

Divine Mercy Sunday • April 19, 2020
CHURCH OF SAINT ANNE

1321 Braman Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501

Daily Mass Schedule

All Masses are currently suspended

Weekend Mass Schedule

All Masses are currently suspended

Office Hours

Monday—Friday from 9am-4:30pm



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday—Friday 5:30pm-6:30pm

Saturday 3:00—4:00pm

Anytime by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is currently suspended, however, you may pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament from 7am-7pm in the church



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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PARISH NEWS

Schedule of Mass Intentions

**Father Sattler and Father Kadrmas will continue to offer daily Mass for the scheduled intentions. You may join in Father Sattler's celebration of the Mass via our link on our website, it will be posted daily by 9:30am .*

**Please note that the confession time for Tuesday—Friday has been changed. The Saturday afternoon confession time has remained as scheduled.*

Sunday, Apr. 19 {Divine Mercy Sunday}

Pro Populo
Trinity Martel

Monday, Apr. 20

+Donna Ell

Tuesday, Apr. 21 {St. Anselm}

+Leonard Schneibel
5:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, Apr. 22

Barry & Cheryl Hanson
5:30pm Confessions

Thursday, Apr. 23 {St. George and St. Adalbert}

Jozef Gregory
5:30pm Confessions

Friday, Apr. 24 {St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen}

Ivy Irvine
5:30pm Confessions

Saturday, Apr. 25 {St. Mark}

+Tony & Mary Frank Family
+Lorraine Hilzendeger
3:00-4:00pm Confessions

Sunday, Apr. 26 {Third Sunday of Easter}

+Dale Reindel
Pro Populo

The Memorare

*Remember,
O Most Gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it
known that anyone who
fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or
sought thine intercession
was left unaided.*

*Inspired by this
confidence, I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my
Mother, to thee do I come,
before thee I stand, sinful
and sorrowful.*

*O Mother of the Word
Incarnate, despise not my
petitions, but in thy mercy
hear and answer me.*

Amen.



Bishop Kagan has asked us to pray the Memorare during this time, asking for our Blessed Mother to intercede for us.

PARISHESonline

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Readings for the week of April 19, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

CONTRIBUTIONS

March 28 & 29 Collections	14,133.00
Building	160.00
Automatic Regular	738.00
April 4 & 5 Collections	16,475.00
Building	455.00
Needy	65.00
Automatic Regular	10,087.00
Automatic Building	115.00
Automatic Needy	120.00
Rice Bowl	259.00
Holy Land	100.00

Please try to be as generous as you can while we work to continue our mission here at St. Anne's. If you are currently receiving envelopes, you may mail them or drop them off at the parish office. If you would like to sign up for Automatic Contributions, please call the parish office or visit <https://stannesbismarck.org/registration>.

Free Parish Resource

Franciscan at Home—Enjoy unlimited access to unique online workshops that delve into the beautiful depths of our faith from the comfort of your own home! Register at <https://franciscanathome.com/bismarck>, select "My parish or school is already registered, and I would like to set up my individual free account under that institution," and then search for the Bismarck Diocese and Church of Saint Anne.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER SATTLER

My Dear Family of St. Anne's Parish,

Throughout Holy Week, it is a common practice to have all religious images in the church covered in order to focus our attention more clearly on what we celebrate through the liturgies of those days, especially of the Triduum. Even though we have not been able to gather together in the church for our celebration of those liturgies, we still carried out that practice of covering the images for those who would come to make a visit with the Blessed Sacrament. What was interesting; is that the covering over the image of Divine Mercy kept falling off. Time and time again, we would cover this image, only to come and find the covering on the floor again.

As we now celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy, I believe it was Our Lord inviting us to pray for His mercy, as we do in the Divine Mercy Chaplet, to "have mercy on us and on the whole world." If there was ever a time for us to be praying these words, it is now! For those who are not familiar with this chaplet, it can be found on our website. May the Lord have mercy on us, and on the whole world!

Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday,
Father Sattler

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
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.



Saint Anne Parish is committed to the protection of our children, young people and vulnerable adults. The awareness of child abuse in society demands we take responsibility to make ourselves aware of its cause and take steps toward its prevention. Safe Environment information is accessible from St. Anne's Website under the Home tab or from the Diocese of Bismarck's Website.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

*"Never be in a hurry;
do everything quietly and in a calm spirit.
Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever,
even if your whole world seems upset."
~St. Francis de Sales*



MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



April is the month of the Blessed Sacrament. As Catholics we believe and profess that the Eucharist is the true Body and Blood of Christ. The bread is not a mere symbol of His Body, nor is the wine a representation of Jesus' Precious Blood. Through the power of transubstantiation in the Mass, the bread and

wine become His Body and Blood while retaining the same matter, or physical properties.

Being visibly-minded creatures, it can be difficult for humans to accept this invisible truth. If we ponder this teaching, it can really make our heads spin. God, being an all-loving and generous Father, has given us amazing miracles to illustrate this teaching. These miracles are called Eucharistic Miracles. There are many Eucharistic Miracles you can research, but one of the most recent Eucharistic Miracles took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In 1996, a consecrated host was dropped during Mass. Afterwards, it was placed in water to dissolve, as is the proper way to handle a host that has been dropped. However, instead of dissolving, the host remained in tact even though it had been over a week since the host was first placed in the water. Additionally, the host had developed several red stains. The parish priest went to the Archbishop, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Pope Francis), for direction. They decided to wait before proceeding with an investigation.

A couple of years later, they commissioned several scientists to carry out an investigation on the host. They did not tell the scientists that the sample they sent them to analyze came from a consecrated host, so the scientists had no idea about the sample's origins.

After very intense studies, the scientists concluded that the tissue sample came from the left ventricle of a human heart, the muscle that gives life to the entire heart and body. They also concluded that the tissue sample showed that it had been under immense strain (a common feature of crucifixion), had come from a person who had undergone intense pain and periods of difficulty breathing. However, the most startling of all their findings was that the tissue was not dead; the tissue was still alive! This was proven by the existence of white blood cells that were found intact in the tissue. The presence of the white blood cells showed that the heart sample was still pulsing; white blood cells start to disintegrate roughly fifteen minutes once they are outside of a living body, so there was no scientific explanation as to how the tissue was still alive. At the conclusion of the investigation, the origins of the sample was revealed to the scientists. One scientist who had been a very staunch atheist was so amazed that he converted to Catholicism.

In this month of the Blessed Sacrament, let us meditate on the invisible reality veiled in such humble matter. Check out a short video, "The Veil Removed," on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTgIaM>) to see just how heaven and earth come together in the Eucharist.

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**Please contact the parish office for the
 Sacrament of Baptism, Sacrament of Matrimony,
 Communion to shut-ins, for joining the Catholic faith or
 for becoming a member of the Church of Saint Anne.**

PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINE:
 Announcements must be received by noon on Monday.
 Send information to Holly Keller at the Church of St. Anne
 office or email to hkeller@stannesbismarck.org.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

**Thank you to all who donated Easter flowers
 in honor of their loved ones this year!**

Given By:	In Memory/Honor of:
Maureen Stockert	Sean Stockert/Leo & Lorrene Brown
Jim & Diana Jangula	Rebecca Jangula
Marlene Kraft	Leonard Kraft
Mark & Pam Verke	William & Lucy Petri
Mark & Pam Verke	Carl Verke
Mark & Pam Verke	Mary Ann Lenz
Carlene Fitterer	Doll Family (Living & Deceased)
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Ludwina Faller	Leo Faller/Chris Faller

DIVINE MERCY AND SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



On August 25, 1905, Helen Kowalska was born in Glogowiec, Poland, the third of ten children in a poor and deeply-devoted peasant family. At just seven years old, she first heard a voice in her heart calling her to religious life. When she later voiced this desire to her parents, they did not grant her permission to enter a convent. She tried to drown out the call that kept resonating within her heart, but Jesus kept patiently calling her. She finally started to search for a convent to join. She petitioned many convents, but she was not accepted anywhere. Finally, on August 1, 1925, she joyfully entered the convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw, Poland. In the convent, she received the name Sister Maria Faustina.

To those around her, Saint Faustina seemed like the average nun. There wasn't really anything about her that revealed her deep, rich mystical life. She carried out all her duties and faithfully followed all their Congregation's rules. Saint Faustina spent her life focusing on pursuing an ever-deepening relationship with God. She was given many special graces in response to the deep spiritual suffering that she endured; she was granted the gift of contemplation, a deep understanding of the mystery of God's Divine Mercy, visions, the hidden stigmata, the gift of prophecy, and the ability to read human hearts. In her humble spirit, she always remembered that her path to sanctity was built upon her relationship with God and sought to nurture it every chance that she could: "Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. ... My sanctity and perfection is based upon the close union of my will with the will of God" (*Diary*, 1107). Saint Faustina spent the last four years writing the *Diary of Saint Faustina*, as requested by Jesus. It details her encounters and conversations with God.

Saint Faustina lived a very austere lifestyle and often observed exhausting fasts. As a result of these self-imposed disciplines, she was physically very weak, even before she joined the Congregation. This necessitated several month-long periods of rest and being nursed back to health. On October 5, 1938, Saint Faustina died at the age of thirty-three. Of her thirty-three years of life, she spent thirteen years in

the Congregation. In 1968, her beatification process began. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on Divine Mercy Sunday on April 18, 1993. Seven years later, she was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 30, 2000.

God entrusted a great mission to Saint Faustina. Her mission was to proclaim His message of Divine Mercy to the whole world. "Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. ... You are the secretary of My mercy; I have chosen you for that office in this life and the next life ... to make known to the souls the great mercy that I have for them, and to exhort them to trust in the bottomless depth of My mercy" (*Diary*, 1588, 1605, and 1567). Saint Faustina had three tasks within her mission:

- ◆ to introduce and proclaim God's merciful love to every human as it is revealed in Scriptures;
- ◆ to petition God's mercy for the entire world, especially through the forms of devotion given by Jesus (the Image of The Divine Mercy, the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the prayer and meditation on His Passion at the Hour of Great Mercy [3pm]);
- ◆ and to inspire the apostolic movement of Divine Mercy, which consists of having a childlike trust in God, desiring to do His will, and showing mercy to one another.

On February 22, 1931, Jesus revealed the Image of the Divine Mercy to Saint Faustina. Clothed in a white garment, Jesus has one hand raised in the gesture to bestow a blessing, and the other hand rests on His heart, and there are two rays shining forth at this fingertips. Jesus explained the rays to Saint Faustina: "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls" (*Diary*, 299). Jesus directed Saint Faustina to include the words "Jesus, I trust in You" on the image as a reminder that we must trust in His mercy.

On September 13 and 14, 1935, Jesus dictated the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to Saint Faustina. The Chaplet is a prayer of atonement and for the appeasement of God's wrath. Jesus revealed that if we recite the Chaplet at the bedside of someone who is dying, God's anger is appeased, and unfathomable mercy floods their soul (*Diary*, 811). To learn how to pray the Chaplet, you can visit <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/how-to-pray-the-chaplet-of-divine-mercy.cfm>.

In October 1937, Jesus asked Saint Faustina to honor the hour of His death: "...as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners, for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul" (*Diary*, 1572).

*"Jesus, Friend of a lonely heart, You are my haven, You are my peace.
You are my salvation, You are my serenity in moments of struggle and amidst an ocean of doubts.
You are the bright ray that lights up the path of my life.
You are everything to a lonely soul.
You understand the soul even though it remains silent.
You know our weaknesses, and like a good physician,
You comfort and heal, sparing us sufferings—expert that You are."
~Diary, 247*

