



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



APRIL 7, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20: 27

FROM FR. MIKE LEO

April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

Peace! During this Easter Season, we are blessed to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast that reminds us of God's infinite love and compassion. When we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, we encounter a prayer that states, "You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the *ocean of mercy* opened up for the whole world." This comes directly from St. Faustina's writings, and, tellingly, it represents one of the most appropriate ways of demonstrating just how much love the Lord freely bestowed on the world by dying on the Cross. Thus, today, we are invited to explore that "ocean of mercy" and to learn how God desires that we partake of it wholeheartedly.

Remembering the level to which God longs to offer us His mercy is just one of the ways that we are invited to explore today's feast. We must remember that this divine mercy differs from any worldly compassion. How so? Well, for God to bestow His mercy on you, He does not need to see you achieve perfection. There exists no precise "pre-requisite" for a soul to receive God's mercy. All one needs to do is to be receptive. At times in life, we may stop and reflect that perhaps the mistakes we have made or the sins we have committed may be an impediment, at least for a while, for us to be showered with the mercy and forgiveness of God. In reality, it is much simpler with God. All He awaits to see is a heart with the capacity to receive, even if that heart is struggling to be receptive. God will send His grace to help the soul see how good our Lord is. The rest happens in a heavenly way as the person becomes more receptive and more enamored with God's desire to forgive.

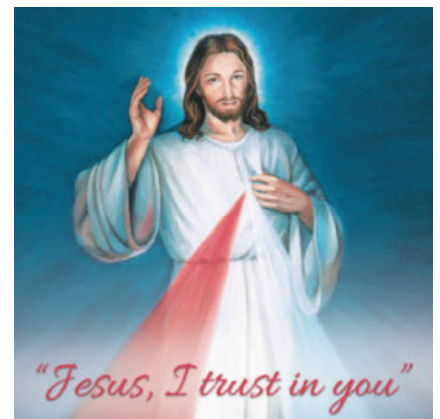
Pope Francis has declared in the past that "God's mercy is not a distant gesture, but a tender and generous embrace." That is, God sends His mercy our way not by leaving it somewhere to see if we catch a glance of it and decide to take it. He does not go about this the way we do treasure or scavenger hunts, whereby participants attempt to find hidden rewards. No. What God does do is make His mercy infinitely available, like the availability of water in a vast ocean. It is there, visible, and ready for the taking, offering us hope and reassurance in our journey.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church calls us to seek forgiveness and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I invite you to take advantage of this great sacrament of God's love, especially this Sunday. Fr. Mike will expose the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m., and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed and sung. During this service, I will be in the confessional for anyone needing the sacrament of reconciliation.

May this Divine Mercy Sunday be an opportunity, a simple but profound invitation in our lives as we discover once more the depths of God's mercy and share it with those in need of compassion.

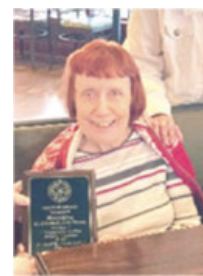
God Bless!

Fr. Leo





Recently the St. Vincent de Paul Society presented Mary Klug with the Ozanam Award for her many years of outstanding service with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Mary was selected for this award by the Archdiocesan Council of the SVDP. Congratulations Mary and thank you for all your good works!



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

You are invited to join us this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in church as we take time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and sing and pray bilingually the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and listen to a short meditation. Confession will also be available.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Join us today, April 7th, for our Women's Group monthly Mass at 9:00 a.m. Our April meeting will follow hospitality at 10:45 in the Auditorium.

ALL PARISHIONERS

All members of the parish are invited to the auditorium after the 9:00 a.m. Mass today for hospitality sponsored by the Women's Group.



SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE ONE PARISH ONE PRISONER MINISTRY

We will take up a special second collection this weekend, to support the One Parish One Prisoner Ministry in our parish.

Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity with "OPOP" written on the memo line. There are special envelopes in the pews or the vestibule or you can use a plain envelope with your name on it. You can also donate electronically using Faith Direct.

There is a descriptive brochure available in the vestibule or on our website with detailed information on this important ministry.

Stewardship Report

Sunday Giving (Fiscal Year July 2023-June 2024)

	<i>February</i>	
	2024	2023
Monthly Total	\$42,896	\$44,318
Yearly Total / Fiscal YTD	\$365,427	\$382,229
<u>Mass Attendance</u>		
Weekly Average	816	785

Welcome

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish

Confirmation

February 22, 2024



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Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—
Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—
Nicholas Guerrieri—Marie Brasher—Paola Estrada—Judy Biala—Eva Anderson—
Elise Fernandez—Emery Tanski—Cary Muldoon—Pauly—Sr. Kelly Masdat MSHT—Darlene Russo—
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Antoinette Bongiorno—Joe Banks—Eleida Flores

(Call the rectory office to have your name - added or removed)

Join Us for Our Next Session

Starting April 15th



Why is there something rather than nothing?

Why is everything so obviously messed up?

What if anything has God done about it?

How should I respond?



How Our Past Participants Described Their Experience of Encountering Jesus in the Rescue Project:

“It was a compelling and transformative experience, inspiring spiritual growth and deepening of faith”

“It was enlightening and thought provoking”

“I enjoyed meeting new people and talking about faith openly”

“I enjoyed the interaction with my table mates and hearing their perspectives.”

“It was worth hearing and being reminded about what is really important”

Come join us each week for a meal followed by an engaging video and faith sharing conversation. If you want more information or to register please email Ashley at aguinn@archchicago.org, call the parish office or use the QR Code

Ever ask yourself these questions?

We invite you to join us for The Rescue Project.

Together we can discover The Story.



BSA Troop 969 Night at ZANIES!
When: April 17, 2024

Doors Open at 6:30 for 7:30 p.m. show.
Adults 21+ only Tickets: ONLY \$20!

*Two item minimum purchase per ticket.

*Purchase items include appetizers, soft drinks, and adult beverages.

50/50 Raffle will be held at event. Purchase your ticket from a Troop 969 Scout or go to our website at: troop969.com to find dates/times/locations when tickets will be sold.

Payment Options: Cash or check made out Troop 969.



R.E. Spring Update

“Catechesis - a privileged stage in evangelization” – Pope Francis

With Easter falling so early this year, our catechists had little time to catch their breath after Christmastide ended and Lent began. As I recalled all that the catechists accomplished, Pope Francis’ words to catechists gathered for the Third International Congress on Catechesis (2022) came to mind:

“Catechesis is a privileged stage in evangelization. Catechesis cannot be like an hour at school, but rather a living experience of the faith that each one of us feels the desire to transmit to the new generations.”

Here are just a few examples of how our catechists embraced this privilege. Grant Huslig, the seminarian who teaches the RCIC students, constructed an altar in the classroom where the students had an interactive experience learning about the Liturgy of the Eucharist. First Communicants worked together to create a colorful mosaic of The Last Supper. Third and Fourth graders discussed meaningful ways to observe Lent. Fifth graders constructed a three-dimensional Ark of the Covenant. Sixth graders took turns saying a decade of the Rosary each week. Seventh graders focused on the lives of the saints and prayed the Stations of the Cross, and Eight graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

And for our First graders R.E. class was like anything but an hour at their regular school! Mary Kay Hastings used four o’clock flowers, butterflies, and wind chimes to teach the mysteries of the faith. Children planted the seeds of a flower which only opens at four o’clock (like Jesus who was in the closed tomb but who came to life). And like butterflies, we will go through a metamorphosis in purgatory. The children assembled wind chimes to hang in their bedroom windows and every time the chimes tinkled, they were to think about Jesus on the cross, and then Jesus alive and with them.

When asked about what inspired Mary Kay Hastings in her ministry, she responded: “I love teaching the kids that they have a role to play in the Story – offering up suffering, praying for others; holy water; things that they can do. I wish I had them every day because there is so much I want to tell them.” She is also fond of drawing upon Narnia, which the children love.

As we near the end of the school year, I invite you to think about how you might “*come further up, come further in*” and experience the privileged opportunity that being a catechist or assistant brings. Please reach out if you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to this ministry.



*“I am in [your world]”, said Aslan. “But there I have another name. You must learn to know me by that name. This was the very reason why you were brought to Narnia, that by knowing me here for a little, you may know me better there. ... **Come further up, come further in!**”*

from *Narnia*, by C.S. Lewis

Peggy Bradley

Coordinator of Religious Education





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Our 8th graders have been very busy of late. In addition to the normal class load, they have all gotten word about their high school choices, and as of now, all of them have gotten into a school of their choice. Many of them have tested into honors classes and will be taking proficiency exams over the next couple of months.

We have a bunch of graduation activities coming up after Spring Break, highlighted by a trip to Milwaukee on May 30th to watch a Cubs vs Brewers game!

Six students attended a regional science fair in mid-March, and many are playing volleyball for the school as well.

We have also managed to spend some quality time with our Faith Partners. We had an ice cream sundae party with them in preparation for their Jesus Day retreat on March 9th.

The class is looking forward to our last couple of months and the activities that come with them!



JOIN US FOR AN EARLY CHILDHOOD OPENHOUSE

WHEN: Friday, April 19, 2024
TIME: 8:30am - 9:30am
WHERE: St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School
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St. Tarcissus School All Class Reunion

Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. - Emerald Isle, private room \$20.00 per person includes appetizers. Cash bar. Pay using Zelle. Send a follow-up text to make sure your money was received. Contact Nancy Gutzman Soprych at 773-805-3254.
Only 100 people who pay will be able to attend!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 35, Offertory Water and Wine By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL



As we continue through the **Offertory**, this time we take a closer look at some of the prayers at the altar as the bread and wine are placed there. After the bread and wine are brought forward, they are placed on the altar by the priest (or a deacon if there is one present). Then the priest, speaking either silently or aloud, says the prayers over the bread and wine. These are the prayers that begin, “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.”

You may also recognize the prayer as the priest holds the chalice: “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.” As the Diocese of Peoria reminds us, “If there is no music playing, [the priest] may do this out loud. In this case, we would respond to these prayers by saying, ‘Blessed be God forever!’ These prayers are ancient and have profound meaning. We place before him in our procession ‘our’ gifts, yet in these formulas we immediately admit that while they are ‘work of human hands’ they are still ultimately from God. For this reason, we bless God for his goodness and ask him to accept and transform the gifts into ‘bread of life’ and ‘spiritual drink’” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 11).

The Mystery of the Water and Wine

As the priest is preparing the wine, the Diocese of Peoria continues, “notice that he places a small amount of water into the chalice with the wine. As he does this he says: ‘By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.’ The Church maintains this very ancient custom of mixing water and wine as it uniquely symbolizes what we pray for. At the Mass, we offer our lives in union with Christ. In all our weakness, in all our smallness, we pray to be inseparably united to the divine. The small drops of water symbolize us. As the water becomes inseparably united to the wine, we pray we may become inseparably united to Jesus Christ” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 11–12).

Along these lines, Charles Belmonte teaches, “It was ancient custom to take the wine mixed with water, which the chalice of Jesus in the Last Supper contained. The Church retained this gesture to symbolize the sanctification of the Christian which is accomplished through his union with Jesus Christ. The water becomes the symbol of ourselves: our lives, with our weaknesses. Have you stopped to think what happens to the drops of water mixed with the wine? They are absorbed by it and then become inseparable from it. So does Jesus absorb us. The drops of water are of negligible worth; they are not even enough to quench anyone’s thirst. Yet they will end up being divine blood! And all that because they let themselves be mixed with the wine and be dissolved in it, thus manifesting self-denial, personal renunciation. At this moment, we grow in our desire to offer ourselves in total self-surrender, as the few drops of water in the chalice have reminded us. So, we will be able to become one with Jesus Christ after the Consecration” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 114).

An Opportunity for Personal Prayer

What a meaningful moment in this part of the Mass! A transition time in the Mass that could be easily missed, these brief prayers sometimes said silently provide a great invitation for prayer:

Jesus, help my heart to unite more perfectly with yours. I feel at times so far from you, but you give of yourself so that I have this opportunity to be more closely united with you. Help me to be attentive in this moment and bring my heart joy from knowing you will soon be truly present on the altar, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Eucharist!



Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

5:00 PM — Marcos Fernandez Sr, Vincente Ormachea, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Lorraine Piasecki, Bernadette Colletti, Frank Cullen, Eugene Chmielowski (1st anniversary), Fr. Dan Fallon, Clara Rangel, Betty Padua

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

7:30 AM — Rita Skowronski, Odila B Swinkle, Menchie Villaber (for successful surgery)
 9:00 AM — Dawn Cavins, Fr. Dan Fallon, Elaine Miller, Mary Nowik, Women's Group, souls in purgatory
 11:00 AM — Antonia Janiak, Eugene Chmielowski (1st anniversary)
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Blanca Delia Macias (1 mo. anniversary), Graciela Alvarado (70th birthday)
 3:00 PM — DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

MONDAY, APRIL 8 2024

8:30 AM — Fr. Dan Fallon

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

8:30 AM — Bernadette Colletti, Conrad Deane
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

8:30 AM — Apolonia Coranados, Margaret Keaney, Joseph Turco

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

8:30 AM — Gia A Manzo
 6:30 PM — Bilingual CONFESSION

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

8:30 AM — Fr. Dan Fallon, Jennie Tourville

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

8:30 AM — Arlene Mondack (1st anniversary), John H Fergus, Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer
 5:00 PM — Don Love, Joan Ptak, Josie Burns, Meredith Cicchetti

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

7:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski
 9:00 AM — Bernadette Colletti, Frank Cullen
 11:00 AM — Hector P Magnano
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Caltalina Chavez

Presider Schedule - April 13 & 14

5:00 p.m. — Fr. McCarthy / piano
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ / Deacon
 Matthew preaching
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / parish choir / piano / Deacon Matthew preaching
 11:00 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / organ
 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



Chris Szmurlo and Jessica Gal - I



Robert Okoniewski

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
 Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday:
 Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
 Friday:
 Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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QUIGLEY DAYS

April 20, 2024
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.



High school age men are invited to join Fr. Tim and the seminarians for adoration at St. Alphonsus in Lakeview, followed by lunch and a Cubs baseball game at Wrigley Field!

Scan code to register, or contact Katie Hazen for more information at khazen@archchicago.org.



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SERVICES

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (English) and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. and First Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary:

Prayed daily immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Church is open daily for private prayer until 5:00 p.m.

Confession:

Tuesday: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (bilingual)
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday: 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.)

Last Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Benediction at 7:50 p.m.)

Rectory (Parish Office): Monday - Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements:

gbzdon@archchicago.org

Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Peggy Bradley for more information.

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory.

Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab or in the rear of church.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Tony Lupinski through the parish office to make arrangements.

Food Pantry: Open Tuesdays - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the gym
For more Info email us at: food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

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heaven on earth,
because my heaven is You,
my God,
and You are in my soul.
You in me,
and I in You – may this be my motto."
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*