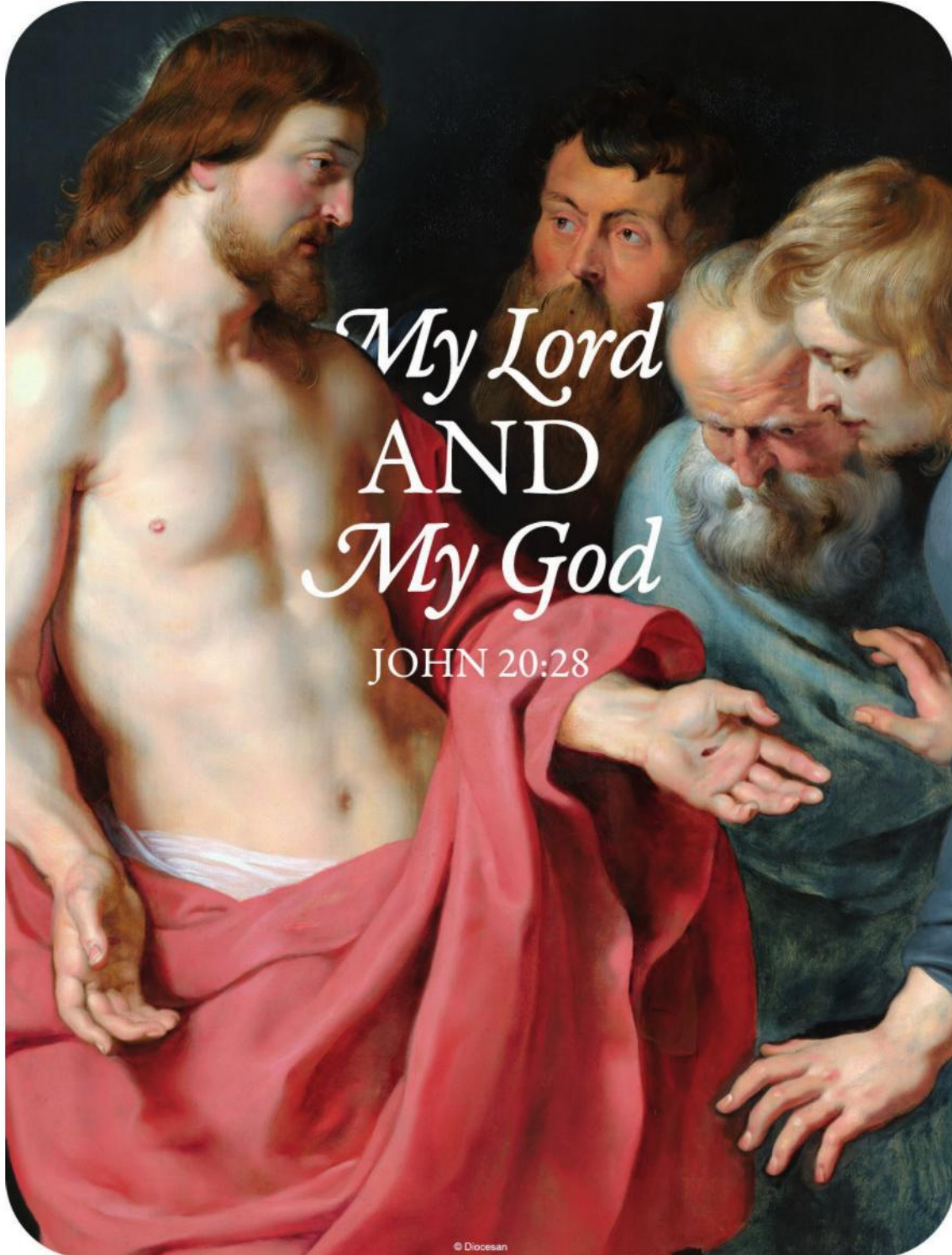




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April 7, 2024 • Divine Mercy Sunday

## Mass Intentions

(+Deceased, L-Living)



### April 7—April 13, 2024

#### Sunday, April 7

8am People of Holy Spirit Parish  
9:30am + Merry E. Wynne  
11am + Bernard Kestel

#### Monday, April 8

9am + Edith Hoffer

#### Tuesday, April 9

9am + Julie Ann Tkaczuk

#### Wednesday, April 10

9am + Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Saturday, April 13

4:30pm + Jo Smothers

## Please Pray For

**All those who are in our hearts facing illness, especially Florence Lyons.**  
We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to bring healing, comfort, and peace to them.  
Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of His love.  
Amen

**All those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.**

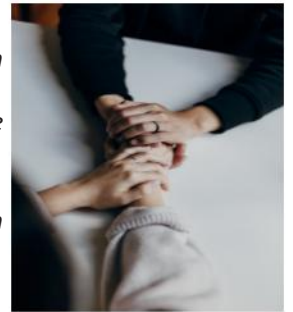
O Lord, may they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence. Amen.

**Our Parishioners who serve our country with pride and valor.**

**All first responders and law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.**

**Vocations** (Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis)

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



## 2024 Easter Flower Offering/ In Memory Of

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The Del Castillo Family

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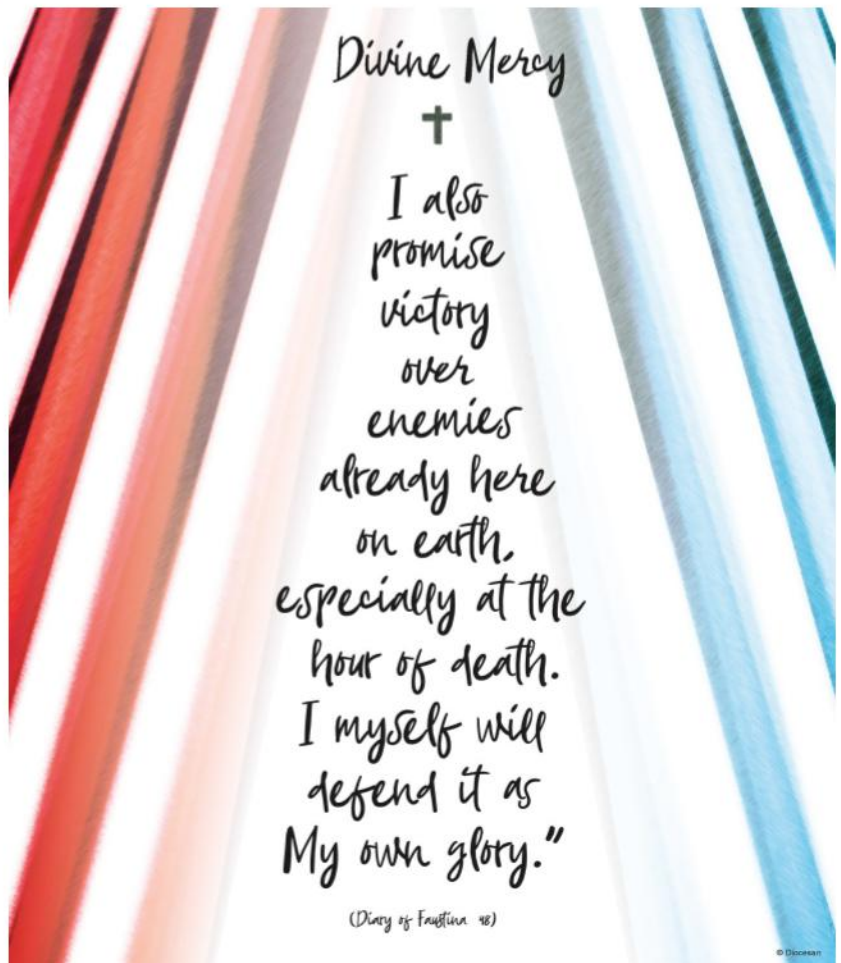
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*Thank you for your continued generosity*





Evangelica Katarzyna, CCO

April 7, 2024

## Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35 | 1 Jn 5:1-6 | Jn 20:19-31

Written by  
THE  
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### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

We tend to beat up St. Thomas for his doubt, when what is really most amazing in the scene from today's Gospel is his understanding, and the first public pronouncement of, Jesus Christ's divinity. He *gets* it. And he proclaims it without hesitation: "My Lord and my God." I think about what Thomas' face might have looked like at that moment, and I imagine a countenance of conviction alongside humility – joyful tears in the eyes that reflect awe and wonder. The truth behind his realization and understanding is that God is faithful, God is loving, God is merciful. Of course, *knowing* that with our heart and mind needs to be translated into *doing* with our every action. The early Christian communities seemed to have lived this well, happily sharing their possessions and selling what they didn't need. Not because they had been forced to, but because the "commandments [were] not burdensome" for those who loved God. God loved us first, and by his grace, and his mercy, we are commanded and empowered to love one another.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

God is merciful – Divine Mercy. And that is what we celebrate today, in addition to the second Sunday of Easter. The first Divine Mercy Sunday observance occurred in the year 2000, when St. John Paul II canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. The Polish sister received private revelations from the Lord about his great mercy in the 1930s, and she outlined these in a diary she kept at the instruction of her confessors. A passage from her diary says: "The graces of my mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is – trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (1578) The apostles in today's passage told Thomas that they had *seen the Lord* – the resurrected Lord. They trusted that Jesus' messages to them were true and that they indeed need not fear. The message of Divine Mercy should likewise comfort us and also provide a model for our actions. In the same way the apostles helped Thomas to trust and come to deep knowledge and understanding, let us strive to be "of one heart and mind" with our fellow disciples and love them as we have been loved by God.

**PRAY** The words of St. Faustina's diary have been used to create the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This prayer is said using a rosary, but with some differences in the prayers. Once you know the words, the chaplet is a simple prayer to recite, and it is traditionally said at 3 p.m. in remembrance of Jesus' merciful act of dying on the cross for us. If you have never recited the chaplet, try praying it this week.

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A Grief Support Group

TUESDAY April 9th  
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Or contact Roberta Balsewicz  
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630-922-0081 x7

Bernadette Beyer  
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ALL WHO SERVE



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Brochures are available at the Holy Spirit Parish Office.

For additional information, contact:  
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April 10 & 11, 2024

HSCC will be serving dinner on Wednesday, April 10 and breakfast Thursday morning, April 11, plus provide bag lunches. We are in need of volunteers to provide and/or deliver food, or serve meals. To volunteer scan the QR code below or see the parish website.

Bring food donations to the rear doors near the Parish Hall/Meeting space by 4pm Monday, April 8 .

For more information, contact Danielle Plotke: (preferred) text 630-877-7951 or email, dplotke@gmail.com





## This Week's Meetings April 7—April 13, 2024

### Sunday, April 7

9:30am OCIA, Multipurpose Rm  
12pm Seasoned Spirits, Gathering Pl

### Monday, April 8

2pm Bible Study-Core Team, Gathering Pl

### Tuesday, April 9

1pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Rm  
7pm Adult Choir, Church

### Wednesday, April 10

9:30am Bible Study-AM, Gathering Pl  
2pm Parish Leadership Team/PLT, Multipurpose Rm  
5pm Youth Choir, Church

### Thursday, April 11

10am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

### Saturday, April 13

6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Rm  
7am TMIY, Multipurpose Rm

See the parish website for all upcoming event information; [www.hscc.us](http://www.hscc.us)

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## Mass Schedule

### Weekdays:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday... 9am

### Weekend:

Saturday...4:30pm

Sunday...8am, 9:30am, and 11am

## Adoration

Tuesdays, following the 9am mass until 12 noon.

## Sacraments

### Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

### Baptisms

12:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted

### Weddings

Please contact the parish office

## Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday** 8am to 4:30pm

(closed 12noon-1pm)

**Friday** 8am to 1pm

## Parish Priests

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- Donating Stock
- QR Code (one time or reoccurring offering)



*It is with grateful hearts, we thank you for your continued support of the parish.*

## Parish Stewardship

Monthly Offering	# of Donors	March-24
WeShare Online Giving	122	\$10,822
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	163	\$18,533
Envelopes & Loose Cash	211	\$54,728
<b>Total March Collection</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>\$84,083</b>

### Special Collections - March 2024

Catholic Relief Services	\$872
Mortgage Donations	\$4,927

HSCC Mortgage	Date	Balance
Original Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
<b>Current Loan Balance</b>	<b>3/31/2024</b>	<b>\$221,962</b>

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