

From Fr. John

Mercy Healing Service

On Monday, April 24, at 7:00pm, we will have a special opportunity for prayer in our church.

This event is sponsored by the Eucharistic Revival. Unfortunately, due to All Things New, we have not had much time to talk about this important initiative of the bishops of the United States.

The revival was launched in 2022 by the U.S. Bishops in response to the polarization in our country, the need to refocus on the importance of Eucharistic worship, and the declining belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This three-year revival will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years. This congress will be held at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis in July of 2024.

As we are called to refocus on the Eucharist as a church in the United States, we are aware of who is present in the Eucharist: Jesus. It is the same Jesus who walked our earth 2,000 years ago, seeking to bring us back to the Father when we are lost, to heal us of our wounds, and to love us with an infinite love.

The Mercy Healing Service, then, is a time when we come to realize more deeply that there are areas in our lives where we are lost and need God's help to find our way. I also realize that I am wounded and that I cannot heal myself, but that I need the Divine Physician to heal me.

This prayer service, then, will be an opportunity for Scripture, music, and time with the Lord to seek his healing love and mercy. There will also be priests available from throughout the area should you wish to go to confession that evening as well.

I hope that you will consider joining us on Monday for this special time of prayer, praise, and worship as we come together around the Eucharistic Lord, seeking His infinite love and healing mercy.

In Gratitude

Thank you to all of those who came out to support, who volunteered for, or who donated to the Ladies' Club Quarter Auction on April 14. Your hard work made for a fun evening for all those who attended. Thank you! I would also like to thank Kristina Sullivan and the many volunteers who cleaned the gym after the event to make it ready for the guests who attended Evangelization 101 the next day. The gym looked great for our parishioners and for those from outside our community who took part in the

event.

Also, I would like to thank Pam Hager and her great crew who helped make Evangelization 101 possible. The event was well presented and informative about how to evangelize in our everyday lives.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our First Communion Class who received First Communion Bows at Mass last Sunday. We look forward to the big day next Sunday!

Also, congratulations to our Confirmandi who will receive their Confirmation Bows this Sunday at the 10:00am Mass. We look forward to your personal Pentecost on May 2!

Parish Rosary Program Intention

Let us pray this week for the unemployed, the underemployed, and for those seeking a new job. May the Lord lead them quickly to good employment that will sustain their lives and help them to grow as individuals as well.

I will see you online or in church! -Fr. John
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P.S. Please do not forget to pick up your ACA card from the ACA volunteers in the back of church after Mass this weekend!

Saturday, June 3
following 4:30 Mass until dusk

SRA BLOCK*
PARTY

(* ON THE PARKING LOT)

-Hot dogs/Hamburgers from Men's Club
-1 Sno-cone / per kid from Ladies' Club
-BYO chairs, beverages, snacks

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