

Blessings for our  
newly confirmed

To be confirmed by  
Archbishop Listecky on  
Thursday, April 28, 2022

Alice  
Bryce  
Emma  
Daniel  
Robert  
Adrian  
Sophia  
Abigail  
Sullivan  
Cameron  
Benjamin  
Josephine

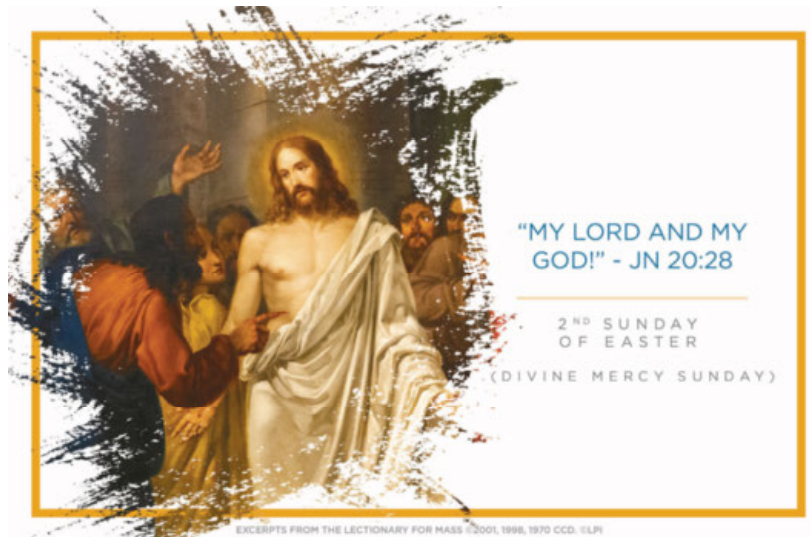
# Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

## Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"



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## Pope Francis Wants Your Opinion!

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in a worldwide Synod, or consultation process. Lend your voice to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's response to Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality! What would you like the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Pope Francis to know?

Visit

<https://www.archmil.org/About-us/Synod/Synodality.htm>  
or <https://tinyurl.com/5n6z4547>  
and share your thoughts.



**Ministers  
April 30 & May 1**

**Deacon Greg will be assisting at all masses.**

**Lectors**

- 4:45 PM Dennis Collins  
Jean Weaver Peterson
- 8:00 AM Jo Ann Rosenow  
Matt Schmidt
- 10:30 AM Maggie Larsen  
Georgiana Donohue

**Eucharist**

- 4:45 PM Mary Ann Collins  
**Lee Kaiser**
- 8:00 AM Myra Fox  
**Joseph Fojtik**
- 10:30 AM **Katie DeGroot**  
Rick Kais  
Joyce Sinkula

**Altar Servers**

- 4:45 PM Henley Hansen  
Madison Young
- 8:00 AM Samuel Pitrof
- 10:30 AM Valencia McNeely  
Giselle McNeely

**THANK YOU!!!**

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!**

**Weekend of April 10**

Envelopes (106 donors)	\$7,748.00
Plate (loose cash)	\$635.12
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$8,383.12</b>

**Parish Activities**

**MONDAY 4/25**

6:00 PM Scouts - *Cascia Hall*

**TUESDAY 4/26**

5:30 PM Rehearsal (First Eucharist) - *Church*

6:15 PM Rehearsal (Confirmation) - *Church*

**WEDNESDAY 4/27**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - *Church*

**THURSDAY 4/28**

7:00 PM Confirmation - *Church*

**FRIDAY 4/29**

**SATURDAY 4/30**

3:30 PM Reconciliation - *Church*

**SUNDAY 5/1**

6:00 PM 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Religious Ed - *School*

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 4/23** *Saturday within the Octave of Easter;*  
*St. George, Martyr;*  
*St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*

*Vigil Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*

4:45 PM † Don Mahoney by his wife Edie

**Sunday 4/24** *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM † Glen Kurhajec by his family

**Monday 4/25** *St. Mark, Evangelist*

No Mass

**Tuesday 4/26**

8:00 AM † Lorrie Kroes by her family

**Wednesday 4/27**

8:00 AM † Bud Gorecki by his family

**Thursday 4/28** *St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;*  
*St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest*

8:30 AM † Jim Wunsch by his wife Bonnie and family

**Friday 4/29** *St. Catherine of Siena,*  
*Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM † Stanley and Marion Janzer by their family

**Saturday 4/30** *St. Pius V, Pope*

*Vigil Mass: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

4:45 PM † Wesley & Veronica Rosenberg  
by their children

**Sunday 5/1** *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM † Mitchell Dziekonski by Marta Kopij

**Pray for Our Parishioners**

***Courage & Protection  
for those serving in the  
Armed Forces***

LT CDR Jack L. Ramage (Navy)  
CPT Eric Ramage (Army)  
LT Colonel Geoff Gorsuch (Army)  
AC2 Michael Clingaman (Navy)

***Comfort & Healing  
for the homebound,  
those who are ill &  
for their caregivers***

John Allison, Bill Atkinson, Kay Bauer, Eva Brittelle, Claude Caldwell, Linda Fidler, Karen Garbo, Rita Hejny, Jack Hollow, Sylvia Hultman, Josephine Isaacson, Scarlet Johnson, Joan Kral, Donna Larsen, Diana Lesnjak, Helen Lindgren, Patrick Livingston, Jim Long, Ralph Lorentzen Ann Johnson Lorenzini, Jerry Lui, Sarah Marquardt, Gabrielle Lee Martinez, Molly Mathew, Andrew Mattes, Dolores Meza, Berneice Otis, Mark Quinn, Riley Rocque, Tom Scherr, Melissa Smith, Germane Suchla, Judi Tomachek, Nick Torzala, Don & Rose Veselik, Dorothy Waltenberger, Kathy Weber, Warner Williams, Lou Woodfill and Kathy Zambo

***Comfort & Peace  
for our Deceased &  
their loved ones***



**Mass Readings - Week of April 24, 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
<b>Monday</b>	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

**Sharing Sunday May 1**

The first Sunday of each month is Sharing Sunday at St. Rita. We ask our parishioners to bring non-perishable food items and toiletries for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. You may leave your donations in the Narthex.

**The following items are especially needed:**

- Boxed Crackers (NO Saltines),**
- Stewed or Diced Tomatoes,**
- Shampoo, Body Wash, Shaving Cream**
- Disposable Razors (men’s & women’s),**
- Feminine hygiene products small pkgs.**
- tooth brushes and toothpaste**
- Laundry soap, Dish soap**

**Please remember to secure the lids of any products that might leak or spill and damage food.**

**THANK YOU! BECOME A VINCENTIAN**

Contact Donna Dombrow, 262-639-0831  
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**The Parish Pastoral Council is Empowering**

The PPC recognizes and acknowledges the giftedness in all God’s people. One of its major responsibilities is to encourage each person to share their unique talents in parish life. The PPC meets this responsibility through its committees in the areas of Prayer and Worship, Christian Formation, Human Concerns and Finance and Administration. The PPC oversees this team of ministries which carry out its mission. Do you have gifts and talents to share in parish council ministry? Please take a few moments this week to pray and reflect on you own giftedness. Are you being called to serve in parish council ministry?

**Nomination Sundays**

Nomination Sundays for Parish Pastoral Council are approaching soon and will take place the weekends of April 30 & May 1 and on May 7 & 8. You will have the opportunity at all liturgies to nominate parishioners to serve on the PPC. As a faith community, we need to pray and reflect together as we call forth parish leadership from among us. Those called to serve in these ministries need to be spiritual as well as policy-formulating leaders of the parish.

All nominees must be baptized, registered parishioners, 18 years of age or older and participate in the worship life of the parish. Nominees need a strong faith commitment and a willingness to share that faith with parishioners in a leadership role.



## Religious Ed News

### High School Classes

Sunday, May 1 at 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 15 at 6:00 pm

*Note: May 15 is the last class for High School.*

Contact Rachel at [kroesR@stritaracine.org](mailto:kroesR@stritaracine.org) if you have questions about our program.

### Rehearsal Dates

Rehearsal for First Eucharist is  
Tuesday, April 26 at 5:30 pm

Rehearsal for Confirmation is  
Tuesday, April 26 at 6:15 pm

### Save the Date!

Confirmation is Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm  
First Eucharist is Saturday, April 30 at 4:45 pm



## Called and Gifted

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022**

**9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

\*Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

God has a purpose for your life – and has equipped you for your mission. In your baptism and confirmation, you received gifts that our world needs. Do you know yours? Discover your unique gifts and learn how God is inviting you to use them through the Called & Gifted Workshop. **Get the details and register at <https://archmil.regfox.com/called-gifted-043022>**

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*Sam Mitchell - HALO Board President*

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# Keeping Children and Teens **SAFE ONLINE**

Computers and mobile devices can be helpful tools for children and teens to learn and grow in faith and fellowship. Unfortunately, the digital world is also full of unsafe and explicit content. You wouldn't hand a teen the car keys without first teaching them how to drive. The same should be true for using technology—teach them how to keep themselves and others safe while using it.

**You can use the following tips to better protect young people from harm online:**



- 1 Model appropriate online behavior for young people.** Children look to their parents to teach and show them the ways to appropriately use technology. The biggest influence on what children see as acceptable or unacceptable is you.
- 2 Teach your children not to share private information or images online.** Strangers posing as online friends can try to gain the trust of minors. Personal information such as name, address, and phone number should never be shared with an unknown person. Tell your children to immediately tell a trusted adult if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable.
- 3 Limit usage of computers and mobile devices to public spaces in the home.** Not only will this help to prevent young people from accessing unsafe websites, it will also help them to develop safe browsing habits later in life.
- 4 Install software that can block or monitor explicit website use.** Open access to harmful websites, like those that include pornography, is a constant threat to

young people. Website filters can prevent access to harmful and explicit sites and some can even alert you when such a site is accessed.

- 5 Review and discuss the websites your child has visited and apps they have used.** Oversight of your child or teen's browsing history and app usage can help to keep them safe online. If you notice your child has browsed an unsafe website or app, discuss why that behavior is harmful. Learn about current apps that could be harmful to children and teenagers, especially those that involve image sharing, private communication, or the illusion of privacy.
- 6 Report online exploitation of minors to public authorities.** If you become aware of explicit content involving minors, such as solicitation, explicit images or videos, you should submit a report to law enforcement or through resources like CyberTipline from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



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## Safe Environment Awareness Week


The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training





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