

April 11, 2021

## Second Sunday of Easter (Of Divine Mercy)



### **My Lord And My God**

**The early Christians' question: How can one believe in the risen Lord without having seen him is answered by Thomas in his confession, "My Lord and My God." Seeing Jesus does not guarantee believing in him. Even after the disciples saw Jesus, they still had to come to faith in the resurrection. Jesus therefore calls Blessed those who have not seen and have believed. Are you numbered among them?**

Today's Bulletin sponsored by Nancy & Cecil Wood Jr. in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated, in memory of Deacon Milburn Kram, by his family.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Wednesday, April 14  
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Irene & George Leininger Family  
Friday, April 16  
8:00 a.m. Iris Havel  
Saturday, April 17  
6:30 p.m. Ben V. Darilek  
Sunday, April 18  
6:30 a.m. Steve Machart  
9:30 a.m. The Deceased of Catholic Life Branch #16

### **PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**

Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.  
**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4**  
**Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a**  
**Gospel: Luke 24:35-48**

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha  
- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.  
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.  
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.  
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND**



We thank the following for their continued donations. Without your help and the help of many others our church building would have been in bad shape:

**Bernadette & Darren Fikac - \$50**

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**In Memory of Tommy Hoyer: Gussie Machalec - \$25**

**In Memory of Ben V. Darilek**

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**Barbara & Eugene Anderle - \$25 Dale Seifert - \$50**

**Kathy & Deacon. Kenneth Fishbeck - \$25**

**In Memory of Irene Portales**

**Irene Portales Family - \$1,000**

**Donation Towards the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Daniel Jasek - \$500**

To make a tax-deductible donation you may go to our website [www.stjosephsmoulton.org](http://www.stjosephsmoulton.org) and donate online or make a donation directly to St. Joseph's Church.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER FUND**

**In Memory of Ben V. Darilek**

**Rose Selzer - \$25 Dana & Steve Blahuta - \$20**

### **ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND**

**In Memory of Ben V. Darilek**

**Betty & Harry Maskey Charlotte Petrek**

**Janet & Gilbert Adamek**

**In Memory of Janet Darilek: Janet & Gilbert Adamek**

**In Memory of Tommy Hoyer: Sheri & Glenn Grohmann**

**In Memory of Ervin Patek**

**Sheri & Glenn Grohmann Alice Poth**

### **ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND**

**In memory of Ben V. Darilek: Gladys Seifert**

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

MON. – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Parish Hall  
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
WED. – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass  
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall  
FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

**The Sanctuary Light will be lit  
this week in memory of  
Deacon Milburn Kram.**



## REFLECTION

**Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 Psalm 118 1 John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31**

### *The Outcome of the Resurrection*

Today we hear the second post-resurrection appearance story in St John's Gospel. The disciples we are told are living in fear behind locked doors. Jesus' first words to them are "Peace be with you." Those who believe in the risen Christ receive the gift of peace of heart. When Thomas who was absent is told about the appearance, he does not believe it. When Jesus appears the second time he invites Thomas to see his hands. By giving this invitation to Thomas, Jesus is telling Thomas not only that the disciples told him the truth but that the Lord was present with his disciples even when they could not see him. How else would the Lord have known Thomas' reaction?

Having seen the evidence with his own eyes, it seems that Thomas found touching Jesus' wounds unnecessary. By responding, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas has come to full belief in the divinity of Jesus. Before this appearance, Thomas was in the same position as those St. John wrote the story for. They were failing to believe in the presence of the risen Christ unless the Son of Man returned on the clouds of heaven.

Through this story St. John is teaching us that the risen Christ has returned and the risen Christ is with us. For those who like Thomas are looking for the risen Christ Jesus says: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr. 11 – William Darilek, Karla Kresta  
Apr. 12 – Debbie Novosad  
Apr. 13 – Carson Beyer, Anton Billimek, Manuel Cao,  
Jace Moore  
Apr. 14 – Jamie Dornak  
Apr. 15 – April Simper  
Apr. 16 – Martha Brom, Jayden Pustejovsky,  
Pope Benedict XVI  
Apr. 17 – Mark Darilek

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

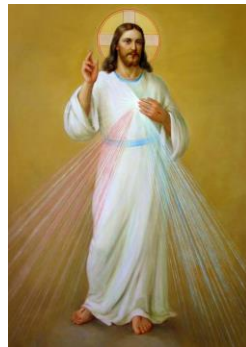
Apr. 11 – Nancy & Cecil Wood Jr.  
Apr. 12 – Congratulations Tracy & Frank Nieto  
on your 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Apr. 15 – Karla & Eugene Kresta

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – Youth Mass; C.C.D.  
**Apr. 12** – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program  
**Apr. 14** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program  
– 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade C.C.D.  
**Next Sunday** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Mass; C.C.D.

## ORIENTATION – OCTAVE OF EASTER

Today marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter. It is the eighth day: the day of new creation.



Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. In a similar way to

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.

This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings for today and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church's Easter faith.

## Easter Activities At St. Joseph's

The Easter festivities went over very well.  
Thanks for all your participation and support.  
More information next week.

## Additional Easter Flower Fund Donations

In memory of Janet Darilek, M/M August Darilek, M/M  
Alphonse Simper  
In memory of the Deceased members of the Magdaleno,  
Sanchez & Hernandez Families  
In memory of M/M Roman Wenske Sr., M/M Alfred I.  
Brandl, Hermina Motal, Fr. Kopp

## Additional Fish Fry Donations

Shannon & L. A. Simper - \$100  
Angela & Chad Rothbauer - \$40

*The Fish Fry was a success. We thank everyone who supported the Fish Fry in any. Look out for more details.*

Pray for the repose of the souls of

**Harvey Gene Beyer**

**Ben L. Ulbrich**

and the comfort of their loved ones.

*May they rest in peace.*



Remember the sick in your prayers,  
especially Linda Muehlstein.