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MASS SCHEDULE

St. John Vianney

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm

Wednesday: 5:00-5:30pm
or by appointment

Holy Family

Sunday: 11:00am

Tuesday: 6:30pm

Reconciliation

Tuesday: 6:00-6:20pm
or by appointment

Holyday Masses As Announced

ST. JOHN VIANNEY
902 St. John Dr, Sherman

April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter



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HOLY FAMILY
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

Some time I have wondered whether God is punishing us with COVID-19 pandemic. I have even heard some people saying that the pandemic is God's punishment for our sins. Friends, this is certainly not true at all! How can the God who so loved us that He gave us His only Beloved Son punish us with a pandemic? How can the God who sacrificed His only Son in order to save us from eternal death contradict Himself by sending us a deadly virus? How can the Son of God who, while suffering on the cross, asked His Father to forgive us, now ask the Father to punish us?

Dear friends, the primary aim of our God is saving souls and not the business of killing souls. God is in the work of saving souls because of His loving mercy. Therefore, as we celebrate the feast of God's Divine Mercy Sunday today, may God take away from our minds and hearts all fears of divine punishment and fill us with His grace of mercy. It is true that sin creates a gap between us and God, He bridges the gap with His loving mercy. For this reason, Pope Francis says that Divine Mercy is "the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness." In other words, the Pope says that Divine Mercy is "the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us." So, beloved, God comes to meet us with mercy and not punishment.

One of the most moving stories came to us on October 6, 2006, when an armed man entered an Amish school in, Pennsylvania. He chased out the little boys and lined up the 10 little girls in front of the blackboard. He shot all of them and then killed himself. Five of the girls died. After the police left, the families of the fallen came and carried their slain children home. They removed their bloody clothes and washed the bodies. They sat for a time and mourned their beloved children. After a while they walked to the home of the man who killed their children. They told his widow they forgave her husband for what he had done, and they consoled

her for the loss of her spouse. They buried their anger before they buried their children. Amish Christians teach us that forgiveness is central. They believe in a real sense that God's forgiveness of themselves depends on their extending forgiveness to other people. That is what the mercy of God is all about. That mercy is why we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus demonstrated divine mercy by washing the feet of the rest of the Apostles and feeding them at the Last Supper.

Friends, even today, Jesus, because of His great mercy, continues to wash the feet of those who deny or desert Him. Jesus knows that after washing, not just our feet, but our souls in baptism we will sometimes deny Him by not confidently or publicly expressing our faith in Jesus; or we will sometimes desert Him by our unfaithfulness, yet Jesus washes away our sins. Furthermore, even today, Jesus, because of His great mercy, continues to feed those who deny or desert Him. Jesus knows that after feeding us with His most precious Body and Blood, we will sometimes deny or desert Him, yet He continues to feed us, because of His great mercy.

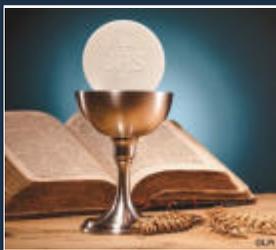
Again, Jesus demonstrated divine mercy by forgiving, while in great pain on the cross, those who betrayed, denied, deserted, falsely accused, mercilessly tortured, unjustly condemned, heartlessly crucified, and unfairly mocked Him. Friends, even today, Jesus continues to demonstrate divine mercy by showing us kindness and forgiving us, despite the pain our sins cause His Sacred Heart. Furthermore, how can the Lord, who foresaw and predicted the denial by Peter, who responded that he would die with the Lord but actually failed to do so, say to them: "Peace be with you" (John 20:21); This is truly the demonstration of divine mercy!

Friends, to conclude, I wish to recall a command of our Lord which is so dear to Pope Francis: 'Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful' (Luke 6:36). This verse should guide how we always relate with family, friends, and other neighbors.

Thank you and God Bless you all,

Fr. George Nellikunnel

Please note: Masks are required at ALL times while inside the church, except at the moment of receiving the Body of Christ.



It's time... welcome back to Mass

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki announced that, effective April 11, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will be modified to be limited to the following groups:

Those 65 years of age or older; Those at risk for severe illness due to underlying medical conditions as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Those who care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed; Those women who are pregnant; Those who cannot be accommodated at Mass because the church was at safe-distancing capacity. Those who are sick or came in contact with someone with COVID-19/flu are obligated to stay home and are therefore excused.

All other Catholics not in those categories in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, effective April 11, beginning with the Saturday anticipated Masses the evening before. Answers to questions can be found at dio.org/backtomass.



HOLY FAMILY

Bible Study



Please note: Bible Study
is POSTPONED
and will resume on
Wednesday, April 21st



Thank you for all the beautiful cards, kind words, prayers, Masses, and other expressions of sympathy on the loss of our parents and grandparents, Ben and Monique Gaston. They are greatly appreciated. ~ The Gaston family



Dive Deep - Podcast Running for a Higher Purpose

<https://podcast.dio.org/>

Eight steps to spiritual and physical fitness – that’s the theme of Bishop Thomas John Paprocki’s

new book, *Running for a Higher Purpose*, now available for purchase at holyygoalie.net. Perfect for runners, Bishop Paprocki joins Dive Deep to explain why the book may be exactly what you need to give your spiritual and physical well-being a boost. Also, don’t miss your opportunity to learn how you could win a free, signed copy of the book!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



April Calendar

Sunday, April 11, 2021
Junior High Youth Group
4:00-5:30pm in the AC

Sunday, April 18, 2021
Senior High Youth Group
4:00-5:30pm in the AC

Sunday, April 25, 2021
Combined Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
3:00-5:00pm in the AC

Contact Molly Ishmael with any questions at 217.416.1246 or mnh82@hotmail.com.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Eye Has Not Seen

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?

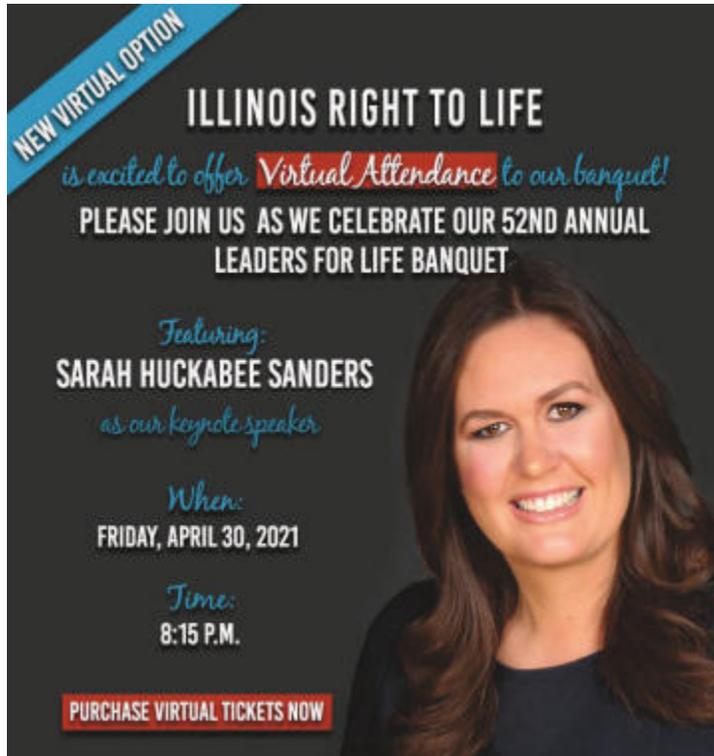
That’s when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

Monday, April 12

Easter Weekday

8:00am— Norma Jean Darovec †

Tuesday, April 13

Easter Weekday

8:00am— Fr. George & Fr. Maurice

HF 6:30pm— James R. Smith †

Wednesday, April 14

Easter Weekday

6:00pm— Anna Eleyidath †

Thursday, April 15

Easter Weekday

8:00am— All Souls †

Friday, April 16

Easter Weekday

8:00am— Norman Welker †

Saturday, April 17

Vigil

5:00pm— For the People (Pro Populo)

Sunday, April 18

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am— Catholic War Veterans †

HF 11:00am— Deceased Members of the Jensen Family

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 17 — 8:00am (St. John Vianney)

Lector: Patty Vaughn

Sacristan: Cliff Shehorn

Sunday, April 18 — 9:00am (St. John Vianney)

Lector: Terry Willis

Sacristan: John Barrett

Sunday, April 18 — 11:00am (Holy Family)

Lectors: Randra Church(L) Phyllis Muller (P)

SUNDAY'S READINGS EXCERPTS

First Reading:

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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Sunday, April 11

St. John Vianney: 7:30am Parish Council Meeting
4:00pm Junior High Youth Group
5:00pm Mass (all welcome)

Tuesday, April 13

Holy Family: 2:00-5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Rosary

Wednesday, April 14

St. John Vianney: 7:00am - 6:00pm Adoration
5:30pm Rosary

Sunday, April 18

St. John Vianney: 4:00pm Senior High Youth Group



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Friday, April 16th ~ 5:00 - 7:00pm
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St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING April 3 & 4, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,023.00
WeShare Donations	\$1,355.00
Loose Collections	<u>\$45.00</u>
Total	\$5,423.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,788.46
Weekly Surplus / Shortfall	\$634.54
Capital Improvements	\$155.00
Building & Maintenance	\$230.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Seminarians	\$275.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$350.00
Catholic Times	\$15.00

Holy Family WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING April 4, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,542.00
WeShare Donations	\$5.00
Loose Donations	<u>\$426.00</u>
Total	\$1,973.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,377.69
Weekly Surplus / Shortfall	\$595.31
Building Fund	\$415.00
Easter	\$365.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$505.00
Seminarians	\$150.00

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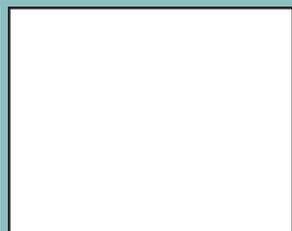
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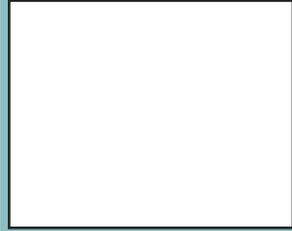
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