

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APR 6th THRU APR 9th

Thurs - 7:00 pm - Vocations
Fri - 7:00 pm - Service No Mass Int.
Sat - 8:00 pm - Special Intentions

Sun - 8:00 am - People of the Parish
Sun - 10:30 am - Special Intentions
Sun - 5:00 pm - Ray Braun
Sun - 7:00 pm - Special Intentions

Collection for 4/2/16

Regular \$15,556.69

ACH \$2,239.00

Towards Christ Building Campaign \$3,391.00

DIVINE MERCY PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Location: 555 West Main, Gardner, Kansas 66030, 913-856-7781

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 267, Gardner, Kansas 66030

Web Site: www.divinemerckyks.org

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm - Go to the West door to ring bell

OFFICE email address: secretary@divinemerckyks.org

FR. JOE'S email address: frjoec@divinemerckyks.org

DEACON DAN'S email address: danielpeterson913@comcast.net

DEACON ART'S email address: aoc1937@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ITEMS: TUESDAY by 9:00am

BOY SCOUTS: Contact Kenny Spiller 913-706-2271 or Christine O'Connor 913-269-4042

CEMETERY: Edgerton - St. Columbine: Mike Norris 913-579-1166 or Dan McCarthy 913-244-1264
Gardner - St. Columbia: Keith Tinsley 913-515-1874

CHURCH HALL USE: Gardner or Edgerton: Contact Roger at the office 913-856-7781

CONFESSION: Thirty Minutes Before Each Weekend Mass or as requested

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: Meet 3rd Monday at 6:45pm - Rosary, 7:00 pm Meeting at CFC

Contact Deacon Dan Peterson 913-938-8025 or Mary Ellen Ridgley 913-221-6755

GIFT SHOP: Contact Cathy Johnson 913-856-4527

HELPING HANDS: Contact Shirley Spiller 913-856-6081 or email: luckybuttercup@yahoo.com
or Cathy Johnson 913-856-4527

HOME BLESSINGS: Contact Ray Hess 913-856-5043 or email: kocrhess71@aol.com

HOME SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP: Contact Celeste Edwards 913-592-3214

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 4th Monday at 6:45pm-Rosary-7:00pm Meeting at CFC

Contact Dave Warthen 913-638-2899 or email: dwarthen@centurylink.net

LEGION OF MARY: Contact Kathy Henehan 913-856-8334

MASS INTENTIONS: Contact the Office 913-856-7781

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES: Contact Tammy Finlen 913-485-4004 or email: tjfinlen@yahoo.com

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Contact Donna Goss 913-884-2171

PRAYER CHAIN: Contact Anna Welch 913-856-7459

RCIA DIRECTOR: Contact Laura Warthen 913-634-2899 or email: laura@divinemerckyks.org

RELIGIOUS ED/DIRECTOR: Contact Maria Lopeman 913-219-4833 or maria@divinemerckyks.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: 1st and 2nd Sunday of the Month. Please see the website for information or contact the office at 913-856-7781

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE WITH THE PASTOR. No date may be set before meeting with Father.
Reception hall CANNOT be reserved until meeting with Father.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: PLEASE CALL FR. JOE ANYTIME, DAY OR NIGHT at 913-856-7780

ST. ANNE'S SEWING CIRCLE: For information contact Shirley Kissell 913-856-7483

YOUTH MINISTER: Contact Emma Jehanno 617-980-1981 or email: youthminister@divinemerckyks



BIRTHDAYS

Apr 9 – Mark Jacobs, Justin Reynolds, Stephen Custard, Michael Everhart, Bethany Applegate, Derek Rothfuss, Kaden Roberts, William Lewis, Angelica May, Kinsley Joles, Donna Cole, Mitchel Loring

Apr 10 – Autumn Green, Kingston Straw, Jennifer Wyckoff, Chad Bushnell, Maribel Vazquez, Hannah Gregory, Madison Manczuk, Christopher Garman, Hannah Gregory, Braeden Fluderer, Brandon Jasso

Apr 11 – Sherry Moll, Cooper Bumgarner, Griffin Strausbaugh, Aaron Harvey, Nathaniel Sampugnaro, Dawn Giacchi, William O’Grady, Jeremy McLennan, Sara Morris

Apr 12 –James Schwartz, Taylor McCoy, Chad O’Gara, Colby Zimmerman, Sheila Stratton, Matt Schurman, Cipriano Marshall, George Bulgaris, Austin Tibbits, Riley Weilert, Camden Schroeder, Virginia Olmstead

Apr 13 – Dylan Mars, Olivia Sundermeyer, Alina Smith, Alyson Smith, Dawn Teager

Apr 14 – Caden Johnson, Amanda Schuster, Mary Lumley, Alexander Garcia, Fredy Teran, Linda Heinen, Keely Perell, Aaron Smith, Stephanie Lathrum, Aaron Croos, Jan Dodds, Eldon Elkinton, Ethan Underwood

Apr 15 – Chris Roth, Lauren Bechard, Stephen Woerdehoff, William Benne, Kaitlyn Bartholomew, Melissa Thrasher, Josephine Pemberton, Ryan O’Grady, Patricia Jurado, Sarah Wamser, Hortance Ngakin


50/50 CLUB

There was not a winner in the 50/50 drawing for the week of **April 2th**. Number #1170 was drawn. Balance in the account was \$6,740.00.

Registered parishioners may enter the weekly drawing by putting \$5.00 in the 50/50 envelope from your packet. **Please note:** if you are including payments towards future 50/50 envelopes, be sure to put regular collection and 50/50 collections in their separate envelopes to insure proper credit is given to the appropriate dates being used for.

Divine Mercy Parish

Fr. Joseph Cramer
Deacon Dan Peterson
Deacon Art O’Connor
Office 856-7781

<p>Sunday 04/9</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY – PASSION OF THE LORD</p> <p>8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Rel Ed(K-6) CFC No RCIA 10:30 am Mass 5:00 pm Mass – Edg 5:00 pm-Youth Group (8-12 gr) – CFC 5:30 pm - Confirmation (7th gr)Class -CFC 7:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>Monday 04/10</p> <p>MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Tuesday 04/11</p> <p>TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</p> <p>5:00 pm – No Communion Service - MC 5:30 pm –No Devotions – MC 6:00 pm Legion of Mary – CFC</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Wednesday 04/12</p> <p>WEDNESDAY HOLY WEEK</p> <p>9:00 am-2:00 pm – No Quilting Group – CFC 5:30-6:30 pm – Youth Choir Practice – MC 6:30to7:30pm RCIA 7:00 pm - Music Practice - MC</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p>Thursday 04/13</p> <p>HOLY THURSDAY</p> <p>7:00 pm – Mass – MC 7:00 pm-Midnight – Adoration – CFC</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Friday 04/14</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD</p> <p></p> <p>3:00 pm Stations of the Cross - MC 7:00 pm Main Service - MC</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Saturday 04/15</p> <p>HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL OF EASTER</p> <p>8:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>Sunday 04/16</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</p> <p>8:00 am Mass 10:30 am Mass 5:00 pm Mass – Edg 7:00 pm Mass</p> <p>No Rel Ed or RCIA</p>

CATHOLIC FAITH TRIVIA

New this Week

1. Freedom is not fulfilled unless directed toward what God intends.
True/False *True*
2. We are not responsible unless we are free. True/False *True*
3. What is a person's most intimate core and sanctuary?
a) conscience b) mind c) inner ear *conscience*
4. A person must never be forced to act against his/her conscience.
True/False *True*
5. If we persist in lesser sins long enough, this can lead to serious sin.
True/False *True*

Last Week's Answers

1. Jesus is Son of the Father as to his divinity and son of Joseph as to his humanity. True or False? ***False***
2. Who predicted that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's heart?
(a) Herod (b) Joseph (c) Simeon ***(c) Simeon***
3. On what occasion did Mary and Joseph seem not to understand the words of their son, Jesus? ***The finding of Jesus in the Temple***
4. What does immersion into water symbolize for those being baptized?
Burial into Chris's death and rising by his resurrection
5. At what other time is chrism oil used to consecrate besides at Baptism and Confirmation? (a) Anointing of the sick (b) Ordination
(c) Marriage ***(b) Ordination***

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

OFFICE CLOSED DURING HOLY WEEK

Divine Mercy Parish office will be closed beginning on Monday, April 10th through Easter Monday, April 17th. There are to be no activities - other than church services - scheduled during this time. Activities may resume and office will re-open on Tuesday, April 18th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus invites you to enjoy fellowship and good food by attending our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 8, 2017. Dining hours are 8:30am till 10:30am. Adults- \$5.00, children 6 to 12 years of age-\$3.00 and children under 6 are free. Please stop in and start your day with us.

Oct. 7 (St. Faustina's Diary #1820) "During Holy Mass, I saw the Infant Jesus in the chalice, and He said to me, 'I am dwelling in your heart as you see Me in this chalice.'"

PRAYERS FOR THE RCIA ELECT

Thank you for your continued prayers for our RCIA Elect and Candidates as they continue their faithful journey of coming into full communion with the Church.

We feel your love and support!

JOIN IN THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & RETREAT

A CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF OUR PARISH NAME!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

APRIL 13 (HOLY THURSDAY) thru APRIL 23 (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

What can you do for sick, dying, deceased or troubled souls? Offer a Novena (Nine Day) Prayer for them! Jesus told St. Faustina, *"Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you. Whoever will recite the Chaplet will receive great mercy at the hour of their death."* Pick up the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet brochure which is available in the vestibule or you can get a copy from the ushers. You can pray the Novena privately or join with others. See the brochure for more information.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY RETREAT...APRIL 23, 2017

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM – THE GREAT HOUR OF MERCY

The Ninth Day of the Novena will coincide with our annual retreat "The Great Hour of Mercy". Gather in the Main Church at 2:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Exposition and a period of Adoration. We will pray the Ninth Day Chaplet together at 3:00 p.m. to honor the hour of our Lord's death. Hear a brief history of Divine Mercy and a reading from St. Faustina's Diary.

The angel said: Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised up just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
Matthew 28:5-6

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Fish Fry on Good Friday at an earlier time in the CFC. Dinner will begin at 4pm and will be served through 6pm. Choices include: baked or fried fish, boiled shrimp, hush puppies, grilled cheese & tomato soup, salad, vegetables, dessert. Each dinner is \$10 a plate. Children 10 and under are \$5.

KOC CHARITIES OF GARDNER SCHOLARSHIP

KOC Charities of Gardner, Inc., the 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation of the Knights of Columbus at Divine Mercy Parish, is pleased to announce that it is again implementing a scholarship program for the 2017-2018 school year. KOC Charities of Gardner is offering non-renewable scholarship(s) to assist with the increasing costs of education, including both higher education and K-12 expenses, for one or more qualifying Catholic individuals. Please see the scholarship application for further details and requirements. Please note that the deadline to submit your application is April 21st, 2017. Applications are available upon request by emailing Dan Keating at KOCCharitiesofGardnerInc@gmail.com or by downloading a copy at www.KofC10407.org. We encourage all qualifying individuals to apply and look forward to receiving your application.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA SCHOLARSHIP

The Daughters of Isabella, St. Faustina Circle #1439, of Divine Mercy Parish will award a scholarship to one or more graduating Seniors that are members of our Parish. The applications including guidelines will be in the Usher Room and are available upon request by emailing Janice Dodds at jandodds@msn.com. The deadline for submitting applications is April 27, 2017. We encourage students to apply.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

April

9 - 9:15a K-6 Class

5:00p 8th-12th Grade Life Night and Mass

5:30p 7th Grade Confirmation

16-NO CLASS - EASTER

23 - 9:15a K-6 Class

5:00p 8th-12th Grade Life Night and Mass

5:30p 7th Grade Confirmation

30 - 9:15a K-6 Class

1:00 p First Communion Rehearsal

5:00p 8th-12th Grade Life Night and Mass

5:30p 7th Grade Confirmation

Sunday, April 30, 2017: First Holy Communion Practice

First Holy Communion Practice for ALL students at 1:00 pm. Please meet in the upper level of the CFC at 1:00 pm.

Thursday, May 4, 2017: First Holy Communion Mass

5:45pm: Check in for all First Communicants in the upper level of the new Christian Formation Center. Parents are asked to drop off students at this time and find a place to sit in the church.

6:00pm: Group/individual photos

7:00pm: First Communion Mass. Cake/punch reception immediately after Mass in the CFC for all students, families and guests.

NEW IN-PARISH BIBLE STUDY AVAILABLE TO THE PARISH

EVER WANTED TO READ THE BIBLE BUT FELT LIKE YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW?

DO YOU DESIRE SPIRITUAL FORMATION?

ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY?

TREAT YOURSELF TO A WEEKLY DATE NIGHT...AND A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST!

THE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY

Don't Delay!! The Bible Timeline study begins on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the CFC Main Room. For more information or to register for the study, please email laura@divinemercyks.org. An e-invite will be sent to you, inviting you to register and purchase your study guide book.

WHAT: CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

WHEN: WEEKLY/TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. FROM MAY THRU NOVEMBER

WHERE: RIGHT HERE, AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH, CFC (MAIN ROOM)

HOW TO REGISTER: EMAIL LAURA@DIVINEMERCYKS.ORG

COST: \$34.95+ S/H WHICH WILL PURCHASE YOUR PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE BOOK, A BIBLE TIMELINE CHART, BOOKMARK AND ONLINE ACCESS TO VIDEOS. (Households can plan to share a Study Set instead of purchasing each individually (as long as you share well!) When at least 1 person of a household registers, online access is included to access videos online.

ATTN: COUPLES CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be on Sunday, June 4, 2017, at 2:00 pm at Church of the Nativity in Leawood. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please submit this information as soon as possible. Thank you.

HOLY THURSDAY

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper in which he gives us his body and blood.

Communion may be given under both kinds, with permission of the bishop, at Masses on Holy Thursday.

Before Mass begins, the tabernacle should be entirely empty: a sufficient amount of bread should be consecrated at this Mass for the communion of the clergy and laity today and tomorrow.

After communion, a ciborium with hosts for Good Friday is left on the altar.

Following the Prayer after Communion, the procession with the Holy Eucharist is taken to an altar of repose.

When the celebration has ended, the altar is stripped privately. It is fitting that any crosses be covered with a red or purple veil. Lamps or candles should not be lit before images of saints. Holy water is removed from all fonts. They are refilled with the water blessed at the Easter Vigil.

The faithful should be encouraged to adore the Blessed Sacrament for suitable period of time during the night. Where appropriate, this prolonged Eucharistic Adoration may be accompanied by the reading of some part of the Gospel of John (Chapters 13-17). From midnight onwards, however, the adoration should be made without external solemnity, for the day of the Lord's Passion has begun.

GOOD FRIDAY

Entrusting his life to the Father, Jesus bore our infirmities, and obedient unto death, won for us eternal salvation.

Today, Good Friday, and if possible, on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the paschal fast is observed everywhere to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more deeply in his resurrection.

The celebration of the Lord's Passion takes place about three o'clock, unless pastoral reasons suggest a later hour. The bishop may permit the liturgy to be repeated later for pastoral reasons.

Those parts of the liturgy which should always be sung are: the general intercessions and the chants for the showing and veneration of the cross.

The passion of the Lord is proclaimed as on Palm Sunday. Only one cross should be used for the veneration, as this contributes to the full symbolism of the rite. For the veneration, the cross may either be veiled or unveiled.

After the celebration, the altar is stripped, the cross remaining, however, with four candles. An appropriate place can be prepared and the Lord's cross is placed so that the faithful may venerate and kiss it, and spend some time in adoration. The celebration of marriage and funerals are forbidden, as is also the celebration of other sacraments, except those of penance and anointing of the sick.

HOLY SATURDAY

The entire celebration of this vigil should take place at night, that is, it should begin after nightfall and end before dawn of Sunday. This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses.

Nine readings are assigned to the Easter Vigil: seven from the Hebrew Scripture, two from the New Testament. If necessary, the number of readings may be reduced. But three selections from the Hebrew Scriptures should be read before the Epistle and Gospel, although, when necessary, two may be read. In any case, the reading from Exodus should always be read.

Those faithful who receive communion at the Vigil may also receive it at another Mass on Easter Day.

EASTER SUNDAY

On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us. Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed. On Easter Sunday the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises is repeated after the homily. The Creed is omitted.