



# Our Mother of Good Counsel

*Catholic Church*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm English

Sunday 7:30 am English

9:00 am Polish

10:30 am English

12:00 pm Polish

4:00 pm English

Tues- Fri 8:00 am English

## FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am English

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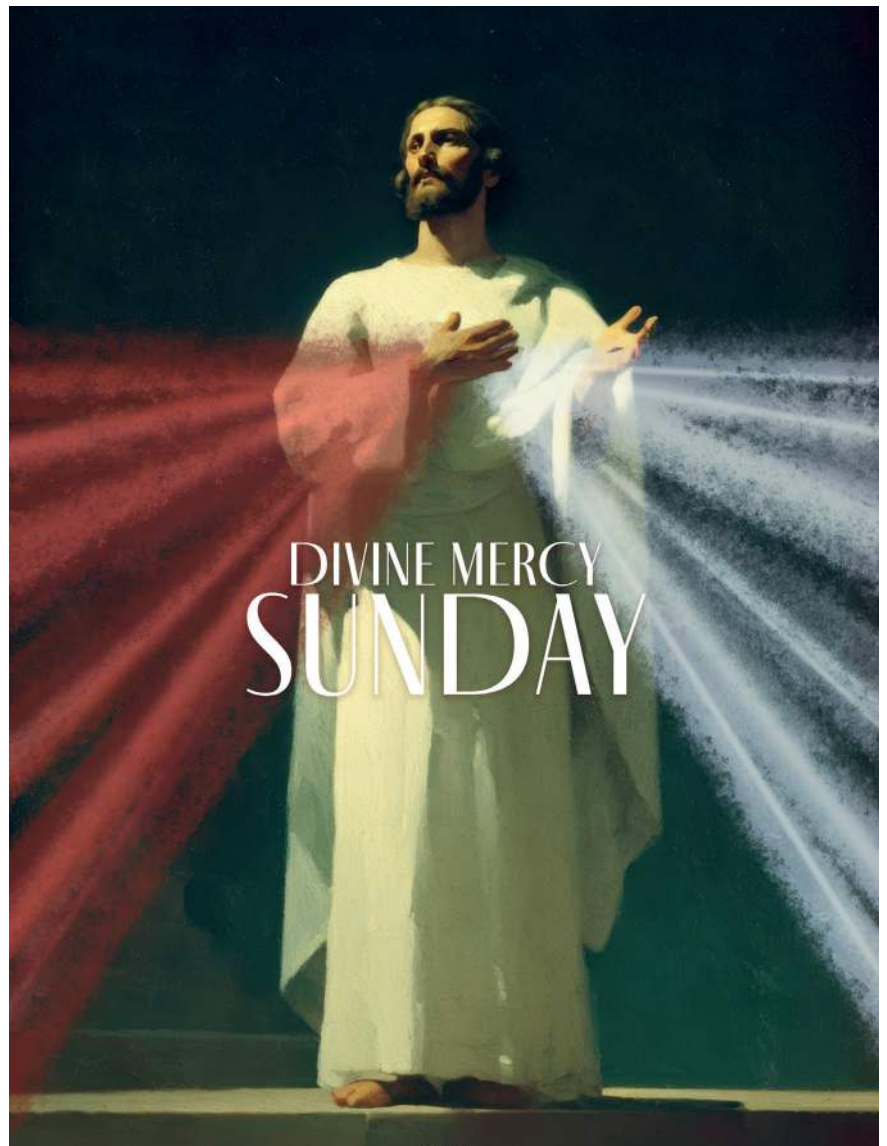
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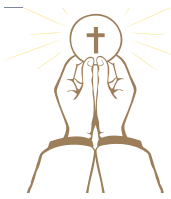
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## MASS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY APRIL 14 8:00AM**  
Michael Valentine Jr.†

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 15 8:00AM**  
Virginia Schultz†

**THURSDAY APRIL 16 8:00AM**  
Our Clergy

**FRIDAY APRIL 17 8:00AM**  
Our newly initiated

**SATURDAY APRIL 18 4:00PM**  
Philip & Charles Koziel†

**SUNDAY APRIL 19 7:30AM**  
Michael Paulin†

**SUNDAY APRIL 19 9:00AM**  
Slawek, Arek, Robert  
Jan & Helena Kaminski†  
Wojciech Wilk†  
Maria Ratulowski†

**SUNDAY APRIL 19 10:30AM**  
Judy Keating

**SUNDAY APRIL 19 12:00PM**  
Katherine Senyk

**SUNDAY APRIL 19 4:00PM**  
Bill Krawisz†

**SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES**  
April: Dedicated to The Eucharist  
and The Holy Spirit  
Sunday: Divine Mercy Sunday  
Monday: Saint Martin I

## CELEBRATE EASTERTIDE WITH BISHOP DENNIS E. SPIES



As we continue to rejoice in the Easter season—the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost—Bishop Dennis E. Spies invites you to join him for a weekly video reflection on the theme of “Christ’s Peace.” Each week’s reflection will be available at [www.diojoliet.org/es/eastertide](http://www.diojoliet.org/es/eastertide) and on all diocesan social media channels. New videos will be posted every Friday, ahead of the weekend vigil Masses.



Congratulations and many blessings to:  
BENNET SCOTT, WILL YUCAITIS, DAWSON PATTERSON,  
TRICIA ERNST, BEN DE JONG, AND CAMERON MCCLELLAND  
who were Fully Initiated into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil on April 4th.  
Thank you to Sebastian Abbinanti for leading the OCIA program.



### Spiritual Adoption - Baby's Development

*“I grabbed my hand!”*

The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce and is about 3 inches in length.

Keep this precious life in you prayers!

### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

APRIL: FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

The Kozak Family  
The Bak Skoczen Family



### Divine Mercy Sunday

Join us this Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, for the Divine Mercy Sunday devotion. We will be the Divine Mercy chaplet together beginning at 2:30pm



## A WORD FROM FR. GREG

Dear Friends,

As we continue to celebrate the joy of the Easter season, the Church gives us a profound gift on the Second Sunday of Easter: the Feast of Divine Mercy. It is a day dedicated to the unmerited love and mercy that flows from the heart of Christ.

This powerful devotion traces back to the 1930s when Jesus appeared to a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. In a series of mystical visions, Jesus revealed Himself as the "King of Divine Mercy." He instructed her to share the message of His endless mercy with the entire world, reminding us that no sin is greater than His capacity to forgive.

During these visions, Jesus asked St. Faustina to have an image painted exactly as she saw Him. In the Image of Divine Mercy, Jesus is depicted stepping toward us with one hand raised in blessing and the other touching His chest. From His heart, a red and a pale light shine, which represent the blood and water that gushed from the cross. At the bottom of the image is the simple, perfect prayer He asked us to pray: "Jesus, I trust in You."

The devotion was championed by St. Pope John Paul II. In the year 2000, John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and officially instituted Divine Mercy Sunday as a universal feast day for the entire Church. He knew that the world desperately needed a reminder of God's compassionate love.

Jesus also taught St. Faustina a special prayer called the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which is prayed on rosary beads. He attached extraordinary promises to those who embrace this devotion.

For anyone who prays to the Chaplet or has it prayed for them, Jesus promised that He would stand between His Father and the dying person, not as a just judge, but as a merciful Savior. He promised that even the most hardened sinner would receive grace from His infinite mercy through sincerely praying the Chaplet.

Jesus also promised that those who go to Confession and receive Holy Communion around the Feast of Divine Mercy will receive complete forgiveness of sins and all punishment.

This Sunday, April 12, join us here at the church to gather and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:30 pm. Come and immerse yourself in the ocean of His mercy.

In Christ's Merciful Love,

Fr. Greg

Drodzy Przyjaciele,

Kontynuując radość okresu wielkanocnego, Kościół ofiarowuje nam szczególny dar w Drugą Niedzielę Wielkanocną: Święto Miłosierdzia Bożego. Jest to dzień poświęcony darmowej miłości i miłosierdziu, które wypływają z Serca Chrystusa.

To niezwykle nabożeństwo sięga lat 30. XX wieku, kiedy Jezus objawił się pokornej polskiej zakonnicy, św. Marii Faustynie Kowalskiej. W serii mistycznych wizji ukazał się jej jako „Król Miłosierdzia Bożego”. Polecił jej, aby przekazała całemu światu orędzie o Jego nieskończonym miłosierdziu, przypominając, że nie ma grzechu większego niż Jego zdolność przebaczenia.

Podczas tych objawień Jezus poprosił św. Faustynę, aby został namalowany obraz dokładnie taki, jaki widziała. Na obrazie Jezusa Miłosiernego widzimy Chrystusa, który wychodzi ku nam, z jedną ręką uniesioną do błogosławieństwa, a drugą dotykającą swojego serca. Z Jego Serca wychodzą dwa promienie: czerwony i biały, symbolizujące krew i wodę, które wypłynęły na krzyżu. U dołu obrazu znajduje się prosta i doskonała modlitwa, o którą prosił Jezus: „Jezu, ufam Tobie”.

Nabożeństwo to było szczególnie propagowane przez św. Jana Pawła II. W roku 2000 kanonizował on św. Faustynę i ustanowił Niedzielę Miłosierdzia Bożego świętem dla całego Kościoła. Wiedział, jak bardzo świat potrzebuje przypomnienia o miłosiernej miłości Boga.

Jezus nauczył również św. Faustynę szczególnej modlitwy – Koronki do Miłosierdzia Bożego, którą odmawia się na różańcu. Z modlitwą tą związał niezwykle obietnice dla tych, którzy ją praktykują.

Każdemu, kto odmawia Koronkę lub za kogo jest ona odmawiana, Jezus obiecał, że stanie pomiędzy Ojcem a konającym – nie jako sprawiedliwy sędzia, lecz jako miłosierny Zbawiciel. Obiecał także, że nawet najbardziej zatwardziały grzesznik otrzyma łaskę Jego nieskończonego miłosierdzia, jeśli będzie się szczerze modlił tą modlitwą.

Jezus obiecał również, że ci, którzy przystąpią do spowiedzi i przyjmą Komunię Świętą w czasie Święta Miłosierdzia, otrzymają zupełne odpuszczenie win i kar.

W tę niedzielę, 12 kwietnia, zapraszamy do naszego kościoła na wspólną modlitwę Koronki do Miłosierdzia Bożego o godz. 14:30. Przyjdź i zanurz się w oceanie Jego miłosierdzia.

W miłosiernej miłości Chrystusa,  
Ks. Grzegorz

**Thank you for contributing to the Easter Decor. Our Sanctuary is beautiful because of you! Please keep the following loved ones in your prayers. We honor those living, and we remember those who are with Christ.**

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If we have omitted anyone, please contact the Parish Office.

## FAITH FORMATION

For further information on any of the items below, or on the Religious Education program, please contact Janet Litterio in the Faith Formation Office at 708-301-0214 or [faithformation@omgccc.org](mailto:faithformation@omgccc.org).

Visit our parish website [omgccc.org](http://omgccc.org) for the RE schedule and other Faith Formation information throughout the year under the Religious Education link.

### Religious Education Program

I am currently planning for next school year, and registration packets will be mailed to your homes in the middle of April.

Our program exists thanks to the faithful dedication of our volunteers. Please consider joining our team and share our faith with our young people.

**Please, join our team of Wednesday evening volunteers!**

### Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrating God's Merciful Love

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kowalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

#### The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:  
*"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."*
3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:  
*"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*
4. Repeat steps two and three for all five decades.
5. Conclude by reciting three times:  
*"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

**Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet this Sunday, April 12th at 2:30pm.**



## St. Joseph's Corner

Because bulletin space is limited, this brief introduction invites you into this week's St. Joseph's Corner, available in full online.

Christ is risen! Truly He is risen! Alleluia!

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church gives us one of the most moving Gospel scenes in all of Easter: the disciples gathered in the upper room, the doors locked in fear, while the Risen Christ stands already victorious over death. It is a familiar image, yet one that remains deeply personal.

How often do we live the same way?

Even after hearing the promises of Christ, even after witnessing His faithfulness in our own lives, we can still retreat into the upper rooms of fear, shame, disappointment, and self-protection. We lock the doors of the heart and convince ourselves that isolation is safer than surrender.

Yet Divine Mercy reveals something greater: Christ does not remain outside the places we have sealed shut. He enters anyway. He comes into the wounds, the doubts, and the guarded places we keep hidden, and He speaks the words every soul longs to hear: Peace be with you.

This week's reflection, "My Lord and My God," considers the locked upper room, the wounds of Christ, the doubt of Thomas, and what it means not merely to worship Christ, but to belong to Him.

Read the full St. Joseph's Corner online  
<https://sebastianabbinanti.substack.com/>  
-Sebastian Abbinanti



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## STEWARDSHIP

### April 4/5

Easter Collection: \$25,007  
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Holy Saturday: \$1,268



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



**Baptism:** Baptisms are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month. Polish Baptisms are at 1:00 p.m., and English Baptisms are at 1:30 p.m. Please contact the Faith Formation Office before booking a venue for the celebration. Parents must be registered with our parish. Both sponsors must be over 16 years old, with at least one being a practicing Catholic.



**Marriage:** The bride and groom should be active members of our parish. The couple should contact the Faith Formation Office at least six months in advance to schedule their marriage, allowing for adequate preparation. Schedule the church date for your marriage before securing your venue.



**Funerals:** The family of the deceased will coordinate with the chosen funeral home to make the arrangements. The funeral home will then contact the Faith Formation Office at Our Mother of Good Counsel (OMGC) to notify us about the upcoming funeral Mass. We (OMGC) will get in touch with the family and work together to organize the funeral liturgy.



**Eucharist for the Homebound and Hospitalized:** If you are unable to attend Mass please contact the Parish Office for the Sacraments of the Eucharist. Our Homebound ministry would be happy to assist you.



**Anointing of the Sick & Hospital Visits:** Please contact the Parish Office if your loved one requires an anointing. Please do not wait until death is imminent to request anointing, as it may take some time to find a priest for the sacrament.



**Religious Education:** We offer religious education classes for grades 1-8. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information. Classes meet Wednesday, 6:00-7:30PM September through March.



**Newcomers:** Welcome to our Parish! Please stop in the Parish Office or visit our website for a Parishioner registration form. We are so happy to have you.



**Prayer Request Line:** Submit your intention to omgcpayers@gmail.com, and our prayer warriors will discreetly pray for you intention. If you would like to join the prayer warriors, send omgcpayers@gmail.com an email asking to be added.



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