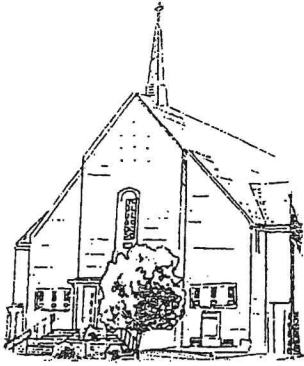




The Church of the Immaculate Conception

To Jesus through Mary



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202 Alabama Street SE

Church Address:
116 Alabama Street SE
Lonsdale, MN. 55046
507-744-2829
office@icchurch.cc
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Pastor
Father Nick VanDenBroeke
frvandenbroeke@icchurch.cc

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Closed
Tuesday through Friday
9 am - 12 pm
Afternoon hours on Friday
1 pm - 4 pm

Office Manager: Mary Rose Rynda

Music Ministry: Justin Merritt

Custodian: Maria Miller

Office Assistant: Annie Rynda

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:00 AM Thursday at 6:30 am
Saturday at 5:00 PM - Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

-----Sacrament of Baptism-----

Pre-Baptism meetings are held with the Pastor.
Please call for an appointment.

We encourage you to contact the Parish and meet with Father before the birth of your child.

-----Sacrament of Reconciliation-----

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM in Church or call for an appointment

-----Sacrament of Marriage-----

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.
Pre-marriage preparation is required.

-----Anointing of the Sick-----

Call the Parish Office.

-----Communion Calls Visits-----

If you or someone you care for would like to receive Communion or a pastoral visit at home or in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.

-----New Parishioners-----

Families or individuals wishing to become registered members of our Parish should contact the Parish Office or see the website icchurch.cc/parishregistration/ for more information.



LNMV CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
6100 37TH Street West, Webster, MN. 55088
OFFICE 952-652-6100 www.holycrossschool.net
Cheryl Kapler, Principal cherylk@holycrossschool.net

School Mass Wednesdays during the school year, will be hosted at the three parishes on a rotating schedule.

[Holy Cross School News is on the back page of the Bulletin]

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesdays at the LNMV CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER
www.lnmvire.net or contact the Parish Office.

[LNMV Religious Education News is on the back page of the Bulletin]

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion

*Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name which is above every name.*

Holy Week and the Divine Mercy Novena

Today we begin Holy Week. It is appropriate to call it Holy Week since during this week we celebrate the most holy days in the life of Our Lord – his Paschal Mystery, which is his passion, death, and resurrection.

We begin with Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem to songs of praise. Then on Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles, followed by his arrest. Then on Good Friday he was condemned to death, scourged, and crucified. He rested in the tomb on Holy Saturday, and then rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.

I encourage everyone to attend each of the special liturgies for these very holy days.

Another thing I want to encourage is praying the Divine Mercy Novena. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday following Easter. Leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, we are invited to pray a special novena (9 days of prayer). This begins on Good Friday, which is 9 days before Divine Mercy Sunday. There is also a direct connection between the mercy that Jesus shows us, and his death on the cross – thus connecting Good Friday and Divine Mercy Sunday.

See the insert in today's bulletin for the prayers to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Here are some great things to know about Divine Mercy (taken from the website ChurchPop.com - <https://www.churchpop.com/7-facts-to-know-about-the-amazing-divine-mercy-devotion/>)

• The Diary of St. Faustina

Jesus appeared to a poor Polish nun, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and charged her with spreading His message of Mercy to the world. Her more than 600 diary pages hold the message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy. The release of her diary sparked a movement that led to the spreading of the official image and devotion.

• The Message

The Lord's Mercy is greater than our sins and He desires for us to turn to Him with trust and repentance before our judgment. The message of Divine Mercy is not new to Church teaching. Pope Benedict XVI described it as the center of the Gospel.

• The Image

Jesus said to Saint Faustina: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary, 47-48)



• Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was given to Saint Faustina in 1935 during a private revelation. It is a powerful way to meditate upon His Passion and is prayed using ordinary Rosary beads (five decades). Jesus revealed promises attached to praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet: "Through the chaplet, you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary, 1731)

• The Hour of Mercy

The hour of mercy starts at three o'clock, which is the hour Jesus died on the Cross. Jesus explained to Saint Faustina: "I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Immaculate Conception Church
is open from 7 am until sundown daily for prayer.

Mar. 30	<u>Monday</u> No Mass
Mar. 31	<u>Tuesday</u> 7:00 AM Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM George S. Trnka Family
Apr. 1	<u>Wednesday - Wednesday of Holy Week</u> 7:00 AM Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM Anna Mae Barklow †
Apr. 2	<u>Thursday - Holy Thursday</u> No morning Mass 10:00 AM Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St Paul 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper Church open until 10pm for private prayer
Apr. 3	<u>Friday Good Friday - Day of Fasting and abstinence from meat ><(((^></u> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Confessions 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Good Friday Veneration of the Cross Service
Apr. 4	<u>Saturday - Holy Saturday</u> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Confessions 8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass
Apr. 5	<u>Sunday - Easter Sunday</u> 8:00 AM All of our Parishioners 10:00 AM All of our Parishioners

CONFESSIONS - are heard in the confessionals inside the Church.

(m) - optional memorial (M) - Memorial (F) - Feast

(S) - Solemnity (c) - commemoration

Ad Orientem - We have begun celebrating most Masses Ad Orientem, however the following Masses will still be celebrated Versus Populo: Saturday 5pm and Tuesday 8am. Visit our website for more information on Ad Orientem.

LECTORS

Holy Thursday, Apr. 2	7PM - Matt Duchnowski
Good Friday, Apr. 3	7PM - Tim Rud and Amy Zasoski
Holy Saturday, Apr. 4	8:30PM - Joe Miller and Mark Sibenaller
Easter Sunday, Apr. 5	8AM - Brian Wermerskirchen 10AM - Cathy Mikel

SERVERS

Holy Thursday, Apr. 2	7PM - All servers
Good Friday, Apr. 3	3PM (Stations) all servers 7PM - Simon and Rynda
Holy Saturday, Apr. 4	8:30PM - All Servers
Easter Sunday, Apr. 5	8AM - volunteers 10AM - Durbins

SACRISTANS

Holy Thursday, Apr. 2 and Good Friday	7PM - Annie Rynda and Stella Simon
Holy Saturday, Apr. 4	8:30PM - Mary Rose Rynda
Easter Sunday, Apr. 5	8AM - Mary Rose Rynda 10AM - Cathy Mikel



Go to Masstimes.org for Mass times when traveling



We invite families to bring up the gifts at Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church where you can jot down your family name before Mass begins to sign-up to bring up the gifts at that Mass. (The gifts sign-up sheet is the same as the usher sign-up sheet.) Especially if you have younger children, this is a special thing to do as a family once in a while.



Mass intentions can be offered for any reason including someone who has died, to celebrate a birthday, or sacramental anniversary. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, contact the Parish Office. Call 744- 2829 or email office@icchurch.cc

STEWARDSHIP

Immaculate Conception is striving to become a Tithing Parish

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means." ~ Sirach 35:12

Tithing is an important responsibility for all of us as part of living the Christian life. We are so grateful to everyone who has given so generously to serve the Church and support it financially. In case you missed it, we encourage you to listen to Fr. VanDenBroeke's homily on Tithing found on our website.

COLLECTION, March 15, 2026

Weekly giving: \$ 3,847	Weekly budgeted: \$ 5,353	Weekly Over (Under): \$ (1,506)
YTD giving: \$ 205,817	YTD budgeted: \$ 218,414	YTD Over (Under): \$ (12,597)

Thank you for your stewardship of God's gifts to you!



Use mobile giving to contribute to the church. Search for "Vanco Mobile" in your app store.



Contributions:

You can mail your contribution envelope to IC Church, 202 Alabama Street SE, Lonsdale, MN. 55046, drop it in the drop box in back of Church, or see the website to set up online giving or mobile giving. Call the Parish Office with questions.

If you are contributing to more than one collection, please write a separate check for each envelope. This will help with our accounting process.

Thank you for your generosity.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: #1042-1050 in Red Book
1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24, 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11, Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Paschal Triduum:

Holy Thursday #1054-1056 - 1st Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14, Psalm: Psalm 116:12-13, 15&16bc, 17-18, 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Gospel: John 13:1-15

Good Friday #1057-1059 - 1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm: Psalm 31:2&6, 12-17 and 25, 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday #1061-1078 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Sunday #1079-1080 - 1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4, Gospel: John 20:1-9



Place your old blessed palms or other blessed items to be discarded in the box in the back of church. These items will be properly disposed of as they are burnt up in the Easter fire during the Easter Vigil.



Baby Bottle Support Raiser

Please bring your Pregnancy Options baby bottles back to church before Easter. We still have more baby bottles to fill too.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Capital Campaign Update

Total cash collected \$1,241,280.34

Donated materials \$75,791.07

Outstanding pledges \$101,640.41

Total cash, donations, and pledges \$ 1,423,397.34

Number of individuals/families who have contributed 200

Percentage of parish families who have contributed 56%

Thank you to all that have turned in your pledge cards.

Turning your pledge card in is a great help in the committee knowing what to expect from the parish in order to do the campaign projects.



We are officially entrusting the parish projects and the capital campaign to St. Joseph. We will be praying the below prayer to St. Joseph at weekend Masses at the end of the petitions. We also invite you to take home one or more prayer cards that will be available in the back of church and pray the prayer to St. Joseph daily for our parish. St. Joseph, pray for us!

O St Joseph, my loving father, I place myself forever under your protection. Look upon me as your child and keep me from all sin. I take refuge in your arms, so that you may lead me on the path of virtue and assist me at the hour of my death. Amen.

Weekly Emails from the Parish

We really want to stay connected with you, so we will be sending a weekly parish email with just a few highlights of what's happening in the parish. If you would like to sign up contact the parish office by emailing office@icchurch.cc

PARISH CONTACTS

Our weekly bulletin is published online!
Please visit the BULLETINS page on website at icchurch.cc

DEADLINE TO PUT ARTICLES IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN IS TUESDAY AT 11:30am

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
<https://www.facebook.com/ICLonsdale>

TO SCHEDULE EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL

Please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

CEMETERY BOARD

Jim Prchal 507-744-2779

PARISH TRUSTEES and FINANCE COUNCIL

Dave Stepka 612-328-2944
Milton Trnka 507-744-2655

ALTAR FLOWERS

Betty Vosejпка 507-744-2130

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Rita Diercks 507-210-5944

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

(Fridays after 8am Mass) in the Parish Hall
Shirley Trcka 507-744-2728

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS

(Wed. 1 pm) in the Parish Hall
Joan Trnka 507-744-2220

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES ASSOC. (FCSLA)

Milton Trnka 507-744-2655
matrnka72@gmail.com



PRO - LIFE. PRO - MARRIAGE.

Expecting Parents are welcome to contact
Fr VanDenBroeke to receive a special blessing.



PROJECT RACHEL

[for women and men]. For confidential post-abortion care, 651-291-4515
hopeafterabortion.com or see also
www.rachelsvineyard.org

PREGNANCY CHOICES

APPLE VALLEY
15010 Glazier Avenue, Suite 104,
Apple Valley, MN 55124 - 952-997-2229
www.mypregnancychoices.com

PREGNANCY OPTIONS LIFECARE CENTER

18 NW 2nd Street, Faribault, MN. 55021
507-332-7644 - www.polifecare.com

NORTHFIELD WOMEN'S CENTER

200 Division Street-Suite 140,
Northfield, MN 55057 507-645-7638
northfieldwomenscenter.org

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Jeremiah and Krista Foxhoven
507-412-0205 jerfox@hotmail.com

INFANTS REMEMBERED

IN SILENCE (IRIS)
To help parents, family, and friends cope with the loss of a child in early pregnancy or infant and childhood death. 507-334-7448
www.irisRemembers.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage enrichment for good marriages to great.
<https://twincitieswwme.org/>

RETRouvaille

Healing hurting and broken marriages
<https://helpourmarriage.org/>

ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Will you pray for a priest each day?

Mar. 29 - Rev. Glen Jenson
Mar. 30 - Very Rev. Joseph Johnson
Mar. 31 - Abp. Bernard Hebda, Auxbp. Michael Izen and Kevin Kenney
Apr. 1 - Pope Leo XIV
Apr. 2 - Rev. Nick VanDenBroeke
Apr. 3 - Very Rev. Michael Johnson
Apr. 4 - Rev. Jan Jonas

Lord Jesus Christ, You ordained the apostles priests at the Last Supper to continue the mission of mercy to the end time. We believe that every Catholic priest traces his ordination to that first ordination on Holy Thursday night. We know how much You expect of Your priests, and we also know how weak and human they are. Inspire us, dear Jesus, to pray and sacrifice for Your priests, that by their faithfulness to You in this life they may bring countless souls to You in the life to come.

Mary, mother of priests, pray for priests that they may love your Divine Son, even as you did unreservedly, all the days of their lives. Amen

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (name of priest). Amen. FOR VOCATIONS: Father we trust you to call others to the priesthood to continue your work in our Archdiocese.

April Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For priests in crisis - Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



EASTER STEAK FRY

AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Come anytime between 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Dine in or take out available

Ticket price: \$45



Steak Fry Meal Ticket includes:

Ribeye steak (done to order),
Baked potato, Cole slaw,
Dinner roll, and Brownie

Beer and wine for sale

Tickets are available after Masses or at the Parish Office.

Make checks out to the IC Knights of Columbus.

Proceeds will go to Immaculate Conception Church



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Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 31st

+ Prayer and Penance service at Immaculate Conception at 7 pm

Good Friday, April 3rd

Day of Fasting and Abstinence
+ 8:00 am Morning Prayer
+ 8:30 am Confessions
+ 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
+ 7:00 pm Sacred Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

+ 10 am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St Paul
+ 7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church will be open until 10pm for personal prayer)

Holy Saturday, April 4th

+ 8:00 am Morning Prayer
+ 8:30 am Confessions
+ 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 5th

+ 8:00 am and 10:00 am Mass



Lent Prayer and Penance Services

+ Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm

Prayer and Penance Services are a time of communal prayer which includes individual confession. By going to confession we are cleansed of our sins and the barrier that sin places between us and God is removed. We invite you to prepare your soul for His coming this Christmas by going to confession at one of the Prayer and Penance Services or when confessions are offered at a different time.

*Come to Me,
all who are
weary,
and I will give
you rest.*
Matthew 11:28

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Baptism Congratulations

to Christian and Courtney Olson on the Baptism of their children, Brady Scott and Sophia Marie, which took place on March 22, 2026

Cemetery cleanup notice

As part of our annual spring cleanup at the cemetery, all excess decorations at grave-sites will be removed. This includes any decorations that are not secured to a headstone or approved plant stand. This is necessary for the summer lawn care mowing and weed whipping around the grave markers. If you are concerned that a decoration you have at the cemetery may be removed, we encourage you to personally remove in the next few weeks, or speak to Jim Prchal, the cemetery caretaker, about what items may be allowed to stay. Thank you for understanding, and for helping to keep our cemetery tidy.



KC Corner

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

All men 18 or older who wish to join IC Council #16225
contact Paul Simon 612-221-1408
or Email lonsdale.kofc@gmail.com

PLEASE GIVE PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION TO JOINING THE KNIGHTS!

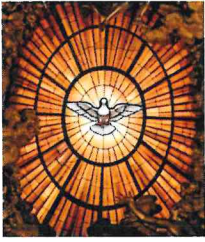


LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE website is www.lnmvre.net

Let us pray for those preparing to enter the Church at Easter, that they will be blessed in these days of preparation. Especially those here at Immaculate Conception:

Travis Hanson and Cullen Merritt



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Youth Group Opportunity

Come have a fun evening with friends, learn about the faith, and spend time with Jesus. Invite a friend!

For more information contact Angie at angieshop@msn.com



High School Youth Group

Sunday, March 29th, 5:30 to 9 pm. High School Students are invited to gather at the Nicolai home for a last supper meal and watching the Passion of the Christ movie.



Choir will sing for the Easter Vigil Mass

Practice with the choir: Sundays after 10 am Mass on March 29th, and then on April 4 at 7pm. Even if you are not normally in the choir please consider singing for the Easter Vigil. Contact Justin with any questions.

Coloring Contest for Lent

Our Lady of Champion & Servant of God, Adele Brice



We hope that you enjoyed learning more about the apparition of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin, and the Marian visionary, Adelle Brice, who was recently named a Servant of God. All pictures will be returned after Easter. (by picking them up in the back of church)

Congratulations to our Week #4 Coloring Contest Winners!

- 1 - 4yrs – Sadie Diercks
- 5 - 7yrs – Dominic Deutsch
- 8 - 10yrs – no entries
- 11 - 14yrs – Julia Miller
- 15yrs + – William Miller



Are you ready to step into your potential as a pro-life college student or young professional?

MCCL is debuting its first-ever, one-of-a-kind conference designed just for YOU! Join other young adults at Life Launch to learn from leading pro-life experts, participate in advocacy activities, and build a network of pro-life peers across a variety of industries. It all takes place in the Mall of America's beautiful Executive Center.

Saturday, April 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

For grades 7-12, who want to learn about and participate in the political process...

MCCL's annual Student Day at the Capitol, a long-running program for young people, brings students to St. Paul for a day of pro-life education and advocacy.

The day begins with educational sessions that cover abortion, current legislation, the legislative process, how to lobby elected officials, and more. In the afternoon, most students are able to meet with their own legislators and lobby them to support life. The students may also tour the Capitol and hear from pro-life elected officials.



March 20, April 17, or April 24

A unique event bringing students in grades 7-12 to St. Paul for a day of education about pro-life issues and government

Learn more and register at mccl.org/studentday



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Get your ticket for the Crusader celebration!

**April 18th
at the Rustic Farmer in
Montgomery**



Holy Cross Gala – How You Can Be Involved

Our Crusader Celebration Gala is quickly approaching, and there are still several ways for families and community members to help make this event a success. Every ticket, sponsorship, and donated experience helps support the mission of Holy Cross Catholic School.

Here are a few ways you can participate:

👉 Purchase Gala Tickets - Join us for a wonderful evening of community, dinner, auctions, and celebration while supporting our school. If you have not secured your tickets yet, now is a great time to do so.

💛 Become a Sponsor - Sponsorships are a meaningful way for businesses and families to support Catholic education while gaining recognition at the event. Several sponsorship levels are still available.

🎯 Crusader Community Events - These are unique experiences hosted by members of our Holy Cross community. From fun outings to special gatherings, they are always a favorite part of the Gala. We are still looking for families willing to host an event, and the ideas can be simple and fun. If you have an idea, we would love to hear it.

💕 Want to Help? - Use the link below to purchase tickets or sign up for a sponsorship through ClickBid. If you are interested in hosting a Crusader Community Event, please reach out to Megan.

Thank you for helping us continue to build a strong and vibrant Holy Cross community.

For tickets and sponsor information go to: <https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/hccs>

Pastor's column continued...

In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice." (Diary, 1572) "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for poor sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion..." (Diary, 1320)

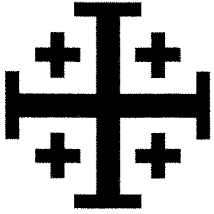
• The Feast

Jesus requested the solemn celebration to be the first Sunday after Easter: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment... The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness." (Diary, 699) It was Saint Pope John Paul II who officially established Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast day for the entire Church.

• Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday—nine days before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Lord said: "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls" (Diary, 796) In giving us this novena, Jesus also provided us with special intentions for each day: "On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls." (Diary, 1209)

You are in my daily prayers.
God bless you,
Fr. VanDenBroeke



Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Friday, April 3, 2026

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded.

Supporting the church in the Holy Land is a historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked. (cf. 2 Cor. 8-9)

Christians face incredible hardships in the Holy Land. They rely on the Church for more than we do in our country, including basic things like food, medicine, and school tuition to make sure their children can receive a Christian education. The recent attacks on Iran further destabilize the region, bringing fear and uncertainty. We have an opportunity to show support and give much needed hope to our Christian brothers and sisters through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.

Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges – many of which we hear about in the daily news. The war left deep wounds that will take time to heal. Many Christians (for example, 90% in Bethlehem) depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic, and the war again stopped pilgrims from coming. Even as some pilgrims start to come back to the Holy Land, it will take time before our Christians may make once again a living from it. Supporting the Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians.

Although often through adversities, a Christian presence always remained in the Holy Land since the beginning of the Church. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land, where the Church started. The Christians are now less than 2% of the population, from 23% a century ago, and with the war, many more are thinking about leaving. In Bethlehem, more than 90 Christian families have left since October 7. The Holy Shrines must not become like museums, with many visitors, but without a local community, where the Church was born.

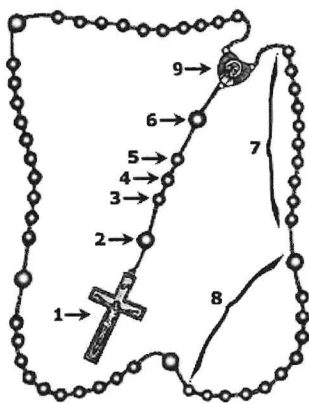
What has been accomplished? Last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection: - Supported 23 parishes and three academic institutions – Provided a home in Bethlehem for 30 children from homes facing domestic violence – Offered more than 500 scholarships for university education – Helped keep schools open for over 10,00 pre-K through 12 students – Supported 53 friars preparing for the priesthood – Restores and maintained 640 houses/apartments for Christian families – Provided assistance to more than 9,000 families through weekly food baskets – Employed more than 1,00 workers in the Holy Land in a time where job opportunities are scarce – Preserved 80 shrines from the life of Jesus, the Apostles and the prophets – Continued the work of restoration of the floor at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, the holiest place on Earth.

Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Leo. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, directly making a difference in the lives of those caught up in a war, violence and instability in this region. You become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Pray the optional Opening Prayer, and the intention for the day.
You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Font of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (Diary,1319)
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (repeat O Blood and Water Prayer three times)
3. Pray the Our Father.
4. Pray the Hail Mary.
5. Pray the Apostles' Creed.
6. On the Our Father beads pray the Eternal Father Prayer.
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.
7. On the ten Hail Mary beads pray For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion Prayer.
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
8. Repeat these prayers for each decade.
9. At the conclusion of the five decades, on the medallion pray the Holy God Prayer.
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (repeat three times)
10. Say the optional Closing Prayer.
Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen.



Day 1 Intention

"Today bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy."

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

Day 2 Intention

"Today bring to Me the Souls of Priests and Religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy."

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service,* that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of

chosen ones in Your vineyard -- upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one voice sing praise to Your boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen.

Day 3 Intention

"Today bring to Me all Devout and Faithful Souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy."

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from It. We beg this grace of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection. Thus may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify Your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Day 4 Intention

"Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not know Me."

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God and of those who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Day 5 Intention

"Today bring to Me the Souls of those who have separated themselves from My Church."

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Day 6 Intention

"Today bring to Me the Meek and Humble Souls and the Souls of Little Children, and immerse them in My mercy."

Most Merciful Jesus, You yourself have said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy and they are the heavenly Father's favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God Himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, and upon little children who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Your Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Your very throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg You by the love You bear these souls and by the delight You take in them: Bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Day 7 Intention

Today bring to Me the Souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy, and immerse them in My mercy.

Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God: Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially at the hour of death, the souls who will venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He, Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen.

Day 8 Intention

"Today bring to Me the Souls who are in the prison of Purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy."

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.

Day 9 Intention

"Today bring to Me the Souls who have become Lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy."

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love, let these tepid souls who, like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.

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