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Welcome to the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Our parishioners, the parish staff and I, as rector, hope that your visit to our church will be a prayerful time while at the Mayo Clinic or while you are visiting our city for any other reason. We encourage you to consider the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist as your church away from home. If we may serve you with any of your needs please do not hesitate to contact us at the Parish Center.

The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Community is committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ as we partner with the city and our neighbor, the Mayo Clinic. If you have recently moved to our city and desire to join the parish community, please find a form on our web page and register as a member. Together we pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us in being a welcoming Catholic community.

> Fr. Jerry Mahon Rector





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Jesus, I Trust In You

In the late 1970s, there were few outside of Poland who were aware of the private revelations given by our Lord to a young Polish nun, Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, in the 1930s. Jesus had revealed to her that God wanted to give humanity one last opportunity to take advantage of His mercy before the day of judgment arrived when Christ would return in glory at the end of time:

Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. Tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near.(Diary, 965).I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.(Diary, 699)I want to grant a complete pardon to these souls...on the Feast of My mercy.(Diary, 1109).

For more than 40 years, however, this message from Heaven remained hidden from the world. The Vatican had received a poor translation of Faustina's Diary and it was viewed with suspicion. Then, on October 16, 1978, something very unusual happened in the Sistine Chapel: for the first time since 1523, a non-Italian was elected to the Chair of St. Peter. Cardinal Karol Józef Wojtyła of Kraków became the first pope ever from Poland. He might not have been the first choice among the cardinals at that conclave, but he clearly was the individual that God wanted to bring His offer of mercy to the world, and to put Divine Mercy Sunday on the Church's universal calendar.

The gift that is available to us on the Second Sunday of Easter sounds like just another opportunity for an indulgence, but it's actually far greater than that. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul. Graces from Divine Mercy Sunday return a soul to its baptismal state (i.e., to the state it was right after you were baptized). The sacrament of Baptism wipes away all sin, as well as the temporal punishment that is owed for sins (the reason why Purgatory exists). Every year on Divine Mercy Sunday, I'm given the opportunity by God to completely start over; to forget about my past mistakes and to begin anew.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father's mercy was always available to his younger son. However, the father needed his son to return home first (seeking forgiveness) before that mercy could be given and received (Luke 15:11-32). Similarly, on Good Friday, mercy and forgiveness were also available to both thieves. Only one chose to accept it (Luke 23:32-43). I have to do my part in order to take advantage of the incredible mercy that God wants to extend to me as well.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

If you're reading this on Divine Mercy Sunday and haven't been to Confession recently, you can still reap the benefits of today. Just go within the next week and a half. There's still time. According to the Marians of the Immaculate Conception– the guardians of the Divine Mercy message and devotion – you do NOT have to go to Confession on Divine Mercy Sunday itself. Spend a little time today venerating the image of Jesus that was given to St. Faustina: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, 48). Finally, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, while good, is also not necessary to receive the extraordinary graces available today.

On Saturday, April 2, 2005, at approximately 3:30 pm, John Paul II spoke his final words: "Allow me to depart to the house of the Father." He fell into a coma about four hours later. The Mass of the vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter commemorating Divine Mercy Sunday and the canonization of St. Faustina had just been celebrated at his bedside.

Leonard Moraglio Parishioner Lee.Moraglio@gmail.com



Congratulations to Olivia and Layne Noser on the baptism of their daughter, Penelope!

CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

"And I understood that the greatest attribute of God is love and mercy. It unites the creature with the Creator." - St. Faustina

Sunday, April 24th, join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday!

12:45pm - Video about St. Faustina in Zenk Hall.

2:00pm to 4:00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Quiet Prayer, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Benediction in the church.

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507-288-7372 - Parish Center www.sj.org stjohn@sj.org Most Reverend John M. Quinn Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester

MASS SCHEDULE Weekends: Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 9:30 & 11:15 am & 5:00 pm Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs 12:10 pm Fri. Word/Communion 12:10 pm RECONCILIATION Thursdays 11:30 am–12:00 noon Saturdays 3:30 -4:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesdays 3:00–4:00 pm PARISH CENTER HOURS Mon.-Thur. 8:00 am–4:30 pm Fri. 8:00 am–2:00 pm

NEW PARISHIONERS We welcome and invite all new parishioners. Pick up a registration form from the Parish Center or fill one out on our web page <u>www.sj.org</u>.

PARISH STAFF

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM

Baptism parent preparation is for each child as you anticipate celebrating the sacrament. The next gathering will be **Tuesday, May 17, 2022.** We encourage attendance in Baptism Formation prior to the birth of your child. Contact Megan Rodriguez 288-7372, ext. 4503 for registering & scheduling.

Seekers and RCIA

If you're interested in learning more about Christianity, looking to become Catholic, or hoping to receive Confirmation as an adult, we want to accompany you as you grow in faith. Please contact Deacon Randy Horlocker at (507) 288-7372, ext. 4501 or rhorlocker@sj.org.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Center six months prior to the date of the marriage for preparation requirements.

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH

Rochester Catholic Schools: 507-424-1817 Co-Cathedral of SJE Middle School: 507-282-5248

1st Reconciliation:

2nd Grade, winter

1st Eucharist:

2nd Grade, spring

Confirmation: 9th/10th Grade 9th Grade preparation begins with Year I 10th Grade preparation continues with Year II, confirmation in spring.

Grades K-8:

Wednesday evenings, (Sept.-April) 6:00-7:00 pm in the school. Contact Sharie Furst 288-7372 ext. 4510.

ADULT

Adult Formation intends to invite people into a relationship with Jesus that is informed by Church teachings and to equip individuals to share God's message of love. There are countless opportunities to participate. Contact Michelle Schmid at mschmid@sj.org or 507-288-7372 ext. 4518 to learn about opportunities.

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STEWARDSHIP

To keep the much-needed donation consistency for the operation of our Church, please consider mailing in your weekly envelopes or signing up for the convenience of Electronic Giving. It's easy and it's free. Simply go to our website, <u>sj.org</u> and click on Menu and then Contribute. From there you will create a sign-in and password. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Luke Miksanek at (507) 288-7372 x4502 or lmiksanek@sj.org.

LENTEN/EASTER FLORAL MEMORIALS

We invite you to remember or honor a loved one by making an offering for the flowers that will beautify our parish during the Easter season. Envelopes are available in the pews and at the parish center, and you may return them in the collection basket or at the parish center. A memorial insert will be included in the bulletin dated May 29 (Ascension of the Lord). Thank you for helping to create a beautiful environment for prayer and worship.



CHURCH HOURS

8am-5pm Monday-Friday 3pm-5:30pm - Saturday 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm on Sundays

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to **stjohn@sj.org** and we would be happy to hold you in prayer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for VBS June 27-July 1 from 9:15-11:00 am at St. Pius X! We are so excited to invite children ages 3 through the 4th grade to participate in VBS this summer. Once again, we will be partnering with St. Pius X to offer VBS and it will be taking place on their campus. You can register participants and sign up to volunteer online here: <u>https://bit.ly/37lteWn</u>. Contact Megan Rodriguez with any questions about participating or volunteering at <u>mrodriguez@sj.org</u>.

CHANNEL ONE VOLUNTEERING

Looking for a fun way to volunteer with a group of parishioners from the Co-Cathedral? We are happy to announce that a group will be heading to volunteer at Channel One to pack food. We will be heading over to Channel One on May 9th from 6pm to 8pm! You can sign up by following this link: <u>https://corfb.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=628285</u> Make an account with Channel One and select the **May 9th slot from 6pm**

to 8pm. You can also register by emailing Michelle Schmid at mschmid@sj.org. You must be 13 years or older to volunteer.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SEEDS OF WISDOM CORNER

The Ugandan government has more requirements to allow a group such as Seeds of Wisdom to operate in their country than were required in South Sudan. Since our students were not attending the schools provided within the refugee camps (and as we observed, there is more "attendance" happening at the camp schools than "learning"), we were required to go through a registration and review process. **Seeds of Wisdom is now formally registered as an international non-profit organization approved to operate in Uganda.** A representative from the Ugandan Office of the Prime Minister recently completed an inspection of our operations. They assessed our teaching as well as the health and well-being of our students. Our administrator there forwarded some of the remarks from the inspection – they were very positive and complimentary of our schools. The government representative was impressed and confirmed one more perspective that our students continue working hard under the guidance of well-trained teachers.



CAMP SUMMIT - AUGUST 1-4

Summer is just around the corner! We would love for your middle schooler to join us at Camp Summit 2022! Camp Summit is an overnight Catholic adventure camp for middle school youth entering grades 6-8. Nestled in the bluffs of Lanesboro, Minnesota, Camp Summit provides a fun, formative, and faith-filled experience for parish groups throughout the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. St. John's is excited to bring a parish group this year and would love to share more information with you. Please reach out to Megan Rodriguez at <u>mrodriguez@sj.org</u> if you have a child interested in joining us or if you are an adult interested in helping at Camp Summit! You can find more information here:

https:/www.campsummitwinona.org/

SYNOD CORNER

"St. John's helps remind me that I am part of a much bigger picture and is like a large extended family."

"Vatican II is so beautiful and a great vision to guide the church"

PARISH SYNOD UPDATE

The full report for our parish synod is available at <u>http://sj.org/parish-</u> <u>synod/</u>. The journey isn't over, even thought he official report is finished. Share your thoughts online with us. Since we had to provide a condensed version of the meeting in our report, each week we will highlight thoughts heard during the synod. The Diocesan synod process is complete, and a summary of all the parish reports is being compiled for the USCCB. We will share more information on the report in the coming weeks.

MASS READINGS WEEK OF APRIL 24

Sunday: 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 Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21 Next Sunday: 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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 23

4:30 pm Dale Wieck **|** Sunday, April 24

9:30 am People of the Parish 11:15 am Maggie DeStazio |

5:00 pm David Melduni

Monday, April 25

12:10 pm Alice N. Soewito **Tuesday, April 26**

12:10 pm Richard P. Daly +

Wednesday, April 27

12:10 pm Marilyn Dahl | Thursday, April 28

8:30 am Mary & John Cronin Family 12:10 pm Fiona Jade Lin Wong I

Friday, April 29

Saturday, April 30

4:30 pm Kamila Wysokinska +

Sunday, May 1

9:30 am William Zammit | 11:15 am People of the Parish 5:00 pm Maggie DeStazio |

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 24

9:30 am Mass 11:15 am Mass 5:00 pm Mass **Monday, April 25** 12:10 pm Mass **Tuesday, April 26** 12:10 pm Mass **Wednesday, April 27** 12:10 pm Mass 3:00-4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, April 28

8:30 am	School Mass
9:00 am	Catechesis of the
	Good Shepherd
11:30 am	Confession
12:10 pm	Mass
6:30 pm	RCIA
7:00 pm	CL School of

Community

Friday, April 29

12:10 pm Word/Communion Service

Saturday, April 30

- 10:00 am First Eucharist Review 3:30 pm Confession
- 4:30 pm Mass
- 5:30 pm KofC Tootsie Roll

Sunday, May 1

9:30 am Mass 10:30 am KofC Tootsie Roll 11:15 am Mass 2:00 pm Confirmation Mass 5:00 pm Mass

> Listen to Sunday's homily at <u>sj.org/homilies/</u>

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ST. JOHN'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN

The St. John's Knights of Columbus Council will be collecting donations and giving away Tootsie Rolls after all masses the weekend of **April 30th and May 1st.** All monies raised during this annual campaign will go to local groups supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities. Your support is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the members of Council 1013 and all those who are served by your generosity, thank you very much! The Knights of Columbus is an international organization of Catholic men who live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, and in their community. You can learn more by visiting <u>https://www.kofc.org/en//index.html</u> or by speaking with a knight after mass.

WISDOM TO CARE FOR THE EARTH

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, Founded on the covenant of your love. - *The Cry of the Earth*

O Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of and care for your Creation. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

O Lord, help us to recognize the sacredness of all of your Creatures as signs of your wondrous love. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

O Lord, help us turn from the selfish consumption of Resources meant for all and to see the impacts of our choices on the poor and vulnerable. *Lord, hear our prayer*

"Last week we met Pope Francis as part of the historical event, <u>Building</u> <u>Bridges: A Synodal Encounter between Pope Francis and University</u> <u>Students</u>. ...Inspired by faith and reason, we spoke about climate change as an issue that <u>profoundly worries our generation</u>...There is a Catholic theological foundation for us to act in caring for creation. In Catholic teaching, one of the cardinal moral virtues that leads us to a more virtuous life is the concept of "prudence." St. Thomas Aquinas defines prudence as "right reason applied to action," or in other words, the ability to see the facts before us and take the most appropriate action now. Therefore, as Catholics, prudence requires our science-based responses to climate change – in a very full circle way it's our reason informed by our faith." Emily Burke and Henry Glynn

MOVERS FOR MOMS

Two Men and A Truck sponsors "Movers for Moms" each spring to collect donations for our local Women's Shelter. Your generosity gives support, renewed hope, and dignity to women who are in difficult family situations. Please bring donated items to the **"Movers for Moms" donation box in our Fellowship Area or to the St John Parish Center. Please bring items BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.**

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THE NEST

Preschool Offered

AT ALL FIVE RCS LOCATIONS THIS FALL!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The Catholic Ministries Appeal offers a unique opportunity for you to give back to the God of Love, from whom all things are given. Grow closer to Christ by doing your part to build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota. The Appeal funds ministries to invite more than 34,000 households each year to encounter Christ and embrace His Church. To give online visit www.catholicfsmn.org

C.S. LEWIS BOOK CLUB

Do you like reading books? A new book club for young adults will be gathering to dive into C. S. Lewis' <u>The Great Divorce.</u> This short novel is based on a theological dream Lewis had concerning the Christian concepts of Heaven and Hell. The first meeting will be Sunday, April 24th. Please contact Tim Zappa at <u>timothy.zappa@gmail.com</u> for more information.

THE NEST PRESCHOOL IS EXPANDING!

The Nest Preschool program will feature expanded offerings including programs at all five of our convenient Rochester Catholic Schools locations beginning in the fall of 2022! New offerings include an all-day, nature-based Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4-5) program at Lourdes High School and Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten programs (Ages 3-5) at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School. In addition, an allday Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4-5) program will be added at St. Francis of Assisi School and an Early Preschool (Age 2) program will be introduced at Holy Spirit School! We're excited to welcome our youngest learners to RCS! Our classrooms are filling learn more by visiting rcsmn.org/thenest

RCS SPRING SHOWCASE OF SCHOOLS

Join Us at the RCS Spring Showcase of Schools on April 25-26! Prospective and current families with rising preschool-grade 12 students are invited to explore Rochester Catholic Schools on April 25-26. At our Spring Showcase of Schools, you'll have the opportunity to visit any of our five campuses, meet our principals, and speak with our admissions team! Plus, learn about our new preschool offerings for fall 2022! Register at rcsmn.org/showcase.



If you are unable to attend Mass in person, join us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Youtube</u> to participate virtually. Sunday Mass is livestreamed each week at 9:30 am.



CANOPY CANDLES Week of April 23-29, 2022

In Memory of John Atak |

In Memory of Mary Catherine Gregor |

In Thanksgiving

Canopy candles are located above the baptismal font and are lit for one week for an offering of \$25. It is a beautiful way to honor a special person or occasion. Visit <u>www.sj.org</u> for the candle request forms. Gift cards are available in the Parish Center.





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