

Sacred Heart of Jesus

April 2017 Newsletter

It is hard to believe that it is Spring already. Well, almost Spring – in the U.P. it is always a guess!

Father Chris arrived home on Tuesday, February 28 – just in time to begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is hard to believe that we are already in the third week of Lent.

April is going to be a very busy month:

Palm Sunday is on April 9th

Holy Thursday is on the 13th with Mass at 7:00 PM

Good Friday is on the 14th with the **Passion of the Lord** at 1:00 PM

The **Novena** to the **Divine Mercy** begins on **Good Friday** at 3:00 PM with the **Chaplet** being recited. The **Chaplet** will be recited every day at 3:00 PM through Saturday, April 22rd

Holy Saturday is on the 15th with **Easter Vigil** beginning at 9:00 PM

Easter Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart is at 10:00 AM with Mass at St. Therese at 12:00 PM

Divine Mercy Sunday is on April 23rd with a service at 2:00 PM

Confirmation is on Sunday, April 30th at St. Peter Cathedral beginning with the Mass at 3:00 PM

We have four candidates for Confirmation this year: Lauren Peters, Alyssa Webber, Ryan Pond and Kody Beauchaine. Please keep this young people in your prayers.

What is the Divine Mercy?

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

You can find information and directions on how to pray the Chaplet at the entrances of the church.

Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday

The plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the *Our Father and the Creed*, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!*).

