

# DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

*"On that day, the depths of My Mercy will be open to all..."*

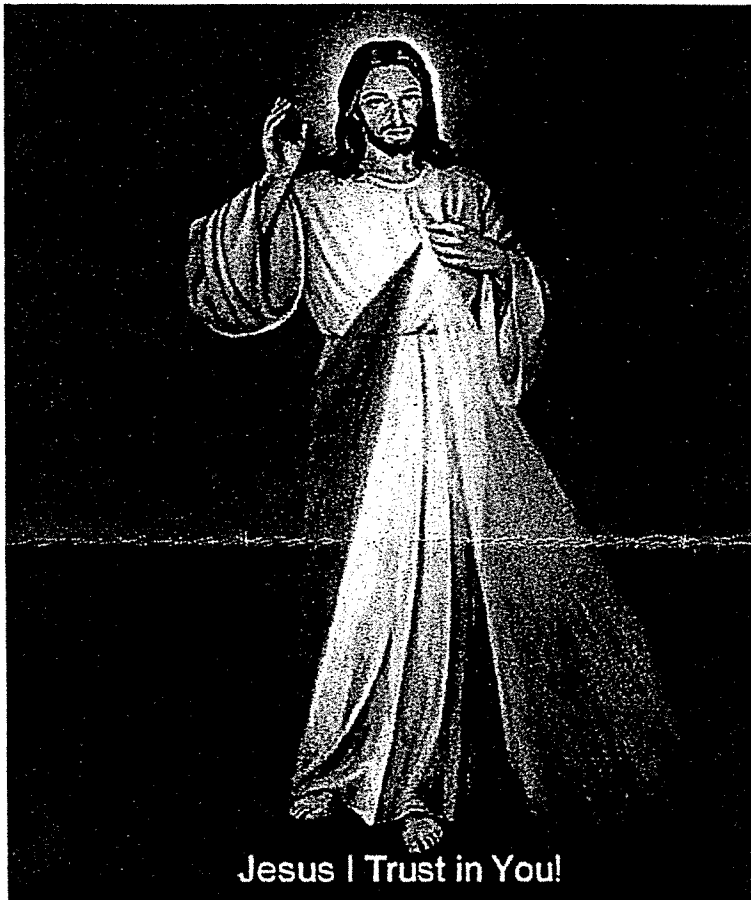
**April 23, 2017, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

*Come and give thanks to God for His great gift of Mercy upon the whole world on this day of extraordinary graces!*

**St John the Baptist Catholic Church  
313 East Second Street  
Jordan, MN 55352**

**Ask for Mercy. Receive Mercy. Be Merciful!**

*"I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. ... through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will" (1731)*



- Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
- Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Adoration
- Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
- Readings from the Diary of Saint Faustina
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song
- Confessions (2:15-2:45 p.m.)
- Benediction

*"Jesus, source of my life, sanctify me. O my strength, fortify me. My commander, fight for me."*

*-St Faustina Kowalska*



**CAN IT REALLY BE THAT EASY???**

**Yes! We have a MERCIFUL SAVIOUR who wants nothing more than to see us one day in HEAVEN.**

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# Divine Mercy Sunday and Saint Faustina



## Who was Sister Faustina?

Helen Kowalska was born in 1905 to peasant farmers in Poland. She received barely a third grade education. At nineteen she entered a convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She took the name Sister Faustina. She died in 1938 at the age of 33. During her life as a nun she experienced visions of Jesus and received private revelation concerning His Divine Mercy.

Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000 and declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would now be officially celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the universal Catholic Church.

## Did you know?

- That since April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter is officially Divine Mercy Sunday.
- That this year Divine Mercy Sunday is April 23, 2017.
- That the Graces available on that day include the complete remission of sins and the punishment due them - A Clean Slate! Far greater than a plenary indulgence - Akin to a Second Baptism.

## How should I prepare?

Our Lord promised Sister Faustina that people who fulfilled the following three requests would receive a complete remission of sin and punishment:

1. **Pray the Novena to the Divine Mercy starting on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday.** The Novena/Chaplet pamphlet is available at all Church entrances. Jesus gave specific intentions to pray for on each day of the Novena.

### 2. Go to Confession

*\*Confessions may be made any time within 20 days before or after the Feast of Divine Mercy in order to gain the plenary indulgence. Father Yanta will be the only priest available on Divine Mercy Sunday. You are highly encouraged to receive this sacrament before or after Divine Mercy Sunday, if possible. We will have our Parish Reconciliation on Palm Sunday, April 9th at 4:00pm*

3. **Receive Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday**

## What else should I know?

- Make the Chaplet of Divine Mercy part of your prayer life (Great Graces are available to those who do.)
- Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to assist the Sick, Dying, and the Poor Soul in Purgatory.
- Jesus defends as His Own Glory the souls recommended by means of this prayer.
- Have the Divine Mercy Image on display in your homes.
- Show reverence to the Divine Mercy image.
- Perform Acts of Mercy towards one's neighbor by deed, word, or prayer.
- The 3:00 Hour is the Hour of Mercy. Take a moment to say "Jesus I Trust in You!" if you only have a moment or recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy if you have time.

Through her and her diary, Jesus communicates to the world the message of His Mercy. Here are quotes from St. Faustina's Diary.

Jesus told Sister Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary 699)

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart." (390, page 175).

"Today the Lord said to me, 'Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrent of grace inundates humble souls. the proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.'" (1602, page 568)



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