



St. Mary Catholic Church
&
St. Patrick Catholic Church
April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 – Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!

Today, the second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This day, established by Pope St. John Paul II at the inspiration of St. Faustina, is to particularly remember and commemorate the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, and to commend the world to his mercy.

You may be familiar with the Divine Mercy image of Christ – revealed to St. Faustina. There is also a prayer called the “Chaplet of Divine Mercy,” invoking Jesus’ mercy on the world with the word, “For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” Consider meditating in this image and praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy this week.

But when we look to Christ’s mercy, there also arises the question of how one is to live this mercy. And this is where the Church has given us a great practical list of things called the “Works of Mercy.”

There are the seven “Corporal Works of Mercy” attending to people’s physical needs and the seven “Spiritual Works of Mercy” attending to their spiritual needs. I want to make special note and draw attention to the often lesser known spiritual works of mercy, which are:

1. To instruct the ignorant.
2. To counsel the doubtful.
3. To admonish the sinners.
4. To bear patiently those who wrong us.
5. To forgive offenses.
6. To comfort the afflicted.

7. To pray for the living and the dead

I want to draw attention to this last one. Of course, we can pray on our own, but also there is the importance of praying in Liturgical Prayer at Mass.

I mentioned last week of my sharing in the coordinated outreach effort of the pastors of Franklin County to invite people back to church. As I often hear the question: why do I need to go to Mass when I can just pray on my own?

There are many reasons, but one simple reason is that we do not go to Mass only for ourselves. Our prayer at Mass involves extending the power of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross into our lives and the world around us, including all those that we pray for! It’s a sacrifice we make on behalf of others and the world! It is a work of mercy, not only in praying for the living and the dead at Mass; but also, we may find that sometimes there are people at Mass we find difficult to deal with. Thus, gathering and praying with them, united in the sacrifice of Christ at Mass with them helps us to also learn to love them better! We “bear patiently those who wrong us” AND “to forgive offenses,” which are two other important spiritual works of mercy!

Thus, don’t just pray on your own, but also, go to Mass! It is a work of mercy!

Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday and Happy Easter!

Peace,

– Fr. Kevin

12 de Abril – ¡Bendito Domingo de la Divina Misericordia!

Hoy, el segundo Domingo de Pascua se conoce como el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Este día, establecido por el Papa San Juan Pablo II por inspiración de Santa Faustina, es para recordar y conmemorar particularmente la Divina Misericordia de Jesucristo y encomendar al mundo a su misericordia.

Quizás estés familiarizado con la imagen de Cristo de la Divina Misericordia – revelada a Santa Faustina. Existe también una oración llamada la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia, invocando la misericordia de Jesús hacia el mundo con la palabra, “Por Su dolorosa Pasión, ten misericordia de nosotros y del mundo entero”. Considera meditar con esta imagen y orar la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia esta semana. Pero cuando miramos a la misericordia de Cristo, surge también la pregunta de cómo vivirla. Y ahí es cuando la Iglesia nos ha entregado una lista práctica llamada obras de Misericordia – siete obras Corporales de Misericordia (atendiendo las necesidades físicas de las personas) y siete obras Espirituales de Misericordia (atendiendo las necesidades espirituales de las personas). Quiero hacer una nota especial y llamar la atención a las obras Espirituales de Misericordia, que a menudo son menos conocidas:

1. Enseñar al que no sabe
2. Dar buen consejo al que lo necesita
3. Corregir al que está en error
4. Perdonar las injurias
5. Consolar al triste
6. Sufrir con paciencia los defectos de los demás

7. Rogar a Dios por vivos y difuntos

Quiero llamar la atención sobre la última. Por supuesto, podemos orar por nosotros mismos, pero también es importante orar en la Oración Litúrgica en la Misa.

La semana pasada mencioné mi participación en el esfuerzo coordinado de extensión de los pastores del condado de Franklin para invitar a la gente a regresar a la iglesia. Y que regularmente escucho la pregunta, ¿por qué tengo que ir a Misa si puedo rezar por mi cuenta?

Hay muchas razones, pero una razón simple es que no vamos a Misa sólo para nosotros mismos. Nuestra oración en la Misa implica extender el poder del sacrificio de Cristo en la Cruz a nuestras vidas y al mundo que nos rodea, incluidos todos aquellos por quienes oramos. ¡Es un sacrificio que hacemos en nombre de los demás y del mundo! Es una obra de misericordia, no sólo al orar por los vivos y muertos en Misa; pero también podemos encontrar que a veces hay personas en Misa con las que nos resulta difícil tratar. Por lo tanto, al reunirnos y orar con ellos – unidos en el sacrificio de Cristo en la Misa – nos ayuda a aprender a amarlos mejor. “Aguantamos pacientemente a quienes nos causan daño”, Y “para perdonar las ofensas”, ¡que son otras dos obras Espirituales de Misericordia!

Por lo tanto, no sólo reza por tu cuenta, pero también ¡anda a Misa! ¡Es una obra de Misericordia!

¡Bendito Domingo de la Divina Misericordia y Feliz Pascua!

Paz,

Padre Kevin

St. Mary

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Book Club



Read and discuss
May 12 @ 5:30pm will discuss
"the Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife"
by Anna Johnston
June 9th @ 5:30pm will discuss
"The Shadows We Hide" by Allen Eskens
Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

Liturgical Ministers

April 19 – 3rd Sunday of Easter – Youth Mass

Lector: Caleb Harms, Cindy Richtsmeier
Ushers: Caleb Harms, Sam Mausser, Sergio Rogel,
Lucas Mausser
Eucharistic Ministers: Molly Forgy, Marilyn O'Brien
Money Counters: Steve Schumacher, Judy Geiken
Altar Servers: Jace Harms, Nora Fistler
Sacristan: Jim Wessels

Please remember to find your own replacements

Rosary in Spanish on
Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!

Hanging Flower Basket Sale

The Faith Formation will holding their annual flower basket sale. The proceeds from the sale will be used to help support the faith formation programs, and NCCY. Order forms will be at the back of church or stop at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support!



Thank you

Thank you to Bev, Marcia, Jodi, Barb and Carolyn for bringing soup, bread and hosting the Ecumenical Luncheon. Thank you to Doug and Rosie for helping clean-up.

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$1000
Offertory	\$386
Easter Offering	\$1331
Ecumenical Service	\$50
Easter Flowers	\$100
March	
EFTS	\$1850
Online	\$1000

Give Online www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

"The possibility for Holy Moments are swirling all around us constantly. These opportunities rarely come in the shapes and sizes we expect, they are often unplanned and unforeseen. Most of it is a matter of allowing the Spirit to guide us in each moment."



Matthew Kelly

St. Patrick

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9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.
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Liturgical Ministries

April 19th, 2026 -April 19th, 2026

Mass—April 19th 2026 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Patrick Kelly
Ushers: Madonna Weiland, Bridget Brocka
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Patton, Ruth Ann Kelch
Money Counters: Steve Pearson, Brenda Johansen
Altar Servers: Ryne & Teegan Magner, Kael Sullivan
Sacristan: April Schoning
Linens: Sue Basye

Spanish Mass— April 19th, 2025 5:30 p.m

Lectors: Margarita Rincon Jacqueline Cornejo
Ministros de Eucarísticos: Berta Ramirez, Marcos Contreras
Contador es de Dinero: Ambar Flores, Sergio Dominguez
Monaguillo: Gabriela Garza, Elizabeth Castro, Dulce Contreras
Sacristan: TBD

You are esponsible to find your own replacement.
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.



First Communion April 26th
Last Day of Faith Formation April 29th
Graduation Mass May 17th

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND ROLLS & A SOCIAL After Masses TODAY April 12th



The Journey in Faith Announcement will also
be at Mass Sunday April 12th!
Let's get together as a parish to celebrate and
encourage each other as we move forward.

STEWARDSHIP TREASURY SUNDAY APRIL 5th, 2026

REGULAR & EASTER	\$ 5,714.00
OFFERTORY	\$ 784.35
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 575.00
ON-LINE & EFT GIVING MARCH	\$ 4,000.00

Give On-Line at www.franklinhardincatholic.org online-giving.
Dona en línea para www.franklinhardincatholic.org donaciones en línea.

Happenings Week of April 12th, 2026

Tuesday/ Martes April 14th/ Abril 14th

8:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/ Miercoles – April 15th / Abril 15th

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos
(Social Hall)
6:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday/ Jueves – April 16th/ Abril 16th

1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts – Social Hall
5:30 PM Mass
6:00 PM Adoration

Sunday/ Domingo April 19th/ Abril 19th

10:30 AM Mass
5:30 PM Mass Spanish

EASTER FLOWERS



Thank you for all who donated flowers for the Altar:
Jose & Maria Alonzo
Millicent & Terry Fielding
In Memory of Eric Fielding
Mary Ann Patton
In Memory of The Patton, Curran & Ibeling Families
Margy Suter
In Memory of Dave & Betty Flint
Leon & Linda Kuehner
In Memory of Carl & Teresa Kuehner, Eugene Kuehner, Lauren Kuehner, Jim & Norma Currie, Julie Stavneak
Dwight & Sherry Peterson
In Memory of Albert & Mable Lambertson, Dave & Bernita Peterson
Steve & Maggie Pearson
In Memory of Summer Jo Pearson, Jerry Miller, Mary & Carol Pearson, Alice & Walter Miller



HAMPTON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



APRIL 27, 2026

12:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Hampton Church of Christ | 811 4th St. NE | Hampton

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visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org
text: LIFESERVE to 315.815.7242

LifeServe

Leave your Rice
Bowls in the
basket at the
back of church.



Operation Rice Bowl

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We are looking to expand our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriiums. If you would be interested in taking the training or have some questions let Father or Jolene know.

BINGO PRIZES St. Patrick is need of Bingo prizes for the religious education classes... if you would be willing to donate leave them at the parish office. Ex: bags of candy, coloring books, bubbles, frisbees, balls, lotion, chap stick, gift cards, prayer books, crosses, microwave popcorn. Thanks in advance for your help!!

Thank you

Thank you to Ivy Heilskov and family for providing sack lunches for the First Communion retreat. They were fantastic... thank you!

Thank you to the Gibson family for the donation of items for the Level I Atrium.

Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:

St. Mary, Ackley:

Jolene Harms at stmaryspatrick@gmail.com

St. Patrick, Hampton:

Mary Ann Patton at thepattons4@gmail.com

Journey in Faith:

Final Pastorate Plan Announcement

After careful discernment, prayer, and consultation, Archbishop Zinkula has announced the final pastorate structure for the Archdiocese of Dubuque in a video message on April 11. In addition to the message shared during Masses this weekend, specific information to our parish, our new pastorate, and the priests assigned can be found at dbqjourneyinfaith.org.



Catholic Social Teaching & Responding to Today's Political Challenges
- April 22, 6:30-8:00 pm at Shalom or via Zoom - FREE

Catholic social teaching will be explored as a lens to understand and respond to political challenges. The session, led by Dr. David Cochran, is free and open to the public, with virtual and in-person and options at Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque, IA. RSVP required; Please call 563-582-3592 or visit shalomretreats.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 13

8:30 a.m. Joe Keninger St. Mary

Tuesday, April 14

8:30 a.m. Maria Elena Acuna St. Patrick

Wednesday, April 15

8:30 a.m. Dorothy Wessels St. Mary

Thursday, April 16

5:30 p.m. Rosa Dominguez Malpica
St. Patrick

Sunday, April 19

8:00 a.m. Martha Andersen St. Mary

10:30 a.m. Edward & Frances Silver
St. Patrick

5:30 p.m. For the people

St. Patrick
Spanish

Live stream of Mass

www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream

YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin Catholic

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