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We seek to know, love, and serve God
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MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

SAT. April 10 5:00 PM Mass †Richard Angeli

SUN. April 11 8:00 AM Mass †Trevor Farrell
10:00 AM Mass For the Parish

TUES. April 13 5:15 PM Mass †Norman & Jim
Godfrey

WED. April 14 8:15 AM Mass †Richard Hosier

THUR. April 15 8:15 AM Mass For all Seminarians &
Novices
12:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

FRI. April 16 8:15 AM Mass †Roger Mueller

SAT. April 17 5:00 PM Mass For the Living &
Deceased Members of the Salamone &
Unate Families

SUN. April 18 8:00 AM Mass For the Parish
10:00 AM Mass †Bill & Jeanie Lasch

HOLY ROSARY

Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary half an
hour before every Mass, weekends and weekdays.

CONFESSION

Saturdays 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Sundays.....7:30 - 7:45 AM & 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Appointment.....Call Fr. Tim anytime

MEMBERSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office to register as a member.
Contact Fr. Tim to inquire about baptism or marriage.
Call or email Father Tim for the Anointing of the Sick.
Active parishioners may inquire about a *quinceañera*



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he 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." - Jn 20:27

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APRIL 11, 2021

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2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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.

March Financial Report:

	2021	2020
Parish Offertory	\$34,905.74	\$35,055.01
School Income	\$37,851.93	\$51,336.16
Cemetery Income	\$835.00	\$1,670.00
Misc. Donations, Endowments, etc.	\$26,186.78	\$19,890.74
Gross Income	\$99,779.45	\$107,951.91
Gross Expense	\$115,845.83	\$108,683.02
Net Loss	[\$16,066.38]	[\$731.11]

Do we believe that God's love is infinitely more powerful, his mercy more tender than the evil of sin, than all the hatred, conflicts, and tensions that are dividing the world? Do we believe that God's love is more powerful than the most powerful bombs and guns ever made by human hands and minds?



St. Teresa of Calcutta

Please pray for the intentions on our St. Joseph Prayer Chain.



Stewardship Report

Offertory Collection March 2021: \$25,618.25.
 March EFTs: \$ 7,410.00.
 March On-Line Giving: \$2,735.00.
 Budget needed per week: \$9,577.00
 Budget needed per month: \$41,500.00
 Budget needed per year: \$498,00.00.

Thank you for your support. Fr. Tim

The *Knights of Columbus* are continuing their 40 Cans drive for the next few weeks in order to meet their goal of 250 cases of food. Donations can be dropped in the offertory baskets or the parish office.

Checks should be made out to KC Council 3396. Thank you to all who have donated thus far.



Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. The next virtual

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 23-25 or join us for an in person Weekend on June 25-27 in Geneva, IL or August 20-22 in Madison WI.

For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.



DEEPEN YOUR FAITH WITH THE CATHOLIC HERALD Issue of April 15, 2021

This week's *Catholic Herald* features a section dedicated to National Volunteer Week. Bishop Donald J. Hy-ing also offers his reflections in his weekly column "From the Bishop's Desk."

Compassionate, gratuitous services available for divorced Catholics and those in irregular marriage situations

In an effort to improve our diocesan ministry to divorced Catholics and those in irregular marriage situations, our diocesan tribunal has expanded its services to include a Pre-Petition Case Advisor.

A Pre-Petition Case Advisor accompanies an individual through the discernment process following a divorce by explaining the Church's teaching on marriage, making a personal assessment of any moral and canonical remedies available, and providing assistance in petitioning for a declaration of nullity (commonly referred to as an annulment).

Amy Klarkowski has stepped into this role of Pre-Petition Case Advisor. If you or anyone you know has questions about marriage nullity or how to petition for a declaration of nullity, contact Ms. Klarkowski directly at (608) 821-3068 or send an email to amy.klarkowski@madisondiocese.org. The information you provide will be kept confidential and services are always at no cost to you.

The Lord is risen; He is risen indeed!

We can celebrate the Lord's resurrection with our beautiful mosaics hung in the sanctuary! Just a reminder, my thoughts on this plan of updating the sanctuary wall were that it would first be beautiful. Beauty is what we call a transcendental along with goodness, and truth because they transcend space and time. Beauty raises the mind to something more—you may have pondered a beautiful sunset and thought to yourself, there must be more to life than this world. *God is beauty*, and so when we experience true, objective beauty, it raises our mind to the Divine Artist who is reflected in His beautiful creation.

The sanctuary of the church where we bring Heaven to earth every time Mass is celebrated should reflect that beauty both to have a dignified space for this to happen and as a reminder to us of the awesome wonder that is taking place here.

My second principle was that I wanted there to be continuity with the history of St. Joseph Parish. The mosaic that was in the sanctuary at the last church, which is now in the gathering space is striking. Producing new mosaics for the sanctuary ties in the history of the parish and continues the style of our whole campus which already had three major mosaics. In determining what the images would be, I wanted them to be Eucharistic images. The lamb recalls the Passover lamb and the Exodus of the Israelites and finds its fulfillment in Revelation as the true Lamb of God who takes His place on the throne in the true Promised Land. The pelican is an ancient Christian symbol: in legend, if a pelican is not able to find its babies food, it will pick flesh from itself and feed it to them. The peacock is another ancient Christian symbol; there was a *non-Christian* belief that if you ate the flesh of a peacock you would have eternal life; eating the flesh of the Son of God gives eternal life. The deer represents *us* from psalm 42, "As a deer longs for running streams, so my soul longs for you my God". Like the deer, we yearn for God who satisfies our hunger in the Eucharist.

The side panels match the crosses on the sides of the mosaic in the gathering space, keeping the continuity with our other mosaics and the previous church. Even though the project is not completed yet as the mosaics will be framed and some touch-up painting needs to be done, I think you would agree with me that the sanctuary looks truly heavenly! Thank you to Josh Winner for creating the mosaics, seminarian Mark Foley for painting the stencil work, Andy Koehler for installing and framing the mosaics, and to all of you who financially supported this project. I truly appreciate your work and generosity.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Tim

St Joseph School

News 'n Notes

St. Joseph Catholic School is so very blessed with its dedicated teachers, students, staff, families and parishioners. We are fortunate in very many ways and need to say thank you to all for their support, care and help that made the 2020-21 school year a possibility. As we finish out the year St. Joseph style, we continue to pray for our St. Joseph Catholic School.

Loving God,

You rule the world with mercy and justice and care for all things great and small.

Cover our school with your unfailing love and keep us safe and healthy.

Protect all students, teachers, staff, and our families from sickness;

Give us courage to live our lives without fear;

Make this school a shining example of faith in action and give us compassion to always care for others.

Through the intercession of Holy Mary, Health of the Sick and Queen of Families, may this year continue to be filled with joy so that we all may grow in wisdom and grace. We ask all things through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessings to you all,
Kari R. Homb, Principal



SJS Blooming Plants Sale: Impatiens, Begonias, and Geranium Combos

In this time of social distancing and staying at home, we need a little something to brighten our days. What brightens better than flowers.

St. Joseph School announces their Spring Blooming Plant Sale. Orders can be emailed to the school, sent with students, or dropped off in the basket on the church Scrip table.

Order deadline is April 27th and plant pick-up is Friday, May 7, 2-4 pm and Saturday, May 8, 1-3 pm in the school parking lot. Payment due at pick-up. Make checks out to SJS.

Questions? Email the school office at:

sjssecretary@stjosephfort.org.



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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



Scrip

Support our School!

Live the Gospel 52 Sundays a year

St. John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told St. Faustina Kowalska, "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." This day is a chance to reflect on the mercy of God in our lives. Pray the chaplet today using a rosary:



- Sign of the Cross
- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Apostles Creed

*On the Our Father beads say: ***Eternal Father, I offer you the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.***

*On the Hail Mary beads say: ***For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.***

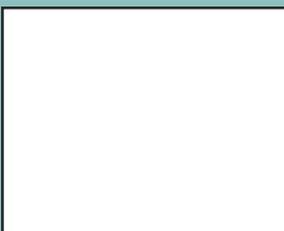
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Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

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