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SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

ST. CATHARINE CHURCH



The Father/Daughter Dance is a fun night that gives dads (and other father figures!) an opportunity to spend the evening together with their little girls. There will be pizza, snacks, tons of dance music, and a photo booth for you to preserve your memories!

## \$25.00 PER PAIR • \$5.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

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Bring baby diapers, wipes, or baby clothes and receive a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets also available for \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20. All proceeds and items from raffle go to Women's Care Center.



Please register by Tuesday, April 16th Questions? Kate Allwein • kateallwein@yahoo.com



# *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*



Come & See

## WHAT? The children of the atrium invite you to an open house to observe and learn more about their work with Jesus, The Good Shepherd

## WHERE?

POTLUCK STYLE! The CGS atrium located in the Lower Level of the Church

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

## WHEN?

Sunday April 21st 12:30pm-2:00pm

## Find out more and register:

www.stcatharine.com/cgs





Womb to Tomb Ministry Invites You To a



# SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

2:00pm-4:00pm The Sarko Residence

Please pray for this courageous mother who has chosen life!

Unable to attend? Just scan the QR code to purchase something off the Baby Registry or visit www.stcatharine.com/baby-shower

Questions? pjhoneil@gmail.com



baby registry

# THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Catholic Foundation for their generosity in funding our new school entry doors. Our new doors finally arrived last month, and were successfully installed on Holy Thursday! Our new entry lobby will add yet another layer of security for our parish school. Thank you to the Catholic Foundation, and to all of its wonderful donors!





## "Do This in Remembrance of Me" A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

**+** Part 42: The Eucharistic Prayer **+** 

After the Prayer over the Offerings, we now come to the **Eucharistic Prayer**. According to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, "Now the center and high point of the entire celebration begins, namely, the Eucharistic Prayer itself, that is, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The priest calls upon the people to lift up their hearts to the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he associates the people with himself in the Prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the meaning of this Prayer is that the whole congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. The Eucharistic Prayer requires that everybody listens to it with reverence and in silence" (*GIRM*, 78).

Here we go! For those longing for the true presence of Jesus, the time is drawing near! For those who yearn to pray well, we are invited to participate in the perfect prayer of Jesus–his perfect sacrifice and worship of the Father. Throughout the Eucharistic Prayer, we can find a great outline and model for our own prayer. By taking a closer look at the main components, we can hopefully enter more fruitfully into this wonderful prayer.

## The Elements of the Eucharistic Prayer

As the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* continues, "The main elements of which the Eucharistic Prayer consists may be distinguished from one another in this way:

- a) The **thanksgiving** (expressed especially in the Preface), in which the priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it, according to the varying day, festivity, or time of year.
- b) The **acclamation**, by which the whole congregation, joining with the heavenly powers, sings the *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy, Holy). This acclamation, which constitutes part of the Eucharistic Prayer itself, is pronounced by all the people with the priest.
- c) The **epiclesis**, in which, by means of particular invocations, the Church implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated, that is, become Christ's Body and Blood, and that the unblemished sacrificial Victim to be consumed in Communion may be for the salvation of those who will partake of it.
- d) The **institution narrative and Consecration**, by which, by means of the words and actions of Christ, that Sacrifice is effected which Christ himself instituted during the Last Supper, when he offered his Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine, gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink, and leaving with the latter the command to perpetuate this same mystery.
- e) The **anamnesis**, by which the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the apostles, celebrates the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection and Ascension into heaven.
- f) The **oblation**, by which, in this very memorial, the Church, in particular that gathered here and now, offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father. The Church's intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves, and so day by day to be brought, through the mediation of Christ, into unity with God and with each other, so that God may at last be all in all.
- g) The *intercessions*, by which expression is given to the fact that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church, of both heaven and of earth, and that the oblation is made for her and for all her members, living and dead, who are called to participate in the redemption and salvation purchased by the Body and Blood of Christ.
- h) The concluding **Doxology**, by which the glorification of God is expressed and which is affirmed and concluded by the people's acclamation, Amen" (*GIRM*, 79; emphases added).

In the weeks ahead, we'll be taking a closer look at the Eucharistic Prayers and these individual parts. Is anyone wondering how much longer before Holy Communion? The wait will definitely be worthwhile!

## For Reflection:

- Next time you participate in Mass, see if you can identify the different elements of the Eucharistic Prayer. Even if you do not observe all eight elements described in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, take the opportunity to listen closely to the elements you do hear.
- 2. Consider bringing the structure of the elements of the Eucharistic Prayer into your own time of reflection or meditation. For example, take time to thank God, acclaim him, implore an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, recall the institution of the Eucharist and Christ's Paschal Mystery, offer yourself to the Father through Christ, pray for your own intentions, and give glory to God through a concluding "Glory be...".

Source: www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog



## A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life



Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Womb to Tomb Ministries

## ABORTION PILLS: The Basics

## What Abortion Pills Do

Over half of abortions in the U.S. happen by pregnant women taking a sequence of pills. This is known as "chemical abortion." Its supporters refer to it as "medical abortion" or "medication abortion."

Chemical abortion uses two drugs. First, mifepristone (also called by the brand name, Mifeprex, or RU-486) is taken to damage a woman's uterine lining, cutting off nutrition and oxygen to her pre-born child, causing starvation and suffocation. Then, one to two days later, misoprostol is taken to push the baby's remains from the womb. Fortunately, if a woman changes her mind before taking the second drug, the child may be saved about two-thirds of the time through an abortion pill reversal process involving the hormone progesterone.

### The Dangers to Women

Chemical abortion is dangerous for women. From September 2000 through December 2022, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recorded 4,218 "adverse events" caused by the processincluding the deaths of 32 women. Although the FDA stopped requiring reports of non-fatal adverse events in 2016, a combination of pre-2016 required reporting and post-2016 voluntary reporting also indicates serious non-fatal consequences. These include 1,049 non-fatal hospitalizations, 604 cases of blood loss requiring transfusions, 97 ectopic pregnancies, and 418 infections of which 75 were "severe." These numbers are likely underestimates, because many adverse events are experienced at home and treated in emergency rooms, where they are often reported as related to miscarriages rather than to abortion pills.

## The Law and New Risks

Over the years, the FDA has bent the law and shown disregard for women's health when it comes to chemical abortion. In 2000, mifepristone was first approved using an "accelerated" review process that is supposed to be only for new drugs that treat serious illnesses and are better than existing treatments. But pregnancy is not an illness, and abortion drugs are *riskier* than surgical abortion. There are also no age restrictions for these drugs, and there have been no studies on their safety for young girls.

Since 2016, the FDA has loosened safety standards further, allowing health professionals who are not doctors to prescribe abortion drugs. It also extended the limit of when abortion drugs can be used from seven to ten weeks of pregnancy, decreased the number of required doctor's visits from three to just one, and ended the reporting of harmful side-effects except for those that result in death.

Most recently, the FDA began allowing mifepristone to be prescribed through virtual doctor's visits, to be ordered online, and to be available at neighborhood pharmacies. This lack of safety standards puts women and girls at risk. Because they are less likely to go to a doctor's office and get an ultrasound, they may unknowingly have an ectopic pregnancy or be farther along in their pregnancy than they realize. It is very dangerous to the woman to take abortion pills in either of these circumstances. In addition, allowing access to the pills through virtual appointments and online orders may be exploited by violent partners and human traffickers.

In June 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to decide a case challenging the FDA's elimination of safety standards since 2016.

Updated March 2024. For more complete data and sources, see <u>https://www.usccb.org/resources/just-facts-q-chemical-abortion</u>.

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## The Next Two Weeks...

Week of April 7th	
The Second	Week of Easter

#### Sunday, April 7th

Divine Mercy Sunday	
8:30am	Holy Mass (Marilyn Nester)
9:30am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
9:30am	First Communion/Reconciliation Prep
11:00am	Holy Mass (Margaret Petrosky)
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Sunday: Sung Chaplet & Confessions
5:00pm	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
6:00pm	High School Jesus Night & Middle School Youth

#### Monday, April 8th

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	
8:00am Holy Mass (Intentions of Katie Reis	
6:30pm	Scouts
7:00pm	Choir Practice

#### Tuesday, April 9th

5:00pm	Confirmation Rehearsal
7:00pm	Holy Mass (Marge Burkhart)
7:30pm	Confessions

### Wednesday, April 10th

9:00am Holy Mass (John L. Eberts)

#### Thursday, April 11th

Memorial of S	Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
8:00am	Holy Mass (Betty Clark)
3:05pm	Society of St. Clare
7:00pm	ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)
7:30pm	St. Leo Reception with His Eminence, Cardinal Burke

#### Friday, April 12th

8:00am	Holy Mass (Rachael Pallay)
2:15pm	All School Adoration
7:00pm	Trivia Night

#### Saturday, April 13th

7:15am	That Man Is You!
8:30am	Holy Mass (Mary Agriesti Gall)
9:00am	Confessions
11:00am	Charismatic Renewal Mass

 Easter Sunday, March 31st

 Total Offering
 \$21,661.27

 Diocesan Tax
 -\$1,732.90

 Net
 \$19,928.37

#### Easter Mass Attendance

Total	1,809
<u>12:00pm</u>	315
10:00am	964
8:00am	335
8:30pm (Vigil)	195



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#### Week of April 14th The Third Week of Easter

Sunday, April 1	4th
Third Sunday of	Easter
8:30am	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
9:30am	Family of Faith
9:30am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
9:30am	First Communion/Reconciliation Prep
11:00am	Holy Mass (Diane Nester)
5:00pm	Holy Mass (Rose Adamescu)
6:00pm	High School Youth Group
Monday, April 1	15th
8:00am	Holy Mass (Richard Lumpe)
6:30pm	Family of Faith
6:30pm	Scouts
7:00pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday, April 1	lóth
7:00pm	Holy Mass (Intentions of Lisa Kelley)
7:30pm	Confessions
Wednesday, April 17th	
9:00am	Holy Mass (Intentions of Mrs. Lisa Gullett)
Thursday, April 18th	
8:00am	Holy Mass (Gennie Sauer)
9:00am	Story Time With Jesus
3:00pm	Virtues & Arrows Club
7:00pm	ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus
8:00pm	Women's Water Color Painting
Friday, April 19th	
8:00am	Holy Mass (Carl P. Hudson)
6:00pm	Father Daughter Dance
Saturday, April 20th	
7:15am	That Man Is You!
8:30am	Holy Mass (Dr. Joe Gallen)
9:00am	Confessions

## St. Vincent De Paul Society April Food Pantry Need

Confirmation

**Canned Soup** 

Please leave donations at wooden boxes near Church entrances.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

11:00am

### Sunday-Friday 6:00am-12:00am Saturday 6:00am-4:00pm

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** Every Friday at 3:00pm

## Tuesday 7:30pm Thursday 7:00pm

**Confession Times** 

Thursday7:00pmSaturday9:00am

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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

"On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."

## 3:00PM - 4:00PM

3:00pm Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Confessions

> 4:**00pm** Benediction

