

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! On this Divine Mercy Sunday, I want to express my gratitude to ALL who made our Easter Weekend, Sacred Triduum and Holy Week so special. It was a tremendous celebration of God's Love and I am grateful to all – especially our musicians, choirs, church decorators, ushers, lectors and everyone – for their dedication and love for the parish.

Such celebrations do not just happen. They come from somewhere and they go somewhere. In the case of our parish community, our Lenten Preparation – thru small groups, bible study and prayer groups – all helped to contribute to the celebration of Easter. God planting a seed -- that seed being welcomed and cared for and that seed-bearing fruit in the lives of our parish. Easter is a Season when that often hidden work of God – the seed work-- is made manifest in the fruit. And it's important for us to note it, claim it and praise God for it.

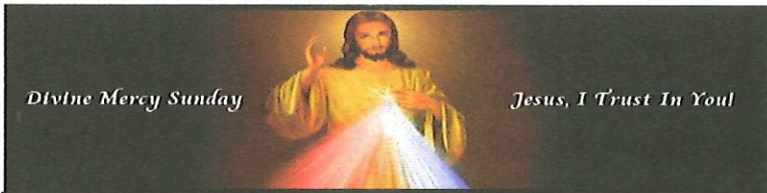
Of particular note, I'd like to highlight the 7 people who were baptized and were fully initiated into the Church this year. Baptized at our Easter Vigil were 4 members of one family! Baby Everest, Uncle Gabe, Aunt Ireland and Grandma Rebecca! Each carried his/her own unique story, but each had a desire for baptism. And thru welcoming that desire, caring for it ... a beautiful fruit came about... Their reception into the Church of God! All now Sons and Daughters of the Eternal Father! In addition to them, we had Jessica and Gift baptized; And Melissa be fully initiated into the Church. By far, this was the largest crowd that I've received into the church at one Vigil Mass and I praise God for it.

In the coming weeks, more parishioners will be fully initiated into the Church as we celebrate both First Holy Communion and Confirmation for our young people. In addition, there will be further baptisms, marriages, anointings and reconciliations. These Sacraments are moments of grace, encounters with the Risen Christ and they happen daily because of God's Great Goodness and individuals responding to grace. Such was the way of the early Church in these Easter Days. The stories of Divine Encounters with the Risen Lord from the Road to Emmaus to the Upper Room and beyond – all are made present in our own day and these Easter Days, we can welcome such encounters with God: Praying the Scriptures, Receiving the Eucharist and reaching out to one another with the tenderness of Christ.

The Beautiful thing is to remember where all this grace is going! It is all leading us closer to God! As we walk thru the month of April, be sure to Walk with the Risen One ... allow Him to lead, guide and direct you back to the Father ... in every aspect of your life! Allow Him to lead you into Life!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

ST. PATRICK CHURCH

2:00PM-3:00PM

All are welcome to join together in prayer and adoration seeking
God's mercy for ourselves and for our world.

During this time, there will be a Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

THANK YOU! The St. Patrick's Day Gala hosted by the Knights of Columbus was a resounding success, and it's all thanks to you, our wonderful parishioners!

We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who attended the gala, making it a joyous and memorable occasion. Your presence illuminated the event and contributed to its success in celebrating our cherished traditions and parish spirit.


We also wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the parishioners and local businesses who donated items for and to those who generously participated in the silent auction. Your enthusiastic support not only added excitement to the evening but also helped raise vital funds for our charitable endeavors.

Together, through your attendance, participation and generosity, you have exemplified the spirit of unity and compassion that defines our parish family. Your unwavering support strengthens our community and enables us to continue serving others with love and compassion.

With sincere gratitude,

The Knights of Columbus

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St. Patrick Parish
Rosary
Sunday Evenings
7:00 PM
via Zoom

To join us online visit www.zoom.us. Select Join and enter
Webinar ID: 859 4073 5946
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Additional login details and to submit your prayer requests
can be found on the parish website.