

## NPACC Disciples of Christ

Grade 1 through grade 8

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### Happy Easter—May the Joy and Hope offered to us by Jesus' resurrection bring comfort to your days.

The actual Easter season begins on Easter Sunday and goes until Pentecost (50th day) which is May 20th of this year.

#### Divine Mercy Sunday... which is WHAT?

It's kind of what it sounds like... the message is simple ~ God loves us and wants us to know that His mercy is greater than any sins we have committed. I found a site that listed an easy way to remember this message A-B-C...

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



Sister Faustina Kowalska, was an uneducated Polish nun who lived from 1905—1938. She kept a 600 page diary with the above thoughts on mercy. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

When she was canonized (became a saint) in 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed the second Sunday of Easter would be Divine Mercy Sunday. He was quoted as saying: "*Apart from the mercy of God there is no other source of hope for mankind*".

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is prayed each Friday at 3 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome to join this beautiful prayer.

## Summer Vacation Bible School!

We are excited to bring you the best week of the summer! This year our VBS will be the week of June 18 from nine to noon Monday through Friday. It will have a *scientific* look to it this year. It is from the Maker Fun Factory and called *Created by God, built for a purpose*.

The camp will be for children ages 4 through entering 5th grade. We are hoping our older children and many adults will sign up to volunteer at the camp. We will not be having a special “Sports Camp” this year but will offer some special activities geared toward the older children too.

We will have forms available after Masses this weekend and on-line. Watch the web site for forms and additional information. Send your children but also, please consider volunteering. It’s always a great time!



## Four weeks left!

YIKES! Where did the year go?

- Next week, April 11, we will not be able to have open gym time. The SWS will be busily preparing for their auction and the gym will not be available. We will meet at 6:15 in the Church basement.
- April 18 will be a regular class time.
- April 25 will be our last class with Mass and BINGO! Prizes, treats, and fun for the entire family! Our 7th and 8th grade students will be leading us in the liturgy that evening. Mass will begin promptly at 6:30 and last for about 35 minutes, then onto BINGO! Don’t miss this last chance to party with fellow families!

## Disciples of Christ Summer PLUS

Just a heads up that a wufoo link is available on the parish website. Some of the grade levels are FULL! We will take names for a waiting list and IF we get enough children to need another section, we will TRY to find catechists to fill that need. We try to get certified staff to fill these positions.

## A few things coming up for ADULTS!

- Women’s Reprieve, this Sunday, April 8. Join us at 7 p.m. in the chapel for a time of quiet reflection. Will last about an hour.
- W.O.N.—Women Only Night., Sunday April 29. Social time begins at 6:15. Our speaker will begin at 6:30. We will be wrapped up by 7:30... chocolate, wine, fellowship—sounds divine!
- Discipleship Day— This one is for men too! Saturday, May 19—Franciscan Retreat Center! - \$30 for three meals and a day for you and Jesus. It will be time well spent. Do this for YOU!  
check the website for more information—