

St. Stanislaus

Parish Family

April 11, 2021
Divine Mercy

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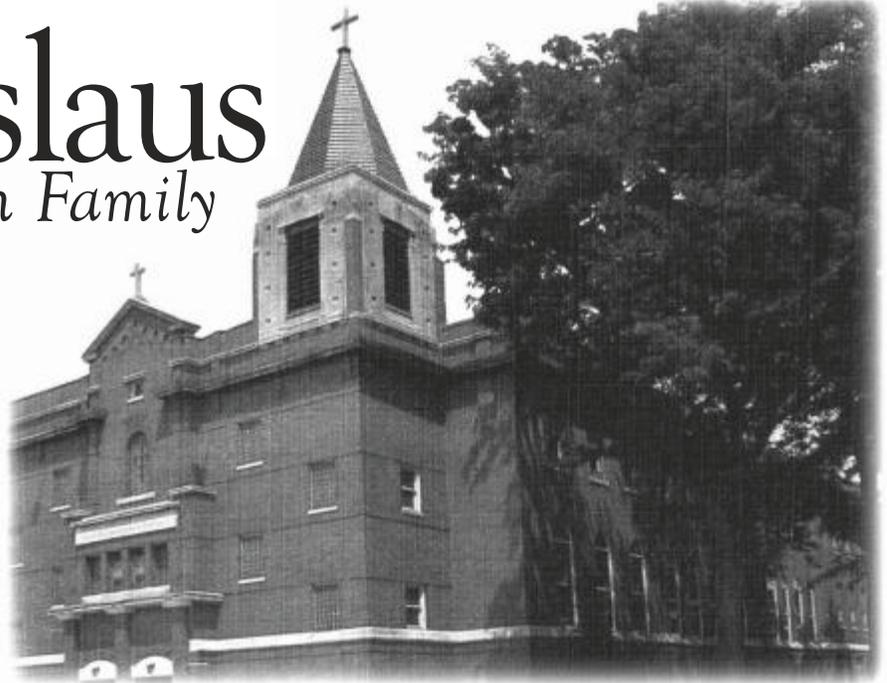
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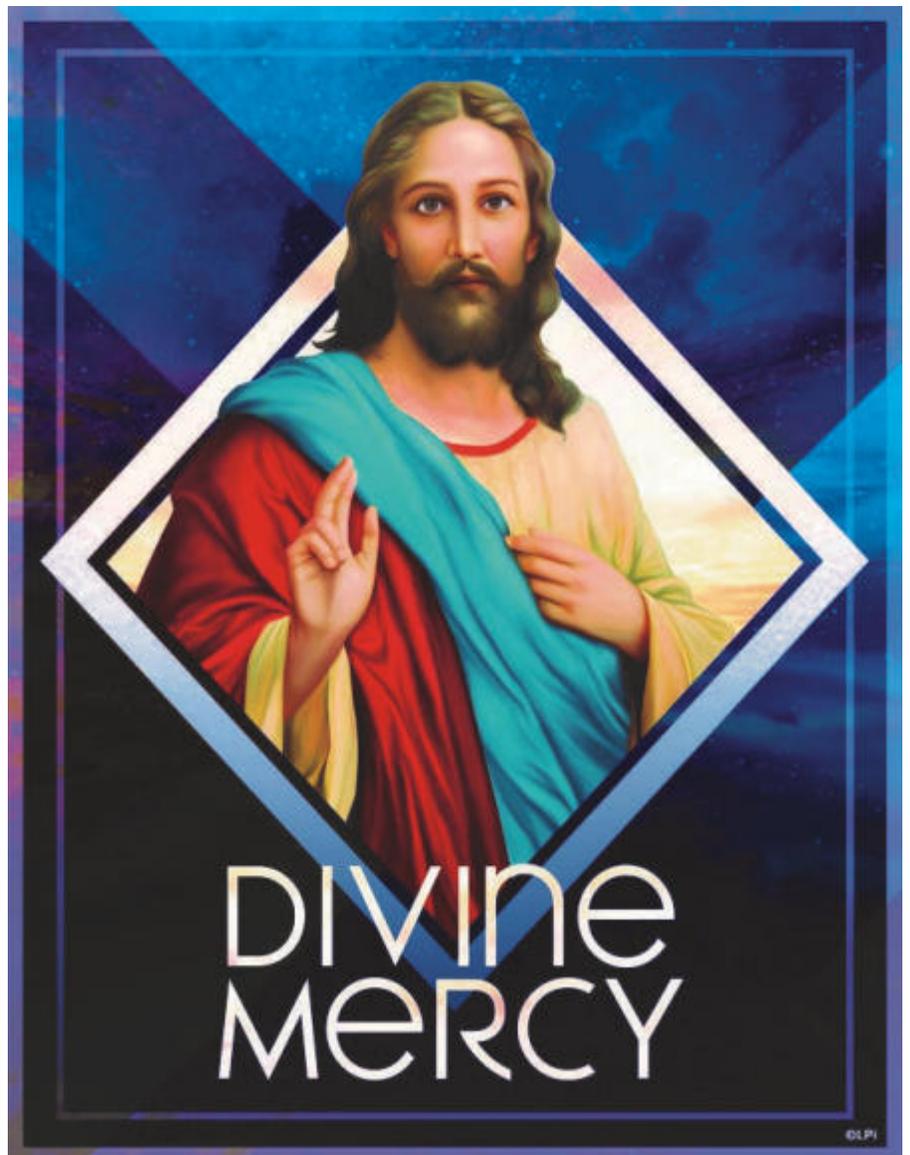
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Liturgical Notes for the Week

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ is Risen' He is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy Easter! We wish each other this joyful greeting on Easter Sunday - and yet, for us Catholics, Easter is so much more than a single celebration. Easter is so important that we cannot celebrate it in one day. To fully celebrate THE EASTER SEASON IT TAKES FIFTY DAYS, or a Pentecost (the Greek word for fifty). And each one of these fifty days, in fact, *is* Easter. That is why the Church speaks of the Sundays of Easter, rather than the Sundays after Easter. AND WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE DURING THIS FIFTY DAY ALLELUIA? Jesus' resurrection from the dead, his eternal and everlasting victory over death, and the gift of salvation poured out upon the world. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#638) reminds us, "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith." The heart of our very identity as Christians is this belief that God has radically changed the universe in the birth, life, Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Easter Time is also the season of mystagogy. It is a time for catechizing those who were initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Moreover, though, it is a time for these "neophytes" and the entire community "together to grow in deepening their grasp of the paschal mystery and in making it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist, and doing the works of charity." This deepening can happen in many ways, but the primary moment is the Sunday Mass and the daily Scripture Readings particularly those assigned for each day of the Easter Octave. Reflection on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary as well as The Easter Stations of Light. Calling to mind with Mary the awesomeness of the Paschal Mystery through praying the Regina Caeli Queen of Heaven hymn's words which are substituted for the Angelus prayer during this season.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!

Because the Son you were chosen to bear, alleluia!

Has risen, as he said, alleluia!

Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

Because the Lord is truly risen, alleluia!

O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may enjoy the happiness of eternal life, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Old-timers will tell of how "the horses stopped to pray" when the Angelus bell rang. Back when horses pulled the plow, the farmer would bring them to a halt when the church bell rang so that he could pray the Angelus. The horses became accustomed to this and would stop on their

own at the sound of the bell. Some farmers say that the horses even bowed their heads during the prayer. Can we people of horsepower educate ourselves to do the same?

Today is also called The Sunday of Divine Mercy, it was 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" (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, May 23, 2000). 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. Many pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day at 3:00 pm. Today if possible, try praying it.

Jesus Promises Great Graces Through these prayers:

O Blood and Water,

Which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
As a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (3x)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

On rosary beads. begin:

Our Father, Hail Mary, the Creed.

On the Our Father beads, pray:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary beads, pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

In conclusion, pray three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

This week our parish's 19 Confirmation candidates will be participating in a retreat time in preparation for their Pentecost sacrament which Bishop McClory will administer on Thursday April 22nd here at St. Stan's. Please remember them in your prayers!



Scripture Reflection

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God’s mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God’s mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God’s mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin. “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,” Pope Francis continues. God’s all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ’s resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life’s imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn’t matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives. Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God’s mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God’s mercy, allow the wind of God’s presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

Inspiration For The Week

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God’s life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

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Everyday Stewardship

They say seeing is believing. But if you’ve ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that’s not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons. The Apostle Thomas, who couldn’t bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He’s not believing the hype. He’s going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction. Would any of us be any different? We’ve all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven’t seen it with our own two eyes? That’s when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants. It’s easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, “you didn’t believe the testimony of your friends!” But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves? Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can’t be seen with the naked eye. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

Second Sunday of Easter (or Divine Mercy)

April 11, 2021

“The doors were locked.” “Peace be with you.” “There was no needy person among them.” “His mercy endures for ever.” “His commandments are not burdensome.” Locked doors cannot keep Jesus away. He speaks peace to us, even in these COVID-19 days. Because he is peace among us - no one has need. Because he is full and overflowing with mercy - nothing is a burden.

- ◆ How will I manifest peace, be peace this Easter week?
- ◆ How will I show mercy, be mercy this week?
- ◆ Whose burden will I ease?



APRIL 11, 2021 •
DIVINE MERCY

Monday, April 12

Tuesday, April 13 - St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

Wednesday, April 14

Thursday, April 15

Friday, April 16

Saturday, April 17

4:30pm †Frances Radzinski - Birthday int. Joan Gajdos
 †Julia A. Lelek int. Sophia & Diane Kania
 Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

Sunday, April 18, 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30am †Casimir Radziwiecki int. Teresa Radziwiecki and Family
 †Dorothy Szczepanski int. St. Stan's Rosary Sodality

Quote from Pope Francis

Jesus' attitude is striking: we do not hear the words of scorn, we do not hear words of condemnation, but only words of love, of mercy, which are an invitation to conversation. "Neither do I condemn you: go, and do not sin again." Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience, patience with us. He understands us. He waits for us. He does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart. "Great is God's mercy," says the Psalm.



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Why are priests transferred from one parish to another? How is that decided?

Answer: Bishops take the appointment of pastors to parishes very seriously and the decision to assign or transfer priests is one of the most important decisions bishops can make, effecting the lives of everyone in the parish community. In 1984, the bishops of the United States implemented a six-year term limit for pastors (which can be renewed by bishop); term limits for associate pastors vary from diocese to diocese. Sometimes a particular priest is assigned to a parish or chaplaincy to respond to specific issues (such as a parish merger, a fundraising campaign, or because he has special qualifications that make him a good fit for the community). In the case of new or recently ordained priests, the vibrancy and diversity, the presence of a school, or certain social programs offer invaluable training and ongoing formation. In making their decisions regarding the placement of priests, most bishops rely on a priest personnel committee or a council of priests. There is also a period of dialogue with the priest(s) who will be moved, sometimes even including an extended period of discernment and self-assessment, helping to be as sure as possible that the assignment of a priest to a particular community will truly benefit the people and be a healthy one for the priest himself.

Question Of The Week

First Reading:

Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

Second Reading:

John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

Gospel:

The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?



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