

## **TRI-PARISH MASS SCHEDULE**

All public Masses in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester are cancelled until May 15, 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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St. Joseph: Connie Peters @ 507-420-3406  
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At this time we are not able to do home visits with communion. If you would like to pray or visit over the phone, please let us know.

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Owen Dickey (ST)  
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Peg Breiter (ST)  
Karen Fox (ST)  
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### **FINANCE COUNCILS**

John Jensen (ST)  
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# April 19, 2020 Divine Mercy Sunday



## Peace be with you.

### **TRI-PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

#### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Pre-Baptism preparation is required. Please contact the office at least one month before the desired date.

#### **The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive this sacrament.

#### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Call Fr. Vogel @ 524-4628 for private appointment.

#### **The Sacrament of Marriage**

All Catholics need to meet with the priest or deacon at least 6 months before being married. Contact the office at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.



## Happy Divine Mercy Sunday

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter or as it is now known, Divine Mercy Sunday. I think I talked about this last year, but on April 30, 2000, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Faustina Kowalska. Saint

Faustina had a profound sense of not only her own sin, but the sins of humanity throughout the world. Saint Faustina was born in Poland in 1905. She lived to be 33 and died in 1938. She would have lived through World War I and would have died less than a year before Nazi Germany occupied Poland and set off World War II. And yet, as aware as she was of the sin in the world, she was even more aware of the depths of God's mercy. She received, in a vision, the Divine Mercy Image of Jesus from Jesus Himself. You have probably seen the image: Jesus with white and red rays emanating from His heart. At the bottom it says, "Jesus, I trust in you."

What a great message for the Gospel this morning. Jesus appears to the disciples on Easter evening. The disciples, in fear, had locked themselves up in a room. After what had happened to Jesus, they were afraid what the chief priests, Pharisees, and the Roman government might do to them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus appears in their midst and tells them, "Peace be with you." In some ways this is similar to "Jesus, I trust in you." When we trust in Jesus, we have peace. When we have peace, it is easier to trust in Jesus. Jesus says this twice to His disciples: "Peace be with you." Now when this happened, Thomas, one of the Apostles, was not with them. Most likely, Thomas had given up on Jesus after the Crucifixion. He had stopped hanging out with the other Apostles. So after this amazing appearance of Jesus, the other Apostles seek Thomas out and tell him that Jesus appeared. He doesn't believe them. Hence his nickname, "Doubting Thomas." A week later, they managed to talk Thomas in to hanging out with them again. Jesus comes and says to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe... Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." We thank God for our faith in Jesus. We pray for a deeper faith in Jesus. We pray, with the intercession of St. Faustina, for a deeper understanding of our sin so that we can have a deeper understanding of God's mercy.

As we continue to hunker down. As we continue this time of social separation, we turn to God. We turn to Jesus and we trust in Him. "Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you."

Have a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday,  
Father Vogel

**THANK YOU to our volunteer phone callers who are reaching out to ALL Tri-Parish families to check in and see how everyone is doing. You are not alone! We are a church family that cares about each other and is here to help.**

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, April 20 -

Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2:1-9; John 3:1-8

**Mass Intention:** † Cecil and Bernardine Dickey

Tuesday April 21 - **St. Anselm**

Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1-2, 5; John 3:7-15

**Mass Intention:** † Angela Gartner

Wednesday, April 22 -

Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-9; John 3:16-21

**Mass Intention:** † Judy Gulden

Thursday, April 23 - **St. George, St. Adalbert**

Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20; John 3:31-36

**Mass Intention:** † Lucille Kunkel

Friday, April 24 - **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15

**Mass Intention:** † Dorothy Lindemann

Saturday, April 25 - **St. Mark**

1 Peter 5:5b-14; Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mark 16:15-20

**Mass Intention:** People of the Tri-Parish

Sunday, April 26 - **Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

**Mass Intention:** † George and Donna Pluym

**MASS INTENTIONS:** *Father Vogel will be saying a private*

*Mass every day. A Mass intention will be offered at each Mass. Mass intentions for this week are listed above.*

*The remainder of April's Mass intentions have been scheduled. If you would like a Mass offered for someone in May, email the Tri-Parish office at [sjmsmst@gmail.com](mailto:sjmsmst@gmail.com). May Mass intentions will be scheduled the last week in April.*

### TRI-PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*The Tri-Parish Office will be closed in compliance with the "Minnesota Stay at Home" order through May 4. Marcie & Darla are working from home and can be reached via church email listed on front page.*

**For SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES  
call (507) 320-9669**

**To schedule confession or an appointment  
with Father call (507) 524-4628**

### ST. TERESA OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St. Teresa Church is open for private prayer from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day, seven days a week. Please use the north or south gathering space doors and follow all social distancing guidelines. The door handles, railings going up stairs, and elevator buttons are disinfected each day. Please wear a mask or cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve if you sneeze or cough. Please do not come if you are sick or have a fever.

## FAITH RESOURCES

### TV MASS TIMES for Mankato Area

**SUNDAY @ 7:30 A.M.** KEYC Channel 12 (Mankato)

**SUNDAY @ 9:30 A.M.** KEYC-DT, Digital Channel 12.2  
or Charter Channel 19 (Mankato)

You can also watch Mass online from the diocesan website at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org).

### **Tri-Parish Website: [sjsmst.org](http://sjsmst.org)**

**SUNDAY MASS** with Father Vogel is live streamed from St. Teresa at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

**RECTORY RAMBLINGS** with Father Vogel & Adam  
(daily scripture readings and reflections);

**LINKS** for the rosary and other prayers;

**DAILY MASS** through Word on Fire;

**FORMED** has many great Catholic faith offerings;

**WEEKLY BULLETIN** for local Tri-Parish news

**ASCENSIONPRESS.COM** is offering many free videos, podcasts and articles. Go to their website and check out the Ascension LIVE EVENTS listed for each day that stream on Facebook.

Several parishioners have highly recommended [Walking Toward Eternity](#) with Jeff Cavins (8 sessions) on Mondays & Fridays at 7 p.m. central time. Each session focuses on a different topic for these challenging times such as prayer, fear, suffering, anger, etc. Jeff offers hope and connects these topics with God's word in practical ways. If you missed a session, you can go back to it and listen later.

### ***We Continue Our Prayers for all those . . .***

**IN NEED** who have lost jobs or had work hours reduced and are afraid for how they will provide for their families and pay their bills; for all who are lonely or depressed as they struggle with uncertainty, social distancing and isolation; for all who are in need of extra patience and kindness in the forced togetherness of being home.

**IN HARM'S WAY** for all doctors, nurses, caregivers, first responders, police & firefighters, grocery/pharmacy/custodial/mail & delivery workers who continue to work serving others.

**FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE** without the comforting presence of family, friends and community.

**Dear Lord, may all be aware of your loving Presence in the midst of these trials and draw comfort and strength from You. Amen.**

### **God, grant healing and peace to those who have requested our prayers:**

Bernie Langworthy, Margaret Ward, Jerry Etherington, Lavonne Miller, Elsie Swanson, Mary Langworthy, Sister Carmen Sonnek, Marie Kruegel.

*If you or a family member would like our prayers, please email the office at [sjsmst@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmst@gmail.com). We would love to pray for you.*



Kitty Cumbee's funeral was held on Thursday, April 16 at Saint Matthew's in Vernon Center in the presence of her immediate family with Father Vogel. *May you rest in peace, Kitty. We miss you.*

Cards can be sent to her family c/o Paul Cumbee at 10658 532nd Ave, Amboy, MN 56010.

### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER**

*to pray on your rosary beads*

Sign of the Cross

1 Our Father

1 Hail Mary

The Apostles Creed

On the Our Father beads pray the following,  
*"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body & Blood,  
Soul & Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the whole world."*

On the 10 Hail Mary beads pray the following,  
*"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

Repeat for all 5 decades of rosary beads.

Conclude with praying the following 3 times,  
*"Holy God, Holy Mighty One,  
Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

### Closing Prayer

*"Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.*

End with the Sign of the Cross



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### TRI-PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*God's generosity will never be  
outdone by our own.*

#### St. Teresa

April 5 & 12	\$5,987.00
Amount Collected YTD	\$119,922.53
Amount Needed YTD	\$132,360.00

#### St. Matthew

March 28 & April 12	\$2,406.00
Amount Collected YTD	\$44,020.07
Amount Needed YTD	\$47,437.00

#### St. Joseph

April 4 & 11	\$750.00
Amount Collected YTD	\$37,008.75
Amount Needed YTD	\$42,744.00

Some of you are asking how you can continue to support your parish financially without a collection at Mass? During these uncertain and difficult times, church support can be given in the following ways as you are able:

Mail your envelope to the Tri-Parish Office  
PO Box 305, Mapleton MN 56065.  
It will go to the designated parish.

NEW OPTION TO GIVE ONLINE: Go to the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota's special webpage at <https://catholicfsmn.org/parish-donations> and select your parish from the drop down menu. CFMSM will send all parish donations directly to the individual parishes selected.

Sign up to begin an automatic monthly contribution: Email the Tri-Parish Office to receive the authorization form. Complete the form and return to the office. Your automatic payments will be set up and begin.

***Thank you for supporting your parish  
as you are able.***

## DIOCESE NEWS

CHURCH QUESTIONS? Please check the diocesan website at [dowr.org](http://dowr.org) if you have any church or sacramental questions during the Covid-19 pandemic. Click the "Learn More" button at the top of the page in the orange menu bar, then select "Frequently Asked Questions" on the left. You can also call Father Vogel at 524-4628 or email him at [frapvogel@gmail.com](mailto:frapvogel@gmail.com).

The HOLY LAND COLLECTION which normally takes place on Good Friday has been moved to Sept. 13, 2020. Save your envelope until that date.

The APRIL COURIER is online only. Parishioners can find this and other issues of the Courier on the diocesan website at [dowr.org](http://dowr.org). Click on "The Courier" box on the homepage.

## HIS MERCY ENDURES

Scott Hahn Reflects on Divine Mercy Sunday

Today's Readings:

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle. Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do, devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread."

The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission—to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.

We must walk by faith & not by sight, must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on.

Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass. Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20-25). This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed.



*Then Jesus said to Thomas,  
"Put your finger here and see my hands,  
and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."*

*Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"  
Jesus replied,*

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

**Lord, help us to believe when it is hard or seems impossible.**