

**April 7, 2024**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

<u><b>Collections for April 1, 2024</b></u>	
Adult Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,980.00
Loose	\$ 810.25
Candles	\$ 17.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ 1,021.57
Repair fund	\$ 65.00
CCD (Religious Ed)	\$ 10.00
Total in pews:	<b>\$ 4,903.82</b>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 3,925.00
Repair Fund	\$ 60.00
Second collection	\$ 111.00
Total Online	<b>\$ 4,096.00</b>

**Mass Intentions**

April 6th Saturday in the Octave of Easter  
5:00 p.m. † Jerry and Jean Zorger

April 7th Sunday of Divine Mercy  
8:00 a.m. † Ed Peters  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners

April 8th Annunciation of the Lord  
8:00 a.m. † Joan Hinen

April 9th Easter Weekday / Tuesday  
NO MASS

April 10th Easter Weekday / Wednesday  
5:00 p.m. † Jim Schmitt

April 11th St. Stanislaus Thursday  
8:00 a.m. † Terry Bingham

April 12th Easter Weekday Friday  
8:00 a.m. † Joe Schmitt

April 13th Easter Weekday Saturday  
5:00 p.m. † Raffele, Carmine & Gian  
Diamente

April 14th Third Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. Parishioners  
10:30 a.m. † Valerie Friend

**St. Vincent DePaul Corner**

April 1, 2024  
Families served **31** Total people **81**  
New clients **2** Gas cards **0**

Your ongoing support whether that is financial, food donations, volunteering of your time, talent and last, but not least, your prayers are each example of Jesus calls for us to love our neighbor.

**NEEDS:**

Specific pantry needs: Cereal and spaghetti sauce. If you would like to help with St. Vincent

DePaul, please contact the office and leave a message for Sara St. Clair.

Thank you so very much for your ongoing support! Please keep in mind that St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is open EVERY Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If Monday falls directly on a holiday, the pantry will not be open. Evening hours are the third Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## **OPEN POSITION**

St. Paul of the Cross (Our Parish) is looking for a part time maintenance man. Anyone that is interested, please call Fr. Cyril Fernandes for more details at 260-244-5723

please fill out the paperwork by the coat rack and give the office your paperwork along with a check. If you have any questions, please contact Fr Cyril Fernandes.

## **Rosary Class**

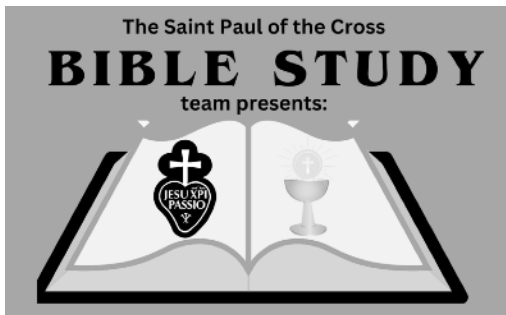
Rosary Class will be continuing on the last weekend of the month. The next class will be Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Come and meet new people, eat good food, and enjoy a evening learning a new hobby. The rosaries that are made in this class don't just stay here. They also go to St. Vincent DePaul for them to hand out and sometimes other churches that are need of rosaries. It is a wonderful ministry.

## **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights are preparing for their next blood drive. The blood drive will be taking place on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, between the hours from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is an information board in the Narthex that explains how to sign up for your time to donate blood. You will need to go online at the Red Cross website to sign up. Please remember that your one donation can save the lives of three people.

## **New Vestments**

Please review the new Vestments that Fr. Cyril Fernandes is trying to attain for the church. The Vestments will come in the colors of red, white, purple, and green. Normally vestments are in the hundreds of dollars, but these are running only \$150.00 each. If you would like to purchase a set,



Are you interested in participating in a Bible Study on the Eucharist? The members of our Bible Study Team are willing to offer a **THIRD** session of his amazing study this Spring if there is enough interest. This group would meet for 6 weeks beginning on Thursday, April 11th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you are interested you can sign up in the Narthex or using the QR code.



*Thank You!*

A BIG thanks to everyone who helped with the reception following the Easter Vigil! We are grateful to everyone who helped with setup, brought food, and helped with tear down!

**1. EASTER ISN'T A SIMPLE HOLIDAY, IT'S AN ENTIRE SEASON!**

The liturgical season of Easter lasts for **50 days!** It is the second longest in the Church calendar.



Each year, Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox and ends with the celebration of Pentecost.



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*Holy Hour of*  
**POWER**

Friday, April 12th  
6-7 PM  
Adoration,  
Praise & Worship,  
Confession,  
Benediction

"Come let us  
worship our King."

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. On this day we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets all of us come back to Him after we have sinned.

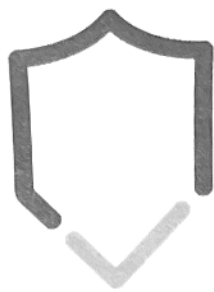
We know how much Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big of a sin you do, if you are sorry for it then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you!

Today we should thank God for His mercy and forgiveness and ask Him to look on us and our friends and the whole world with love and forgiveness! Here is a prayer we can say:

*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.*



Answers to Annunciation Puzzle:  
sent, Joseph, name, Lord, confused, angel,  
not, God, Son of God



# LIFE DEFENDERS WORKSHOP

How do you defend the value of life in a culture that increasingly says, **“Not all humans are equal?”**

Join us Saturday, April 13th from 9:00am-Noon at St Patrick Catholic Church in Arcola for a Pro-Life Apologetics Workshop.

Mike Spencer of Project LifeVoice will equip you to speak confidently & graciously to the most pressing moral injustice of our time: legalized abortion.

**In a culture that increasingly says not all humans are equal, it's of extreme importance that we all know how to defend human value.**

The material presented is appropriate for attendees 7th grade and older. Please call us if you have questions about who would benefit from joining us for this workshop.

Register at [www.ichooselife.org/LDArcola](http://www.ichooselife.org/LDArcola) or 216.815.0430.

*Cost \$5. Coffee and doughnuts provided.*

