

**The Knights of Columbus are serving their pancake breakfast** Sunday morning following the 9:30am Mass. Please support their charitable efforts while enjoying the best \$5 breakfast deal in town!

The 1st Sunday of each month is **"Family Reconciliation Sunday"**. There will be an extra 30 minutes of confessions time offered, beginning at 11:30am. Families are encouraged to arrive together and then individually receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

Today, the **Second Sunday of Easter is also Divine Mercy Sunday**. You are invited to a Holy Hour of Adoration beginning at 3:00pm, the hour at which Jesus died. What happens during a Holy Hour? We sing Eucharistic hymns, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers and spend time in silent adoration and prayer.

**History of Divine Mercy Sunday:** In the 1930s, Jesus choose a Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy. Her diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy be observed. In 2000, Pope John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

A plenary indulgence is the removal of punishment due for our sins. Here is how to receive the **Plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday**:

**I. The usual conditions for every plenary indulgence:**

- sacramental confession [within about 20 days before or after]
- Eucharistic communion [preferably on the day, or the 20 days before or after]
- Pray for the intentions of the Pope, and

**II. The specific conditions for this indulgence**

- On Divine Mercy Sunday in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!)"

**Confirmation 2016** - We are blessed this year with 67 confirmandi who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on either Friday, April 8 at 6:00pm or Saturday, April 9 at 10:00am. Please pray for them, their sponsors and families, that their lives might be enriched and strengthened by the gifts of the Spirit that they will receive.

Practice is Sunday, April 3. The Saturday morning group practices at 4:00pm and the Friday evening group at 5:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mandie Dovey (625-3891 x23 or mandiedovey@stmaryrifle.com).

**This Tuesday, April 5, there will be a Communion Service at 7:30am**, rather than a Mass, as Fr. Jose Maria will be attending a gathering of all the priests of

the archdiocese. There will not be confession or adoration that morning.

**Fundraising Luncheon** - The gold on the inside of our communion cups for the Blood of Christ is badly worn and we will be replacing these items. To help pay for this expense there will be a fundraising luncheon following the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday, April 17. Plan to join us!

**April 16th is our Catechist Appreciation Brunch** to honor the dedicated people who teach our children and the adults who are preparing to receive a sacrament or baptize a child. Help me make it a special morning to show our appreciation for their time and talent. I need some of those delicious dishes to serve. Mary Layman 618-4360 [workshop@sopris.net](mailto:workshop@sopris.net). Appreciation Brunch sign-up sheets (for food donations and to help setup and serve) are posted on the bulletin boards at both St. Mary and Sacred Heart. Thanks!

**Youth Ministry News:** All 8th grade and high school students are encouraged to learn about Living out our Christian faith through SERVICE to others. More details next week! Contact Sophie Messaros, 625-3891 x107, [sophiemessaros@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:sophiemessaros@stmaryrifle.com)).

The next series of **Natural Family Planning** classes will be held at St. Stephen in Glenwood Springs on May 21, June 25 and July 23 from 8:30am to 12:00pm. While this class is a required part of marriage preparation, all couples are encouraged to attend and learn more about this natural method of family planning. Contact Krista Lasko (303-335-7615, [kristaandjake@yahoo.com](mailto:kristaandjake@yahoo.com)) for more information or to register. You can also register online at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

**Living Faith** booklets are arrived! Look for them on the table near the Lighthouse CD display. Don't forget to checkout the CD titles - there are many interesting topics!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

- **Kindergarten-8th grade:** Apr. 3 & 10, 10:45am to 12:00pm
- **High School Pre-Confirmation:** Apr. 10 & 24, 2:15pm to 3:45pm
- **RCIC, 5th & 7th Grade PM Classes:** Apr. 3 & 10, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

**MEETINGS AND THINGS**

- **'Family Confession':** Sunday, 11:30am - 12:30pm
- **Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** Sunday, 3:00-4:00pm
- **Confirmation Practice:** Sunday, Saturday confirmation practices at 4:00pm and Friday confirmation at 5:00pm
- **Mosaic Ensemble** (formerly known as Guitar Group)- Tuesday, 5:00pm, Room 4
- **Bilingual Choir for Confirmation:** Wednesday, 6:00pm
- **Confirmation:** Friday at 6:00pm and Saturday at 10:00am

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel combination: 1225 (Christmas Day)**



**ST. MARY PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Liturgical Schedule**

Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30am there is a Communion Service rather than Mass. No confession or adoration.

**English Mass Schedule:**

- Mon., Tues., Fri. — 7:30am
- Saturday — 4:30pm
- Sunday — 9:30am

**Sacred Heart- 230 N. 6th St., Silt**

- Sunday — 7:30am

**Misa en Español Schedule:**

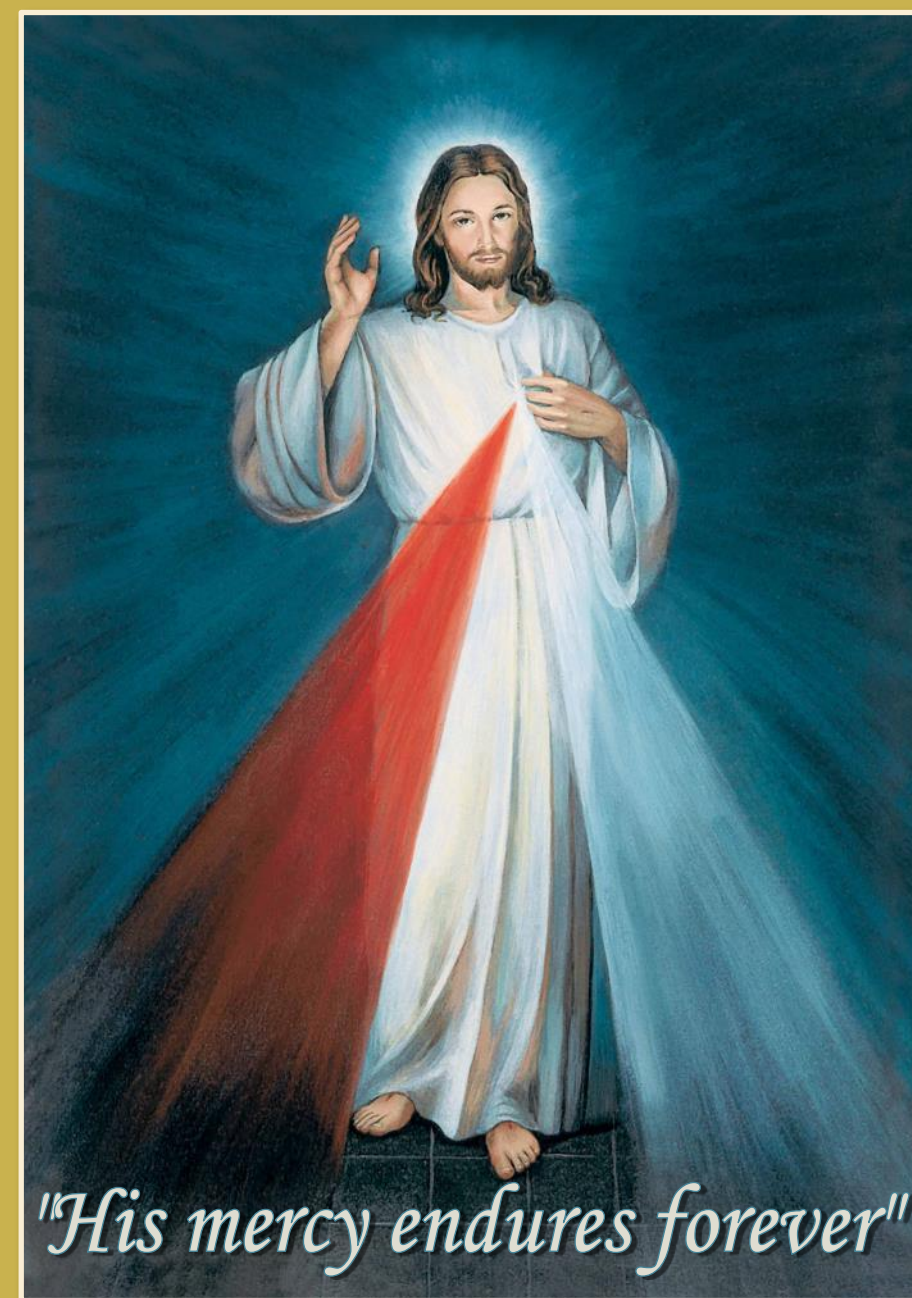
- Thursday — 7:00pm
- Saturday — 7:00pm
- Sunday — 12:30pm

**Reconciliation Schedule:**

- Mon., Tues., Fri. — 7:00am
- Thursday — 6:30pm
- Saturday — 3:30pm & 6:30pm
- Sunday — 12:00pm

**Adoration Schedule:**

- Mon., Tue., Fri. — 8:00am-9:00am
- First Friday of Each Month 8:00am-10:00pm





## WE PRAY FOR...

Alice Holmes, Mark Holmes, Billie Jansky, Craig Leonard, Brian Garland, Bill Oaks, Ann & Ed Andzel, Anita Sundin, Rick Sundin, Joshua Jones, Julia Avonovich, Tammy Waller, Fred Garcia, Julie Kuper, Marty Thompson, Ernest "Joe" Thompson, Terry Whitley, Pat Schmeckel, Luke Anderle, Ted Diaz, Corky Wilson, Alex & Linda Garcia, Georgi Aibner, Megan Doll, Alicia & David Thorpe, Tony Martinez, Linda Tomasi, Lauren Giard, Cathy Richard, Mary Ann Olson, Irene Goergen, Lyle Green, Kim Nieslanik, Susan Armstrong, Freddie Romero, Gerald Waters, Dick Buchan, Nancy Newton, Joe Elliot, Ann Arrington, Jean Buchan, Kathy Willcart, Roberta Sisneros, Patrick Chavez (Esther Jones' uncle), Reagan Nelson, Joyce Cawley, Clarence & Elaine Gomez, Esther Jones, Lucy Wolff, Bob Christensen, Yvonne Diaz, Tanya Giard, Loretta Kochis (Mable Sanders' sister), Scott Gordon, Tonya Buchan, Kari Kuerstan, Megan Branham, Bert Garlitz, Eliza Gallegos, Amelia Zemlock, Mary Benson, Daniel Tena, Connie Ritter, Rosalia Garza, Derek Miles, Gordan Hammel, Kimberly Green, Virginia Escalante, John & Therese Daly, Clarence Gomez, Amanda Axelson, Mary Brennan, Betty Fulton, Andrea Gallegos (Eliza Gallegos' granddaughter), Janet Blea, Nadine Gadis, Pat Squire, Marlene Brandt, and for all others in our Parish and Community who are in need of our prayer. **For the souls of our departed:** James Flynn, Ula Kirkman, Billy Mauer, Tom Scanlon, Fr. Robert Hehn, Alma Koster, Bellard Garcia, Bill Barrett, Ed Ptacek III, Betty Garcia, and Ed & Patricia Murphy. For prayer requests or to join our e-mail/phone prayer ministry contact Dorothy Zinn (625-4509).

## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

**Universal:** That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

**Evangelization:** That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Sunday:** 3rd & 4th Year Theology  
**Monday:** 1st & 2nd Year Theology  
**Tuesday:** 1st & 2nd Year Theology  
**Wednesday:** Spirituality Year  
**Thursday:** College Freshmen & Sophomores  
**Friday:** Vocations Ministry  
**Saturday:** Applicants & Prospective Seminarians

## MASS INTENTIONS

Apr. 2 7:00pm Francisco Lopez Ruiz ♥  
 Apr. 3 12:30pm Maria Lopez †

To request a Mass Intention call 625-5125 or e-mail [info@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:info@stmaryrifle.com)

## EXPANDING THE WORD

### BELIEVING WITHOUT SEEING

In some ways "doubting Thomas" in today's Gospel reading sounds very much like a man of our times. He says he won't believe unless he can see and touch Jesus' wounds. He is granted that desire and, in awe, acknowledges his risen Lord. Jesus says to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).

We may often be tempted to put our faith in what we can see, touch, feel, taste, smell, and hear. That is certainly the preoccupation of science, which tests, theorizes, and proves based on what is observable in the universe. Science has its place in our lives, but it cannot uncover for us what is beyond the physical senses. It cannot define or measure love, yet we know that without love, companionship, and compassion people do not thrive and may even die. Some of the saddest news stories today are of people who die alone for want of a single other human being to know they needed help.

The price we pay for our modern privacy is high. We are meant to live with one another and to love one another in order to be fully human. The idea that we can rely on ourselves and our own efforts to live the good life is an old heresy that lives on in our times. It is true that living with and for others is a messy business. In the communities of our ancestors the neighbors knew you and your family as well as your sins and failings—and you knew theirs. Yet you had companionship and, in hard times, someone to help out. So, believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, not just as a check mark against some list of "Things I Believe In". Let it change how you live.

### Living Stewardship Now

Connect with someone who lives alone, particularly if they are frail or elderly. Volunteer to do errands or simple chores, give them a regular ride to church and the doctor, or take them out for a meal.

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

**April 4— Easter Weekday**

Isiah 7:10-14, 8:10 Luke 1:26-38

**April 5 - Easter Weekday**

Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7b-15

**April 6 - Easter Weekday**

Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21

**April 7 - Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**

Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36

**April 8 - Easter Weekday**

Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15

**April 9 - Easter Weekday**

Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21

**April 10 - Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Jesus appears to seven of his disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unfailing love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep. Later, in the face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who rescues us from death.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Last year on this Sunday, Pope Francis declared this year a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter "Sunday of Divine Mercy" in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska's Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Francis challenges us to make that comfort we receive a gift we gladly share: "We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us."

The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. "At times how hard it seems to forgive!" he acknowledges. "And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart" (Misericordiae Vultus, 9). The necessary condition for living joyfully? "To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge."

May Divine Mercy Sunday in this Jubilee Year of Mercy remind us that Jesus made mercy our life's ideal and a criterion for our faith's credibility: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

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*"Jesus' attitude is striking: we do not hear the words of scorn, we do not hear words of condemnation, but only words of love, of mercy, which are an invitation to conversation.  
 "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again."  
 Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy.  
 He always has patience, patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us  
 if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart.  
 "Great is God's mercy," says the Psalm."*

Pope Francis  
 March 17, 2013  
 Divine Mercy Sunday

## SACRED HEART PARISH

230 North 6th Street, Silt — Sunday Mass at 7:30am  
 Coffee Hour-3rd Sunday after Mass

Ministries for April:	Yvette Blanc
Extraordinary Minister (4/10):	Yvette Blanc and Gene Diaz
Lector (4/10):	Yvette Blanc
Offertory (3/27):	\$1,094.15
Attendance (3/27):	70

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**4:30pm Saturday, April 9**

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kay Ilincuta and Rose Fraser

**Lector:** Daryl Dinkel

**Ushers:** Daryl and Cori Dinkel

**Server:** Needed

**Cantor:** Mike Westhoff and Bill Poche

**Gifts:** Julie Allen and Patsy Noel

**Sacristan:** Bertha Saville

**9:30am Sunday, April 10**

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Harry Kissell,

Alice Holmes, Eileen

Pressler, Larry Brady,

Larry Bernat

**Lector:** Brian Fleming and

Michelle Duran

**Ushers:** Ida and Justin Vasquez

**Server:** Chloe Duran

**Cantor:** Guitar Group

**Gifts:** Nan and John Sowiejka

**Coffee:** Mickie Hosack and

Jenny Peed

**Church Cleaner:** Hispanic Community

**Money Counters:** Monday: Billie Jansky,

Patsy Noel, Kathy Bernat

**Sacristan:** Eileen Pressler

If you are unable to serve as scheduled please find a replacement and notify the Parish Office at 625-5125 x 20 or [info@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:info@stmaryrifle.com). Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP

**MARCH 24, 25, 26 & 27**

Offertory: \$7,820.21 Rice Bowl: \$175.64

Holy Land: \$945.48

Attendance: March 24: 93 March 25: 116

March 26: 300 March 27: 313



### The Divine Mercy Image Explained

Learn the amazing story behind the Divine Mercy image in this informational and accessible booklet. These inspiring truths about the Divine Mercy image show the key elements of the Image with remarkable depth and beauty.

