

Steps are being taken to create a safe environment for those who wish to attend and we want to ensure everyone is informed of the following logistical details to undertake this effort until further notice.

- The obligation to physically attend Mass is still lifted through the time of this pandemic especially for the elderly, their caretakers, the immunocompromised, those who are feeling ill, or those who may have been exposed to COVID-19. You are asked not to attend if you are sick, so that we can continue to protect the vulnerable around us.
- Public Masses will be held with 50% occupancy restrictions in place. Family units may sit together but individuals must ensure safe distancing.
- Masks must be worn by anyone in attendance at the Mass.
- Holy Communion will ONLY be distributed in the hand. When you come up, receive the sacred host in your hand, step away from the Eucharistic Minister, then use one hand to pull your mask down, before picking up the sacred host to consume it.
- We ask all those in attendance or receiving Holy Communion to also wash and/or sanitize their hands upon arriving at the Church. Remember, no holding hands for the "Our Father" and the Sign of Peace is suspended.
- The offertory baskets will not be used during Mass, but instead baskets will be available at the exit doors where you can drop your weekly contributions. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with these efforts.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered on Thursdays from 6:00-6:45pm. Please follow social distancing with the requirement of a mask.
- At this moment, all onsite faith formation, religious education and ministry events continue to be suspended. For a considerable period of time, the remote-learning methods, which are currently offered by the DRE, will be in place.

### **Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

# **NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
April 11, 2021**

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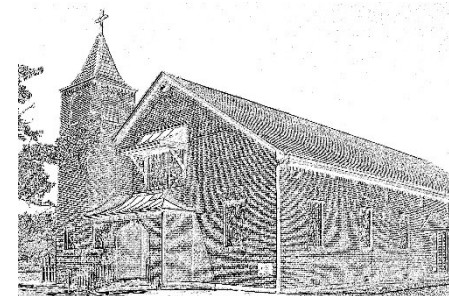
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Diocesan Website: [fwdioc.org](http://fwdioc.org)

A full list of Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders can be found on our parish website.



### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** 10:00 am

**Thursday:** 7:00 pm

**Friday:** 7:00 am

**First Friday:** 7:00 am Mass with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour after Mass.

**Sacrament of Penance:** Thursday at 6:00 pm

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### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
4/11	Sunday	10:00 am	+Wilson Kucera	
4/15	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Anton Rejcek	
4/16	Friday	7:00 am	+Jimmy Sinkule	
4/18	Sunday	10:00 am	+Ben, Dorothy & John Ed Flrasek	

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings.

**RAYMOND A. and ROSIE S. KNAPEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – The deadline for applications is Sunday, May 2, 2021. Requirements: Graduating senior or current college student, registered parishioner of NBVM Catholic Church for the past two years, involved in the parish/school/community, attends Mass regularly, two letters of recommendations (Non-Family member), and a 500-700 word essay on "My Catholic Faith". Applications are located in the back of the Church. Please feel free to contact Debi Lednický or David Holub for inquiries.

### Act of Spiritual Communion ~ By St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Next Week's Attendants				
4/18/21	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Patrick Kucera	David Timmons	David Lednický	David Lednický
			Debi Lednický	Debi Lednický

**LECTORS and EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** If you are scheduled and you are not comfortable serving during this pandemic please notify Janice Chase at (254) 723-7943 to have your name temporarily removed. Please remember no volunteers over the age of 65 may serve.

PRAYER LIST			
Abby, Linda	Dvorak, Mary Ann	Matula, Ruby	Oelrich, Don
Baily, Samuel	Ellis, Bert	Matus, Brian	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Barton, Evelyn	Fabian, Mary Ann	Mikuda, George & Jeane	Owens, Darrell & Theresa
Carlie, Carolyn	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Peoples, Jessica
Cassano, Vince	Hanzlicek, Jessica	Miller, Jim	Perras, Jean
Castleberry, Gladys	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Adira	Rejcek, Anthony
Crawley, Danelle	Kral, Donna	Mills, Margie	Roessler, John & Alma
Cuevas, Lou	Lopez, Angel	Mitchell, Audrey	Roskos, David
Disher, Benjamin	Machac, Matthew	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Sinkule, Marcella
Dudik, Ronnie	Martin, Brantley	Mynarcik, Diane	Stuckly, Evelyn
			Talley, Renee

It is not necessary to be a member of the parish to be added to the list. You will not be put on the prayer list without your permission. **To have anyone added or removed, please contact Janice Chase via phone, text, or email at (254) 723-7943 or [jac76707@yahoo.com](mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com).** Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

### What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

<https://uscatholic.org/articles/201104/what-is-divine-mercy-sunday/>

COLLECTION	
Envelopes	\$
Loose	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS:** Contact Debbie Lednický 254-709-6003.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977 or [jac76707@yahoo.com](mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com)

(Announcements due by Wednesday, noon, to be included the following Sunday)

**SANCTUARY LIGHT & MASS INTENTIONS:** Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977

(Suggested donation \$5.00 per intention. Intentions may be placed in the collection basket)