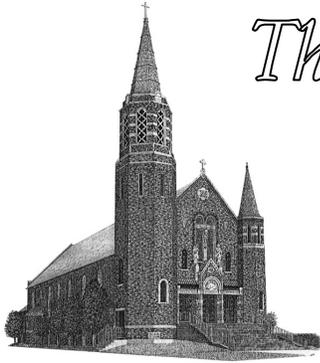
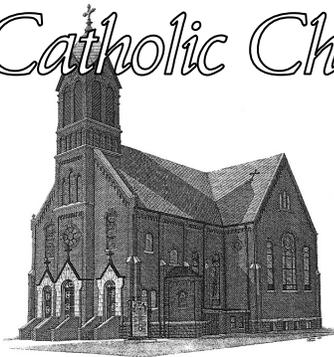


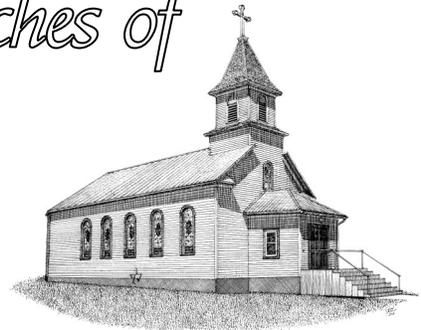
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Second Sunday Of Easter—Sunday Of Divine Mercy

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From the Pastor's Desk

Let me begin this note by saying once again, Happy Easter!! While certainly subdued because of the necessary restrictions due to the Covid-19 virus, I hope all of you were able to celebrate with joy the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Alleluia!! Know that I am praying for each of you every day. At every Mass I am joining your prayers and intentions with mine and offering them to the Lord. I certainly am looking forward to the day—hopefully soon—when we will be able to gather together in prayer and worship.

The Resurrection of Jesus which we celebrated last Sunday is so important that we actually celebrate it for eight days. We refer to this as the Octave of Easter. The Octave of Easter concludes with the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: "the whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery." The entire Paschal Mystery—the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, is all because of God's love for us and to show us and share with us His Divine Mercy. In other words, so that we can be with Him in Heaven!

While the source of Divine Mercy is in the Paschal Mystery, the devotion to the Divine Mercy has grown thanks to the private revelations to a young Polish sister—and now saint—St. Faustina Kowalska.

The following from www.thedivinemercy.org is a good summary: "In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we

know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. 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. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day."

May God Bless each of you!!

Fr. Shannon



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 are already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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 thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to 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 your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

News and Events

Sympathy and Prayers to the family, relatives, and friends of Katie Eberle, mother & mother-in-law to Rocky & Cheryl Eberle, and Beverly Schwartz, sister and sister-in-law to Virgil & Patricia Horner. May they rest in peace.

Fr. Shannon will hear Confessions on Saturdays at Strasburg from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Hague from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., or by appointment.

Donations for Good Friday, Rice Bowls, Weekly Collections, CCD Raffle Tickets, etc. can be mailed or dropped off at the Strasburg Rectory. Call Alice at 336-7172 to make arrangements.

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month! The USCCB has information here: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/child-abuse-prevention-month.cfm>.

Our churches are open for private prayer. You are most welcome to come and pray in the presence of the Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament reserved in our tabernacles. We will continue to create our bulletin which can be accessed via our parish website (emmonscatholics.org). Copies of the bulletin will also be placed in the Strasburg and Hague Church.

While our parishes do not have the capability to stream our own daily Masses, there are many good parishes who do. A list of options can be found on the Diocese of Bismarck website (bismarckdiocese.com), as well as much other information and updates.

Thank You to everyone who is keeping faithful to your Parish Financial Contributions whether it is weekly or monthly. **Hague and St. Michael's Parishes**—You can also drop off or mail your contributions and I will get it to where it needs to go. Our Parishes still need to pay our bills and

without our regular collections at Mass, it is certainly more difficult to do that. You can mail your contribution to the parish office at PO Box 322, Strasburg, ND 58573 or call Alice at the rectory—336-7172 to make arrangements to drop them off at the rectory. Thank you! —Please do not hesitate to call Fr. Shannon or contact the parish office, especially if there is an emergency sacramental need.

The Strasburg KCs are still collecting food and non perishable items for the “40 Cans for Lent” to support our local food pantry. (This will be on-going at this time due to the Covid-19.) Their goal is to collect 1000 lbs. If this goal is met, the Supreme Council will give the Strasburg KCs \$100.00 which the KCs would also donate to the food pantry. Boxes are in place in the middle entry way of the Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Strasburg. Boxes will also be placed in Hague, Westfield, & Linton.

Catholic United Financial  **Sts. Peter & Paul & St. Mary's CCD Raffle Tickets** are for sale. Tickets can also be purchased at the Strasburg Rectory—(call Alice to make arrangements to pick up or return books), any CCD Students, Mona Reis or Kathy Nagel & at Hague Grocery Store, or from Lisa Hulm. This fundraiser is sponsored by St. Mary's Council, along with Catholic United Financial, for the benefit of the Strasburg and Hague CCD Program.

Steubenville Conferences: Youth currently in grades 8-12 will have two options for Steubenville Conferences this summer—June 17-21 in Denver and July 23-26 in St. Paul. Both conferences provide an opportunity for youth to encounter God through speakers, workshops, music, Eucharistic adoration and community with other Catholic teens. Contact Chris Kraft at ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com or 204-7208 with questions. (The registration deadline for the Steubenville youth trips will now be **Friday, May 1st** to better accommodate all during this time of uncertainty. All paid expenses by potential participants will be refunded if the trip is cancelled due to COVID concerns.)

Pray for the sick: Fr. Jeff Zwack, Karen Keller, Terry Buechler, Ron Kramer, Betty Hoffman, Nattie Nagel, Beth Kelsch, Elaine Wald, Michael Hanson, Asher Sorrels—Grandson of Kevin & Deb Leier, Todd Moch, Leo & Nancy Weber.

Pray for the deceased: Katie Eberle, Beverly Schwartz, Mary Sue Lucht, Brandon Wagner, and MaryAnn Wolf.

Stewardship—A Way Of Life: Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

Stewardship Thought: God has given each of us some special abilities. It is important that we use them to help one another, passing on to others the many blessings that God has given us.

Vocation Views: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are sent to share the peace of Christ. Do you believe in Jesus' call to you? Act on it! (John 20:19-31)