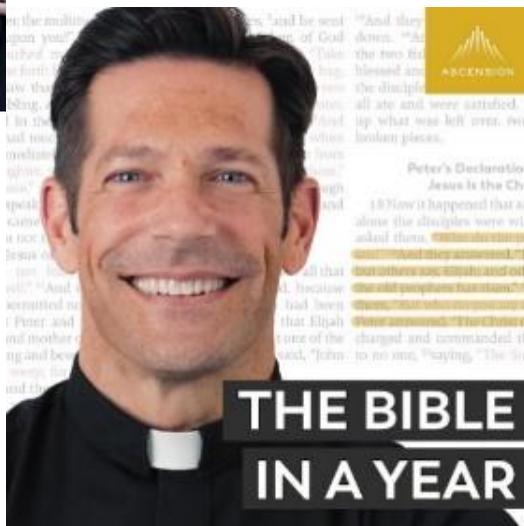


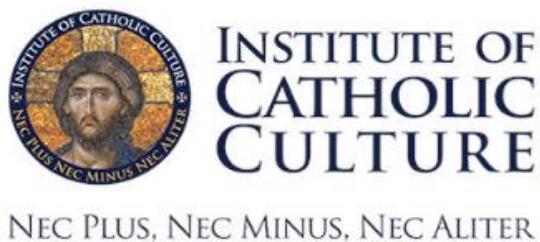


Looking for ways to grow in your faith this Easter Season? Trying to get closer to the Lord? Here are some great resources!



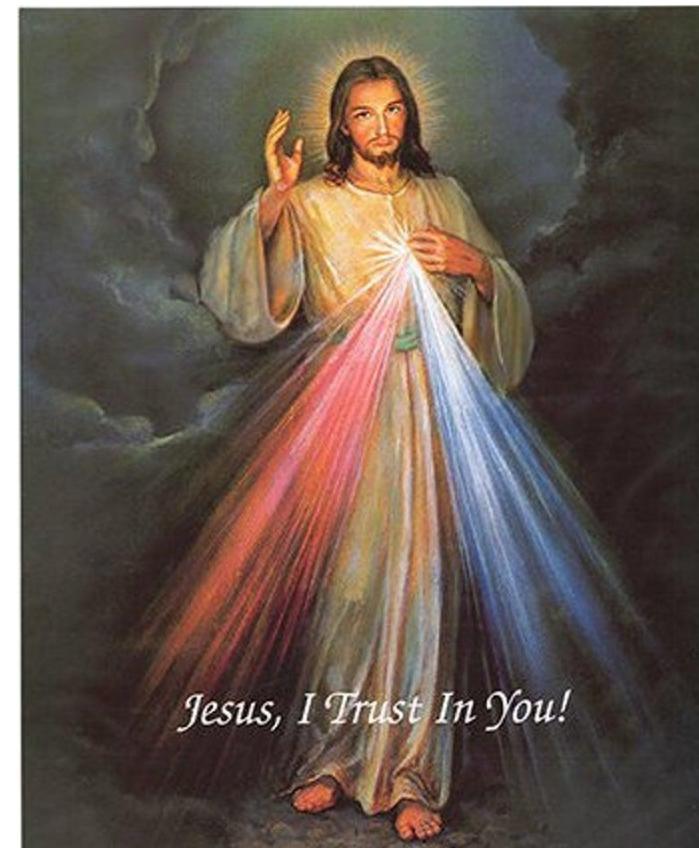
Apps for Prayer: Laudate (free), Hallow (free), Universalis (\$10.99), Magnificat (requires subscription to magazine), iBreviary (free)

Bible Study Apps: Laudate (free), Catena (Catena Aurea-free), Word on Fire (costs)



Websites for Lectures and Reflections: Ascension Presents on YouTube; Word on Fire on YouTube (or wordonfire.org); Institute of Catholic Culture (instituteofcatholicculture.org)

**St. Cecilia Catholic Church
Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2021**



He is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

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Weekly Schedule

Monday: Adoration 5:30-6:30 this week

Wednesday: Adoration at 5; mass at 6

Wednesday after Mass: Parish Council Meeting

Please pray for /Oramos para:

Sandy DeLisle, Greg Bradley, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, Kathy Larsen, Joe Barnefiher, Especially let us remember the deceased, our clergy and bishop, Covid quarantined parishioners, our chronically ill, and our homebound.

If you would like to receive the Holy Eucharist and are unable to attend mass, please contact Fr. David at his number above.

Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:

Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,
Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4

Collections from April 4, 2021

Envelopes: \$360.00 Loose: \$334.00
Total Roof Collection to Date: \$9,572.00

April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.



Año de San Jose Patris Corde

José vio a Jesús progresar día tras día «en sabiduría, en estatura y en gracia ante Dios y los hombres» (Lc 2,52). Como hizo el Señor con Israel, así él "le enseñó a caminar, y lo tomaba en sus brazos: era para él como el padre que alza a un niño hasta sus mejillas, y se inclina hacia él para darle de comer" (cf. Os 11,3-4). S.S. Francisco.

Finishing the Roof

Dear Families of St. Cecilia, we are finishing the roof on our church and need help! We know things have been hard this year, but if every family can donate \$100, we will have the money to finish the roof and stop the leaking in our Parish Hall. Please consider making your donation today! Remember, every bit helps. Get your family on the "grapevine" in the vestibule today! **Our final goal is \$12,000!**



St. Cecilia Parish Registry

Have you turned in your registration yet? Please do so soon! If you need another registration form, please ask Vanessa when you get the chance. Thank you!



Please Pray for Our Youth Group!

Fifteen youth members are driving back from Carthage, Missouri where the Diocesan Youth Conference was which they hosted. Please for the chaperones and the youth that the fire of Christ burn brightly in them here in our parish!

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, JOHN 20:1-9

Friends, our Easter Gospel contains St. John's magnificent account of the Resurrection. Three key lessons follow from the disquieting fact of the Resurrection. First, this world is not all there is. The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead shows as definitively as possible that God is up to something greater than we had imagined. We don't have to live as though death were our master and as though nihilism were the only coherent point of view. We can, in fact, begin to see this world as a place of gestation toward something higher, more permanent, more splendid.

Second, the tyrants know that their time is up. Remember that the cross was Rome's way of asserting its authority. But when Jesus was raised from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit, the first Christians knew that Caesar's days were, in point of fact, numbered. The faculty lounge interpretation of the Resurrection as a subjective event or a mere symbol is exactly what the tyrants of the world want, for it poses no real threat to them.

Third, the path of salvation has been opened to everyone. Jesus went all the way down, journeying into pain, despair, alienation, even godforsakenness. He went as far as you can go away from the Father. Why? In order to reach all those who had wandered from God. In light of the Resurrection, the first Christians came to know that, even as we run as fast as we can away from the Father, we are running into the arms of the Son. Let us not domesticate these still-stunning lessons of the Resurrection. Rather, let us allow them to unnerve us, change us, and set us on fire. **Reflect:** Why is the Resurrection really the startling "Good News" of the Gospel? How does it give you hope to celebrate it today?

Welcome, Matthew, Cooper, and Lainey!



Welcome to the Catholic Church! These three Russoms were Baptized, Confirmed, and received their First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil last Saturday night at St. Eustachius in Portageville. Matthew chose St. Sebastian, Cooper chose St. Dominic, and Lainey choose St. Joan of Arc as their Confirmation names.

Please keep the Russom family in your prayers! Also, continue to pray for our four remaining Confirmandes who will finally be coming into the Church May 23 at St. Vincent (Cape Girardeau): **Amy Gomez, Leann Ruiz, Alexis Gonzalez, and Rigo Marroquin.**

The History of Divine Mercy Sunday

As the faithful prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, it is important to review the meaning and historical significance of the day. On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She wrote in her diary that He said:

I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it...

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. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

According to the vision, those who receive communion and attend confession on the Feast of Mercy receive total forgiveness of sins.

Pope John Paul II discussed the significance of the image of Divine Mercy in his homily for the canonization of St. Faustina:

From that Heart [of Christ], Sr. Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that heart and illuminating the world. "The two rays", Jesus Himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water" (Diary, entry 299).

Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (see Jn 19:34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (see Jn 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39).

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

Altar Server Training

Have you ever wanted to be an altar server? We have a server practice for all new and returning servers on April 25th after mass. Servers must have received their first communion. All ages are welcome!

We Need Lectors!

Are you interested in proclaiming God's word during the liturgy? Reading the Holy Scripture is a very important job, and we need you! Please see Vanessa about lector training and to be put on the schedule.



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