

Divine Mercy Sunday



Jesus, I trust in You

dear Padre

April 19, 2009

When is confirmation supposed to take place?

I was confirmed when I was in second grade. That was over forty years ago. My neighbor was confirmed this year, and she is in eighth grade. When did this change, and why?

Jodi

Dear Jodi,

Baptism, the Eucharist, and confirmation are the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. The Early church celebrated all three together, often at the Easter Vigil.

The East preserves this togetherness, and at baptism infants are confirmed and receive first Communion in the form of a drop of the precious Blood. In the West, Communion and confirmation were moved to the age of discretion so an understanding of sacred initiation would be in play. Canon Law 891 says confirmation should take place "at about the age of discretion" (age seven) unless the local conference of bishops sets another age. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says confirmation can be conferred "between the age of discretion and about sixteen years of age," which means it's up to each diocese to decide. No matter what age(s) we were initiated, we are called to deepen our faith, hope, and love every day—to witness the wisdom of God's ways and the wonder of God with us in Jesus through the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Kevin Fraher, C.Ss.R.

FATHER LARKIN WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE UNTIL APRIL 24th.

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday April 20th

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8

ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday April 21st/Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday April 22nd

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday April 23rd/George, Martyr Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36

Friday April 24th/Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday April 25th/Mark, Evangelist

Readings: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20

April 26th/Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15,17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

† **Dr. Fred Green, † Dr. Don Shaffer, † Ruth Green Shaffer** by Frank and Gretchen Hajek

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

† **Danny Miller** by Larry and Mickey Stokes

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

People of the Parish

1:00 PM Spanish Mass



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

Jeremy Goosey, Joshua Myrice, Mark Bilafer, Brian Ferguson, Frank Thibodeau, Todd King, Jonathan Brodeur, Christopher Kent, Thomas York, John B. Larkins III, Matthew Gowan, Aaron Schmidt, Anthony Daniel, Wes Carter, David Burks, Bryce Robinson, Michael Yeager, Vincent L. Moscatello, Jr., Rob Hart and Jason Frascht.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Clara Schaefer, Dorine Cheramie, Adele Walker, Alice Conner, Marcos Melendez, Ed Crimmins, Brenden Scarfone, Geraldine Dawes, Stephanie Ortega, Don Trostle, Tony Niedermeier, Margaret Waskiewicz and Megan McCadden.

*****YOUTH NEWS*****

APRIL 24th Movie Night at Carmike Theaters
\$5.00 4:30 - 9:00 PM

APRIL 26th Feed the Poor 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

MAY 1st Music/Fun Night FLC Gym with Pizza
\$2.00 4:30 PM to 8 PM

PLAY FOR \$\$BIGGER\$\$ JACKPOTS



The Holy Family K of C Council 11909 is sponsoring Bingo in the Parish Hall after Mass on Sat., April 25th. Snacks only will be offered (NO MEAL). Bingo will be played for larger guaranteed cash prizes. Premium games have even larger cash prizes. Come and play!

ST. MARY'S UPCOMING EVENT



School News

April 25th Open House - Please direct any inquiries to the school office 355-5288. St. Mary's is now accepting enrollment for students in Grades Pre-K through 8th for the coming 2009-2010 school year.

TODAY'S PHRASE

DIVINE MERCY..The love of God beyond what humankind deserves. In one sense, every manifestation of God's love is an expression of mercy, since, absolutely speaking, God is not obligated even to create. But more properly mercy is the exercise of divine charity toward those who have sinned. Mercy, then, is God's continued love of humans although they have sinned, his forgiving love that invites them to be reconciled with the God against whom they have sinned, his condoning love that mitigates and is even willing to remove all the punishment due to sin and his superabundant love that mysteriously blesses the repentant sinners beyond what they might have received from God had they not sinned.

USED IN A SENTENCE

The First Sunday after Easter is always Divine Mercy Sunday.

THE EUCHARIST

THE SACRED HOST EXPOSED ON THE ALTAR GIVES MY SOUL FOOD FOR ADMIRATION...I ADMIRE THE LOVE WHICH PUTS HIM AT THE WORD OF EVERY PRIEST IN EVERY CENTURY..

St. Katherine Drexel 1858-1955



Holy Family will sponsor its biannual Blood Drive on Sunday, April 26, 2009 in the Parish Hall from 9:30 until 1 PM. Donors who gave blood before March 1 will be eligible to donate again. In this Easter Season, practice a random act of kindness and donate to save somebody's life.



MEN'S SOFTBALL... A call to the boys of summer!! An organizational meeting and hitting practice will be held at the McMahon Softball Complex (38th & Lee Blvd.) on April 19th and April 26th @6:00 PM. If you are interested in playing on the Holy Family Men's Softball Team, please contact Ed Dzialo at 353-6700 or ewd@gmdde.com.



REMINDER: Holy Family has been invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Father Leven's ordination. This will be held on Saturday evening, May 16th after the 5:30 PM Mass in the parish gym in Okarche. If you plan to attend, please call Nicole in the Parish Office as they would like to know how many plan to attend. There is also a celebration at St. John's in Edmond on May 15th for Mass at 5:30 and a reception in the Great Hall of the parish.



**CATHOLIC VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
WEEK OF JUNE 18th.**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY IS FOR
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**