



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:28-29

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Mass Times

Saturday 4:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
Sunday 8:00am	St. Joseph
Sunday 10:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes
Tuesday 5:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday 8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes
Thursday 8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday 8:30am	St. Joseph

**2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 24, 2022**

Sacramental Celebrations

Baptism: Parents attend a preparation class at least one month prior to the Baptism date. Call the Parish Office to register.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 10:00-10:30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, or by appointment with the pastor.

Marriages: Contact Parish Office at least six months prior to planned wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Individual arrangements can be made with the pastor. Call the Parish Office.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Acts 5:12-16 – With the resurrection of Jesus salvation history and Jesus' ministry entered the second phase. In the first readings of the Easter Season, we hear from the Acts of the Apostles. We do not have any reading from the Old Testament. We hear how the Church grew and spread beyond Jerusalem.

Our reading today summarizes how things were conducted in Jerusalem during the earliest apostolic times. The reading begins with the words: "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles." One of the places where the apostles used to gather was in the portico of Solomon. This was public knowledge. While some may have gone there to join them, others feared the reactions of the Jewish leaders. People who believed in the divine powers displayed by the apostles used to bring their sick for miraculous cures. As the Church grew, soon the apostles would be faced with one question: Was it necessary to be a Jew first in order to be a Christian? This would be shown later to Peter in a vision (Acts 10) that all are welcome to believe in Christ.

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 – This is a commissioning vision that the speaker, who calls himself John, had received earlier. He was caught up and commissioned by God. The function of the vision was that (1) It clarified the nature of his task; and (2) It conferred divine authority upon him. The writer also identifies himself as a Christian and a companion in the suffering that they endured for the sake of their faith.

"The Lord's Day" refers to the day of the week or the "Day of the resurrection of the Lord," which now had replaced the Sabbath for prayers. The Vision: There is one like the Son of Man in the middle of seven free standing golden lampstands (see Daniel 7:13), dressed in rich robes, with a golden sash. In this vision, the Son of Man is also the "first and last." John, the writer, was frightened to death, and he was told "do not be afraid" (see Lk 1:13, 30; 2:10). This mysterious figure identifies himself as "the First and Last" (Is 44:6), the living God (Ps 42:1). He was once dead, but now lives forever. These are all references to Christ!

Finally, it is clear that the vision is meant for the Church members, which is indicated by instructing him to write down all that he sees will happen in the future.

John 20:19-31 – There are two resurrection appearance accounts in today's gospel reading and in both accounts Thomas is a key character. In the first, Thomas is not present while in the second he is present. Both appearances are on the first day of the week, eight days apart. In both appearances, Jesus comes while the doors are locked "for fear of the Jews." Some common details in both cases: (1) Both occur on the first day of the week; (2) The doors are locked; (3) Jesus comes and greets "peace be with you;" (4) He calls attention to His wounds, to prove that He is real, and not a ghost.

Here there is a change of time of worship. In the past, till just before the day of the resurrection, worship was on the Sabbath, the LAST day of the week when people rested from all other works. But now it is on the FIRST DAY of the week, when Jesus appears to them while they are gathered for prayer.

In the first appearance, Jesus comes when Thomas is absent. Thomas comes back after Jesus has appeared to the disciples for the first time, and refuses to believe them unless he sees Him. On the second occasion, eight days later, Thomas is present and the appearance of Jesus makes him come up with a prayer of "my God and my Lord!" After Jesus' reproach and Thomas' confession of the faith in Jesus and His divinity, the apostles were commissioned to go out, to declare salvation and judgement. Thomas represents the second generation that would later depend on the witness' testimony for them to believe.

According to the reading, it is in the evening of the first day of the week, the day of the resurrection, that the Holy Spirit is bestowed to the disciples; they are commissioned to go forth and declare salvation and judgement. The commission, although spoken by Jesus, actually comes from God the Father. For Jesus said "As the Father sent me, so I send you..." The reading echoes the Trinitarian formula. The breathing recalls Genesis 2:7 at creation of the world; and the restoration of Israel in Ezekiel 37:9. In the two appearances, Jesus wishes the apostles peace. "Peace be with you", which He repeats three times. Then, He breathes on them and gives the spirit and confers on them the power to forgive sins.

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THEMES – Where is Jesus to be found? (1) In the community of believers; (2) In those who evangelize; (3) In the forgiveness of sins; (4) In the realization and manifestation of Christ’s physical wounds.

THANK YOU ALL:

On behalf of the parishioners, I thank all who decorated the Churches for the Easter celebrations, The choir and those who provided music for the Vigil and 8:00 AM Masses; those who were involved in the egg-hunt exercise and anybody who did something in view of the Easter celebrations. Thanks, too, to those who sent me cards.

Fr. Celestine Byekwaso
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PARISH LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 24 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

- * 2:00pm Confessions, OLOL
- * 2:45pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, OLOL
- * 3:00pm Divine Mercy Sunday Mass, OLOL

Monday, April 25

- * 6:30pm Adults with Special Needs Bible Study, HFPC

Tuesday, April 26

- * 10:00am Bible Reflection, JPll
- * 6:00pm Parish Council Meeting, HFPC

Thursday, April 28

- * 6:00pm Choir Practice, OLOL

Saturday, April 30

- * 9:00am First Reconciliation/First Communion retreat, HFPC

Sunday, May 1

- * First Communion during 10:00am Mass, OLOL

**Sacrificial Giving
April 4 - 17, 2022**

Total Income	\$ 18,935
Restricted Contributions.....	
*Improvement Fund	\$ 310
*Improvement Fund - St. Joseph	\$ 130
*Good Samaritan	\$ 260
*Flowers	\$ 355
*Holy Thursday Good Samaritan	\$ 780
*Good Friday Holy Land	\$ 1,446
Year to Date Budgeted/Envelope Collection	\$ 379,615
Year to Date Actual vs Budgeted Collection	\$ 3,977
Bishop’s Appeal	91% of Goal Reached!

PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Parish Book Club will have their next meeting on **Monday, May 2, at 4:00pm** in the Holy Family Parish Center. We will be reading *When Harry Met Minnie* by Martha Teichner. For more information contact Jacki Hass at (715) 732-0063.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for a part time secretary for the Parish Office to help with duties such as greeting visitors, data entry, proof-reading the bulletin, updating records, assist with filing and other duties. We anticipate that this position would work about 16 hours weekly. Please contact Fr. Celestine or Dcn. Dave if you are interested.

MEETING REMINDER



The next Altar Society Meeting is **Thursday, May 5** at 5:30pm in the Holy Family Parish Center. We will be having a pizza party. This will be our final meeting until September. The chair for this meeting is Kathy Denby.



BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Ecumenical Bible Study for Adults with Special Needs will meet next on **Monday, April 25** from 6:30 - 8:00pm at the Holy Family Parish Social Center. Bible Study: John 21:1-19. All are welcome! Helpers and students needed!

Please call Ann LaFleur (715) 938-5005, Kim Duffrin (906) 290-1575, or Ann Walters (715) 735-7194 with any questions.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

It is that time of year when the finance council starts putting together our budget for next year. Thank you for the generous support over this last year. Our year end is looking good compared to budget. If anyone has any input or suggestions for the budget for this coming year please let me know. It is always welcome and helpful.

Over the past years the amount of support the church gives to the school has been a question. We have gone from 60% of the revenue down to under 40%. We are working on getting it down to 35%. This is a guideline set by the Bishop for subsidy to the school. Thanks to school choice, the amount the school gets for each student has helped their budget immensely.

Thank you,
Kenneth King, Finance Council Chairman



Hi Faith Formation Families!

Faith Formation has ended for the 2021/2022 year and I want to thank you for another wonderful year! Registration for the 2022/2023 year will open in August.

Our First Reconciliation/First Communion retreat for our 2nd grade parishioners will be on Saturday, April 30th from 9am-12pm at the parish hall. At least one parent should be present. First Communion will occur at the 10am Mass on May 1st.

Jeri Keepers
Faith Formation Coordinator
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We are pleased to announce that **Jocelyn Vincent** and **Eric Odom** completed their initiation into the Catholic Church last week at the Easter Vigil. It has been truly inspiring to witness their commitment and growth during this part of their faith journey.

We are also grateful for their sponsors—Julie Willie, Heather Bahl, and Kevin Bahl—and for the support of our parishioners.

Anyone considering full membership in the Catholic Church can begin the RCIA process at any time. Just contact Jane Mattsen at the parish office.

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Congratulations to Ariel Newbury who was our **Elementary Student of the Month** for March! The quality of the month was **Truth**. Ariel was chosen for her truthfulness, honesty, and kindness.



There is a **Pancake Breakfast** this weekend on Sunday from 8-11:30am in the STAA High School Gym sponsored by the Catholic Central Athletic Club. All proceeds will benefit STAA athletics.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy is hosting a **Step-Up Day** on Tuesday, April 26 for current 5th grade students in our community who are interested in attending the Academy. Students will have the opportunity to shadow classes and get a feel for what it is like to be a 6th grade student at STAA. Please contact the office at (715) 735-7481 for more information!



The Home & School Committee will be sponsoring a **Rummage Sale** on Saturday, May 7 in the STAA High School Gym from 8am – Noon. Gently used donations for the sale may be dropped off during the week of May 2-6 at the STAA Marinette Campus from 7am – 3pm.




OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Monday: St. Mark, Evangelist
Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Friday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day


READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022



Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/
Jn 20:19-31
Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19




Please join us in congratulating **Aleah Swanson** (granddaughter of Reenie & Tom Thill) who received her First Holy Communion last weekend. May God guide you and protect you as you continue to grow in your faith!



Best wishes to **Jocelyn & Dan Vincent** who were recently married at Holy Family Parish. We pray for God's abundant blessings on this couple as they begin their faith journey together.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		
April 30 & May 1, 2022		
4:00pm	8:00am	10:00am
Readers/Proclaimers		
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Shirley Felch	Matt Duffrin	Jason Koenigs
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Volunteer	Volunteer	Andy Walters



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23
4:00pm (V-LOL) †Agnes Sauve
(Ted Sauve)

Sunday, April 24 (Divine Mercy Sunday)
8:00am (SJ) †Jeff Miller, Sr
(Melanie Dugre)
10:00am (LOL) †Carol Larson
(Beverly Wiloff & Family)
3:00pm (LOL) †Agnes Kulick
(Pauline Erdman)

Tuesday, April 26
5:30pm (LOL) †Trisha
(Dave Elliott)

Wednesday, April 27
8:30am (LOL) †William Butman
(Jeanette Butman)
3:00PM (REN) †Residents and Staff of
The Renaissance

Thursday, April 28
8:30am (LOL) †Delores Gill
(Dave & Patti Vieth)

Friday, April 29
8:30am (SJ) †Deacon Jerome Thetreau
(Dave & Kathy Denby)

Saturday, April 30
4:00pm (V-LOL) †Agnes Sauve
(Midge & Wayne Wilke)

Sunday, May 1
8:00am (SJ) †John Peters
(David & Jeanne Harper)
10:00am (LOL) †Living & Deceased Members
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2:00pm Confessions
2:45pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00pm Mass

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