

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT April 27, 2014 Divine Mercy Sunday

On the first official Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000, John Paul II canonized an important saint of our times: Saint Mary Faustina. Sr. Faustina has a beautiful message about the blood and water flowing from Christ's side. It is a message of mercy for all of us.

The soldiers pierced the side of Jesus when he was on the cross. Flowing forth came blood and water. Sister Faustina states, "Imagine the blood and water flowing out of Christ's side and over us like a waterfall of mercy."

In the Old Testament, blood of animal sacrifices were used to purify the Israelite's of their sins. This purifying ritual is represented today in the hand washing ritual. During hand washing the priest says, "Wash me O Lord from my iniquity and cleanse me of my sins." Washing of hands with water represents washing blood from hands after the animal sacrifice.

The blood and water that streamed out of Jesus when he was hanging on the cross is a sign of compassion, forgiveness, and kindness. It is about mercy for us. That blood and water was God's way of letting us all know that Jesus, the unblemished sacrificial lamb, will purify us of our sins.

The combination of blood and water is present in human life. When Christ breathed his last, he cried, "It is finished," or another Latin translation, "It is consummated" (sign of the sacrament of Marriage). After dying for our sins, Christ was then pierced and the purifying water (the sign of Baptism) and the blood of Christ (precious blood at Eucharist) flowed forth, and in this moment, the Church was born.

Saint John Chrysostom tells us, "Since the symbols of baptism and the Eucharist flowed from his side, it was from his side that Christ fashioned the Church, as he had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam."

As God took a rib from the sleeping Adam's side to fashion a woman, so Christ, at his death, has given us blood and water from his side to fashion the Catholic Church. Through our Catholic Church and its seven sacraments, God reveals his saving mercy to us.

Sr. Faustina wrote in her diary, "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy." To find peace, we must return to the sacraments that are offered to us in Jesus Christ. Let us trust in mercy of the blood of Christ and allow the water of our baptism to flow over us and bring us peace.

STEWARDSHIP

April 20, 2014	\$11,011.90	Online \$965.00
Last Year	\$6,185.25	Online \$865.00
Hoy Thursday	\$875.00	Outreach \$40.00
Good Friday	\$825.00	

Daily Mass Readings

Monday April 28

Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday April 29

Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2,5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday April 30

Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday May 1

Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday May 2

Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

April 26

8:00pm

For the People

Sunday

April 27

9:00am

+ Steve Adams

11:30am

+ Audrey Brewer

Monday

April 28

9:00am

Tuesday

April 29

9:00am

Healing & Strength for June Robinette

Wednesday

April 30

9:00am

Thursday

May 1

9:00am

Friday

May 2

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes will begin in September.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

1st year group will meet May 4th at 12:30. Celebration for the 2nd year group will be May 8th at 7pm.

ACYC

Alaska Catholic Youth Conference will be June 2-5. Early registration ends May 1—\$75. After May 1—\$90. Registration forms on the website: sacredheartwasilla.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GOOGLE QUESTION

Who is one of the first women doctors of the Church? When is her feast day?

BACCALAUREATE MASS

The Mass to celebrate all graduates—high school, college, tech—will be May 18 at 11:30am. Please submit names of grads to the office.

CRS RICE BOWL

Please return your Rice Bowl during the next 2 weeks. Thank you for your participation this Lent.

ANNUAL KITCHEN CLEANING

We would like help thoroughly cleaning our kitchen at the end of May. Please sign the list in the social hall and we will determine the day and time. Thank you.

EASTER SACRAMENTS

Full Initiation: Chris Forbess, Robin Jeffrey, Chaz Rivas, Cheyenne Johnson

Profession of Faith:

Wedy, Mannen, Clarissa Viens, Valerie Petz Joy Eversmeyer, Jerry Eversmeyer,

Confirmation: Logan Lightfoot, Gina So

1st Eucharist: Marissa Beachell, Thorsten Warhus, Isadora Warhus

Baptism: Ashley Bobbitt, Caitlin Bobbitt, Seth Charles, Gabriel Loyd, David VanKrevlen, Brooklyn Axley

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Would you like to guide the direction of our Catholic school? Are you skilled in communication, organization, finance, building management, education or catechesis? Do you simply desire a chance to make a major impact in the lives of truly remarkable children?

If you can answer "yes" to any of the above questions, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School needs YOU. We are now accepting applications for School Board members from all three supporting parishes. Please prayerfully consider applying for this amazing ministry. Contact the school at 376-0883 or at contactlv@valleycatholicschool.org for an application form.

Remember, God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called!

Enrollment is now open, please call or stop by today. 376-0883

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 26 1st Eucharist Mass 5pm
- 27 Divine Mercy Chaplet—10:30am
- 28 Centering Prayer 6:30pm

MAY

- 1 Rosary 7:00pm
- 3 Fiesta de Mayo 6pm
- 8 Confirmation Mass 7pm
- 11 Mother's Day
Dillingham Youth Mission Car Wash
Knights Breakfast for Moms
- 18 Baccalaureate Mass 11:30am
- 18-25 Family Promise Hosting Week

DILLINGHAM MISSION TRIP

Thank you for supporting our garage sale. We had a lot of fun and now we are closer to our goal. Mark your calendar for our Mother's Day Car Wash. Give mom a shiny, clean car on her day!

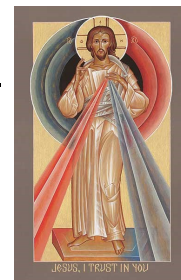


ACTS CORE MEETING

All are welcome to this meeting on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—APRIL 27

The Chaplet will be recited at 10:30am in the Church.



FOOD BANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter,
Jelly, Rice, Pasta,
Sugar, Flour,
Tomato Sauce,
Oats, Milk—
Powdered/Can
357-3769

FIESTA DE MAYO—MAY 3

This ACTS fundraiser on May 3rd includes Mexican food, games, music, and fun! Family discounts for 4 children or more. Proceeds will also help the Dillingham youth mission trip. Tickets are pre-sold.

FAMILY PROMISE

Sacred Heart's next host week is Sunday, May 18, through May 25. We need hosts and meals. Thank you for your supporting Family Promise and families in crisis here in the valley. Judith 373-3852

KITCHEN DISHES

Please pick up dishes. A crock pot lid is missing from the Knights Stations & Soup evening. This is a round glass lid with a silver knob. Please return to the office.

