

# St. Mary's Catholic School

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Easter is a time of great joy and thanksgiving as we celebrate the victory of Our Lord over sin, death, and evil by His glorious resurrection from the dead for us. Easter is so important in the Church's calendar that we celebrate Easter Day for eight days in a row (called an octave). While this Sunday is an Easter Sunday, it is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Here are some of the prayers associated with a devotion called the "Divine Mercy Chaplet" that can be prayed by using a Rosary.

On the "Our Father" beads: "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."

On the smaller beads:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

The image of Jesus that is associated with this devotion calls us to pray: "Jesus, I trust in You."



## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### Meet St. Faustina

- My Feast Day: October 8
- I am the patron saint of Divine Mercy, Poland
- I was born to humble and devout peasants in Glogowiec, Poland in 1905.
- I felt the call to religious life when I was 7 years old, but my parents did not approve yet.
- I left school early to work as a domestic to help my family survive.
- When I was 20 years old, I had a vision of Christ suffering, asking me how long He was to wait for me. Then I immediately joined the Convent Sisters of the Blessed Mary of Mercy in Warsaw.
- I worked as a cook, gardener, and a porter in various convents.
- I received many great graces, including visions of Christ and His Divine Mercy, the stigmata, and many revelations.
- On February 22, 1931, Christ commissioned me to paint His image of Divine Mercy and write all that was revealed to me to encourage devotion to His Mercy.
- Jesus requested that the feast of Divine Mercy be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. He gave me the Divine Mercy Chaplet and requested prayers for souls in purgatory be said at the Hour of Mercy (3 pm) daily.

**PTO SHOW ME DOUGH FUNDRAISER**

Check out the order sheet for this tasty spring fundraiser! Please make your orders before April 27th. The delivery date is scheduled for May 5th.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10th - 2:50 P.M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE**

**CONFIRMATION NEXT WEEK - THURSDAY, APRIL 16th**

Parents of Confirmation candidates, check out the updated information in your packet.

**MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE - \$20**

The St. Mary's CCW is selling raffle tickets for a quilt drawing/or \$100 that benefits SMS. Please contact the school office to get your ticket.

**ST. MARY'S WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Saturday, 4:00 P. M.

Sunday, 10:00 A. M.