

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**

April 19th, 2009

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Stewardship	
Adult Env.	\$ 1,123.00
Student Env.	36.96
Offertory	523.43
Votives	82.15
Holy Land/GoodFri	178.85
Easter Flowers	100.00
Easter Offering	1,741.00
<u>Other</u>	
Total	\$ 3,785.39

April 20th Monday 8AM God's Blessings on Rychtarczyk Family
April 21st Tuesday **NO MASS**
April 22nd Wednesday **NO MASS**
April 23rd Thursday **NO MASS**
April 24th Friday 8 AM Alice Corwith +
April 25th Saturday 8 AM Martin & Mary Mitchell +
April 25th Saturday 8 PM Travis Fitzgerald +
April 26th Sunday 10 AM Jack Doyle +

*Sanctuary Lamp - In Memory of Lillian Kathleen (Kathy) Rogge + 04/19/52 - 12/13/85

Father Valentine will be gone for priests annual retreat in Marathon 4/20 - 4/23

TODAY 2PM - 3PM, 1hr. of Adoration, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

April 23rd 4 - 6:30 PM Open House at St. Patrick's Catholic School, Mauston, Dinner available for purchase. (See flyer on Bulletin Board)

April 26th 10 AM Polka Mass Followed by the Annual Ham Dinner

April 29th 7 PM - April 23rd St Paul's Class Moved to this date

May 1st Adoration following morning mass until 3:00PM, ending with Benediction and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

May 2nd 1st Confession 3:00 PM

May 3rd 1st Communion & May Queen Crowning. 8th grade & high school graduates will also be recognized at this mass. Brunch following the Mass in the church basement. Everyone is welcome.

May 13th 4 PM Annual Clean up at the Cemetery- bring your lawn & yard tools. Everyone is welcome to help.

Confessions: Sat. 7:15PM & Sun. 8:15AM
Adoration: 7AM before Saturday Mass & 1st Thursday all day
Rosary: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM before mass
Office Hours: 8:30AM-12:30 PM Monday-Friday

NOTICE: The cleaning schedule to prepare the church basement for the Ham Dinner is as follows:

Wednesday April 22nd 9 AM - 11:30 AM, cleaning/prep
Thursday April 23rd 9 AM - 11:30 AM, table & station set up
Friday April 24th 9 AM until done, scrub potatoes, finish all other necessary preparations.

Men & Women are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Flower Memorials

By: Ben & Myrtle Martinkus In memory of their deceased Parents
Jerry & Barbara Rogge In memory of the Herman & Ada Rogge Family and the Wesley & Frances Bonney Family
William & Mildred Blank In memory of their deceased brothers and sisters

Anyone who still has dishes in the church basement please pick them up. Some of these have been here for over a year. If they remain unclaimed they will be sold at the Church Garage Sale this summer.

Divine Mercy Sunday

A TIME magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs. The young man wore a black turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, up close and personal. They spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's attempted assassin; the other man was Pope John Paul II, the intended victim. The pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet tore into the pope's body. The pope had been preaching forgiveness and reconciliation constantly. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. John Paul's forgiveness was deeply Christian. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly. This is an example of God's Divine Mercy, the same Divine Mercy to which St. Faustina bore obedient witness.

St. Faustina of Poland is the well known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April, 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter, at 10:00 a.m., His Holiness Pope John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. The new saint invites us by the witness of her life to keep our faith and hope fixed on God, the Father, rich in mercy, who has saved us by the precious blood of His Son. The Lord Jesus assigned St. Faustina three basic tasks during her short life: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of Sr. Faustina, Pope John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks and never ceases to speak of God the Father, who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. Believing in this love, means believing in mercy." "The Lord of Divine Mercy" a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with his left hand on his chest from which gushes forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the water which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God.

The readings for this Sunday are about mercy, trusting faith and the forgiveness of sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of Mercy." In the Psalm we repeat several times, "His mercy endures forever." "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!" (Ps 118). Besides mentioning the word, our readings illustrate mercy in action. How did God reveal His mercy? He did so, first and foremost, by sending His only-begotten Son, to become our Savior and Lord by his suffering, death and resurrection. Let us experience the Divine Mercy by forgiving our enemies. Let the celebrations strengthen us in our attitude of forgiveness. Fr. G. Valentine Joseph

Donations are needed to repair the front steps of the Church, which as you can see are crumbling in many areas. The materials will cost roughly \$ 2,100.00. The labor will be donated by several men of the Parish. Please help with a financial donation if you can.

Interested in Adoption? Catholic Charities will hold an informational meeting about the various adoption programs they offer on April 28th at 5 PM, 3710 East Ave. South, LaCrosse. Please RSVP to Rhea at 608-782-0710 Ext.210 or email rnewman@cclse.org

St. Mary's needs individuals or a group of individuals who are willing to donate a Gift Certificate or Cash, which will be used as prizes for the Door Prize Raffle. If you are interested, please either give the donation to Father Valentine or Lizzie or call either of them. Father: 666-2421 / Lizzie: 666-2721

Please remember your pledges to the Bishops Annual Appeal. If you have not pledged already please do so, and if you have already pledged remember the drive ends in June.

Saturday April 25th, 8 PM

Lectors: Barb Rogge, Joyce Fuller
Servers: Connor Fitzgerald
Ushers: Shane Fitzgerald, Gary Fuller,
Franny Senzig

Gift Bearers: Gerald & Barb Rogge

Sunday April 26th, 9 AM

Lectors: Beverly Tourangeau, Roberta Fitzgerald
Servers: Theresa & Johanna Madland
Ushers: Rob Snell, Carl Miller Jerome Senzig
Gift Bearers: Tony & Laurie Oldigs

EMC: Blood of Christ: Roberta Fitzgerald
Beverly Tourangeau

Body of Christ: Sheri Guysie