



# 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) April 24, 2022

Rev. Swaminatha Pothireddy, Pastor  
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*Drawing our life from the Eucharist, our parish family will live the mission of Jesus Christ through prayer, faith formation, and service.*



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus 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

Luego le dijo a Tomás: "Aquí están mis manos; acerca tu dedo. Trae acá tu mano, métela en mi costado y no sigas dudando, sino cree". - Jn 20, 27

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### Monday, April 25

7:15 am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday, April 26

7:15 am Daily Mass

### Wednesday, April 27

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

7:15 am Daily Mass

8:10 am St. Mary's First  
Communion Mass

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

### Thursday, April 28

7:15 am Daily Mass

8:00 am-7:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, April 29

6:45 am Reconciliation

7:15 am Daily Mass

12:00 pm Cenacles of Life

### Saturday, April 30

10:30 am Confirmation Mass at  
St. Joseph's Parish

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday, May 1

8:00 am-12:00 pm KC Breakfast  
in St. Mary's Cafeteria

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Spanish Mass



April 27

Welcome! If you're new to our parish, call the office and register with us. We're happy you're here!  
¡Bienvenido! Si es nuevo en nuestra parroquia, llame a la oficina. ¡Estamos felices de que estés aquí!

## A WORD FROM FR. SWAMY



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of the Easter season. It was named by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000, and then officially decreed by the Vatican. Divine Mercy Sunday can be seen as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter Week. The feast focuses the light of the Risen Christ into a radiant beam of merciful love and grace for the whole world. In his revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus expressed His desire to celebrate this special feast. He says that the Feast of Mercy emerged from his very depths of tenderness, and mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of his Mercy. Jesus says that the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened and let no soul fear to draw near to him, even though his sins be as scarlet because the Feast of Mercy emerged from the very depths of his tenderness. This Sunday, our 2nd graders are receiving the First Holy Communion, and on Saturday, April 30, the 10th graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. These are the special moments in their life as they go through their faith journey. I congratulate all these kids and their families for their commitment and willingness to grow one step closer to God. As they prepare themselves to receive these Sacraments, let us keep them all in our prayers.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK—EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

### St. Pedro de San José Betancur | April 25

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of posadas, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II. ©LPi

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP—RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The World Is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up—one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh—by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection—our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

### In Remembrance

Ann Rund  
Thomas Wencil  
Fr. Swamy's Mother, Showreelu

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." -John 3:16

### Additional Easter Flower Memorials

**The Halla and Fisher Family**  
By: Walter and Ethel Halla



### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2022

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.catholicismn.org](http://www.catholicismn.org)

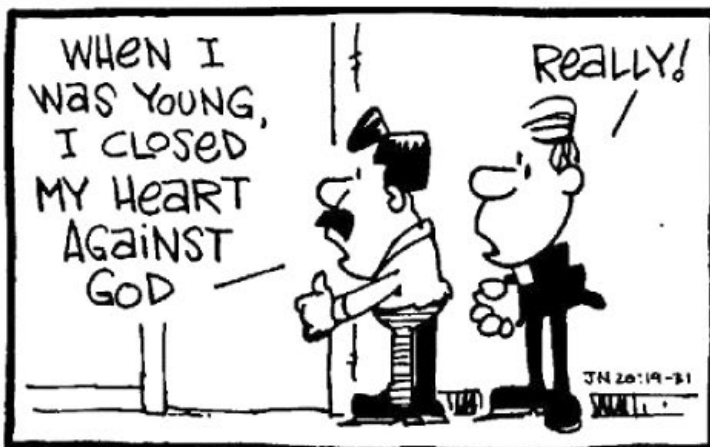
### Spanish Baptism Classes (Spanish Pre-Jordan)

For Spanish Baptisms, the Spanish Baptismal classes will be held on the second Saturday of each month. They will be held from 10 am-12 pm. Please sign up at least one month ahead of the date of the baptism. Spanish Baptisms may be held on Saturdays at 1 pm or Sundays during or after the Spanish Mass. For questions, please contact Deacon Placido at 507-319-0031.

### Join Bible Study

Come to the table of sharing where the Bible is food and comradery is the spice—flavored by trust and friendship with your fellow parishioners. Come be part of Wednesday morning Bible study, 9-10:30 am, studying the readings for the following Sunday. The table of sharing awaits you.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays from 8 am-7 pm



"Every member of the church must be vigilant in seeing that this Sacrament of Love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all of the manifestations of worship due it, Christ shall be given back "love for love" and truly become the life of our souls." -Redemptor Hominis



### Catholic Trivia—Just for Fun

Question: Who was the first apostle to perform a miracle in Jesus' name?

Answer: Saint Peter

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### Wheelchair Sunday

Chris Lewis, President of the American Wheelchair Mission, and the Knights of Columbus will be here at all Masses on Wheelchair Sunday, May 14-15, to explain how you can answer the prayers of the poorest of the poor and help them gain mobility, hope, and freedom. Join them and Fr. Jim and Fr. Swamy for this very inspirational and moving presentation. Since 2003, the Knights of Columbus have helped to provide over 30,000 brand new wheelchairs all over the world to children, teens, and adults in need of mobility but who could not afford a wheelchair.

### Furniture to Donate?

Furnishing Hope, a subsidiary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP), is a great place for you to donate your gently-used beds, dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas, love seats, and upholstered chairs. Curbside or garage pickup service available (\$50 fee) or drop off at our warehouse (no charge). Call 507-676-1324 to set an appointment. Donated furniture is then made available free to needy families who are referred to Furnishing Hope by SVDP, other nonprofits, and social service agencies.

### Real Presence Radio

Real Presence Radio, a Catholic broadcasting apostolate, bought a local signal—970 AM. 24 hours a day, you can tune in to uplifting and informative Catholic programming.

## NEWS AND EVENTS IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

### Our Lady of Guadalupe—Patroness of the Knights of Columbus

Our Lady told Juan Diego, “Am I not here, I, who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need anything more? Let nothing else worry you.” The Knights of Columbus starts nine silver roses celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe out all across Canada at the beginning of every year. The roses travel down through Canada and through the United States making stops at parishes along the way. Then the roses cross into Mexico and make their way to Guadalupe Mexico for the celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. The intentions and prayers gathered during the parish prayer services are presented at the Feast Day Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Council 945 is hosting the Silver Rose prayer service on May 10 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Parish. We will gather your prayer intentions to be sent off to Guadalupe Mexico for the Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

### Bulletin Advertising

Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from LPI, is working on updating our bulletin ads for the upcoming year. We hope that parishioners who have a business will consider sponsoring an ad on the back of the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible, at no cost to the parish. Also, if you know of any other business in the community that would like to support the parish, please let them know about this opportunity. Ads can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsorship ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling, the local food shelf, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you're interested in getting more information, please either call Gina at 952-356-6488 or email her at [gshaughnessy@4LPi.com](mailto:gshaughnessy@4LPi.com).

## NOTICIAS DE LA COMUNIDAD EN ESPAÑOL

La Apelación de los Ministerios Católicos de 2022  
La Campaña de Ministerios Católicos ofrece una oportunidad única para que usted retribuya al Dios de Amor, de quien se dan todas las cosas. Acérquese más a Cristo haciendo su parte para edificar el Reino de Dios en el sur de Minnesota. La Campaña financia ministerios para invitar a más de 34,000 hogares cada año a encontrar a Cristo y abrazar Su Iglesia. Para donar en línea, visite [www.catholicfsmn.org](http://www.catholicfsmn.org)

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 24. St. Joseph's Church will host an Hour of Prayer from 3 pm-4 pm. The hour will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confession will be available. All are invited and welcome! In 1931, Jesus appeared to a young Polish nun. He asked that the first Sunday after Easter be declared the Feast of Mercy. Jesus said “I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, 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. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be scarlet.” (Diary 699)

#### Divine Mercy Plenary Indulgence

- Go to confession (20 days before or after)
- Attend mass and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday
- Prayer for the Pope and his intentions (Our Father & Hail Mary)
- Have a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for sin
- In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (ex: “Jesus, I trust in You”)
- Perform acts of mercy

### Knights of Columbus Benefit Breakfast

Benefiting: Owatonna Clay Target Team  
May 1, 8 am-12 pm in St. Mary's School cafeteria  
Featuring two sensational Breakfast choices: KC Country Breakfast—pancakes, french toast, sausage links, eggs to order, milk and coffee; or Omelet Breakfast—pancakes, french toast, milk and coffee. All with Table Service.

### St. Vincent de Paul

April 24—Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday:  
In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says, “Peace be with you!” Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace. Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor recognize the Lord in their life” by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? This past week, Vincent's Table served 96 take-home meals to those looking for a hot meal. Membership: We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, at St. Joseph's Church. If you would like further information on growing your spiritual life and serving those in need in our community, please join us at a meeting or contact Deb McManimon on at [dmcmannon72@gmail.com](mailto:dmcmannon72@gmail.com). Our phone is 507-676-5508.

# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

## Pirates and Mermaids

In Preschool, one of our favorite themes has been Pirates and Mermaids. We jumped right into learning, went on many quests, and found many treasures! We practiced our letters by searching for gold coins hidden in the sand, did some pirate math, and enjoyed dressing up as pirates and mermaids. We even got to make our very own treasure chests! We love to learn by exploring!



## St. Mary's School is Hiring

St. Mary's school has the following full-time openings for the 2022-2023 school year:

**Library Media Specialist:** The position includes maintaining and updating library materials that support student interest and the school curriculum, developing programs that encourage recreational reading, and providing whole group and small group instruction in grades PreK-8. Teaching license preferred but not required.

**Music teacher:** The position includes providing general music and choir instruction for grades PreK-8, developing student interest in the performing arts, preparing for five concerts per year, practicing music with students that will be sung at Mass, and accompanying the music at Mass. Teaching license preferred but not required.

**Science teacher (6th-8th grade):** The position includes providing science instruction for students in grade 6-8 as well as teaching 7th grade Health 2nd semester. Teaching license (or the ability to obtain one) is required.

**K-5 teacher:** The position will be working with a grade level teaching partner to deliver general education instruction at the elementary level. Grade level will be determined by the applicant's area of strength. Teaching license (or the ability to obtain one) is required.

Any applicant should possess a love of learning, be enthusiastic, have a focus on learning, possess good classroom management skills, be collaborative, have the ability to integrate technology into instruction, and believe that all children can learn. The applicant must support the school's mission and philosophy, and have the desire to support and help the children grow in mind, body, and spirit through Catholic values. Send a cover letter, resume, teaching license, and 3 letters of recommendation to Jen Swanson, Principal ([jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org](mailto:jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org)). Positions are open until filled.



# VOLUNTEER SECTION

The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament!

"How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" -Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*

Now is the perfect time to commit an hour to Jesus in Adoration each week. We are currently in great need of volunteers for the 2 pm time slot. Please contact Diane Wheelock at 507-363-2814. Thank you!

## New Sacristans Needed

We're in need of more Sacristans, especially for our 10 am weekend Mass. Sacristans help prepare before Mass and make sure there are adequate supplies available for use by the priest. If you're interested, contact Jordan at 507-451-1588 or at [office@sacredheartowatonna.org](mailto:office@sacredheartowatonna.org).

## Looking to get Involved?

Prayerfully consider serving in one of our ministries. To join a ministry, complete the info below or contact the parish office.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to serve as :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Duster      |

Please circle which Mass you would like to serve at:

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| 5:00 pm Sat.  | 8:00 am Sun.            |
| 10:00 am Sun. | 12:00 pm Sun. (Spanish) |

Take this to the church office or place in collection basket.



April 30-May 1, 2022

## Sacristans

- Lead: Gerry Gunderson  
5:00 pm Kris Tucker  
8:00 am Bill Lawrence  
10:00 am Ted Leon

## Altar Servers

- 5:00 pm Zachary Bissen, VOLUNTEER  
8:00 am Tate Berkley, VOLUNTEER  
10:00 am Johanna Spielman, VOLUNTEER

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

- 5:00 pm Tiffany Lempiainen, Grady Strand  
8:00 am Daniel Boubin, Brittany Boubin  
10:00 am Tom Eichten, Tricia Johnson

## Greeters

- 5:00 pm Ray Bissen, Amy Bissen  
8:00 am Bruce Schuette, Mary Schuette  
10:00 am Josh Spielman, Karen Spielman

## Readers

- 5:00 pm Craig Wencil, VOLUNTEER  
8:00 am Marc Berkley, Daniel Boubin  
10:00 am Tony Nowak, Thomas Sager

## Rosary Leaders

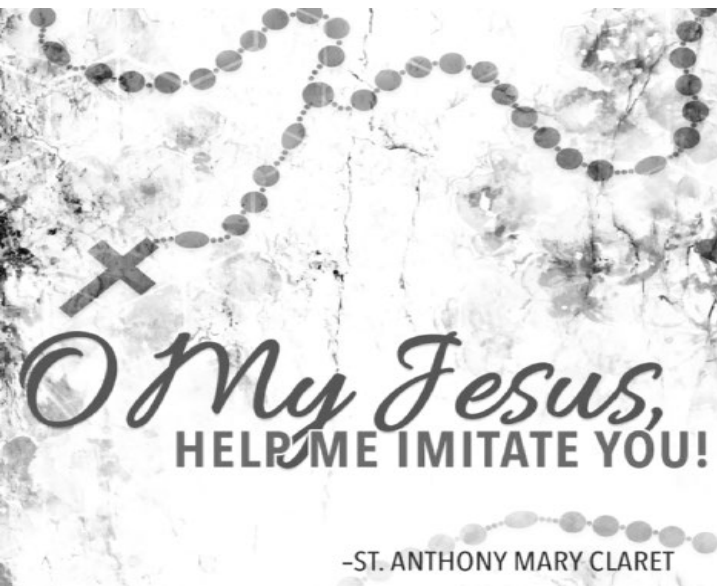
- 5:00 pm Lynn Sibenaller  
8:00 am Marie Lawrence  
10:00 am Peggy Keller

## Ushers—Month of May

- 5:00 pm Lavern Soukup, Mark McDermott, Trent Tucker, VOLUNTEER  
8:00 am Rich Gerdts, Sue Gerdts, Jed DeWitz, Gavin DeWitz  
10:00 am Tom Schmitt, Brian Meiners, Terry Fisher, Emma Meiners

## Dusting the Church

- Week of April 24: Lynsey Hullopeter  
Week of May 1: Margaret Supalla



Thank you to our  
Volunteers!

A huge thank you to all those who volunteered during Holy Week and Easter! We so appreciate you!



## PARISH INFORMATION SECTION

### Readings for the Week of April 24, 2022

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  
Las lecturas de la semana del 24 de Abril de 2022  
Lunes: 1 Pe 5, 5-14/Sal 88, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/Mc 16, 15-20  
Martes: Hch 4, 32-37/Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5/Jn 3, 7-15  
Miércoles: Hch 5, 17-26/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Jn 3, 16-21  
Jueves: Hch 5, 27-33/Sal 33, 2 y 9. 17-18. 19-20/Jn 3, 31-36  
Viernes: Hch 5, 34-42/Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14/Jn 6, 1-15  
Sábado: Hch 6, 1-7/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19/Jn 6, 16-21  
Domingo siguiente: Hch 5, 27-32. 40-41/Sal 29, 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13 [2]/Ap 5, 11-14/Jn 21, 1-19 o 21, 1-14



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### Upcoming Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 26 ● Easter Weekday  
7:15 am Rose Olson †

Wednesday, April 27 ● Easter Weekday  
7:15 am Marc D. Goodfellow † and Doris  
Goodfellow Family

Thursday, April 28 ● St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis de  
Montfort  
7:15 am Ann Cronin Boch †, Mother of  
Fr. Michael Cronin

Friday, April 29 ● St. Catherine of Siena  
7:15 am Dean and Hortense Goodfellow †  
Family

Saturday, April 30 ● St. Pius V  
5:00 pm Dale Springer †

Sunday, May 1 ● Third Sunday of Easter  
8:00 am Norbert Schrom †  
10:00 am Fr. Swamy's Mother, Showreelu †  
12:00 pm Parishioners

### PARISH DIRECTORY

#### Sacred Heart Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 am-3 pm

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Saturday-Sunday: Closed

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#### Sacred Heart Cemetery

Catholic Cemetery for the Owatonna parishes of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart.

Questions or concerns regarding the cemetery? Please call 507-451-4845.



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##### Financial Assistance:

St. Vincent de Paul: 507-676-5508 (Gas, Rent, Utilities)

Department of Human Services: 507-444-7500

##### Repair Assistance:

Repairs for the Poor Ministry: 507-390-4785

##### Suicide Prevention:

Crisis Response Team: 844-CRISIS2 (844-274-7472)

South Central Mobile Crisis Team: 877-399-3040

Suicide Prevention/Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255

Crisis Text Hotline: Text MN to the number 741741

Farmer's Suicide Line: 1-800-600-2670

Spanish: 1-888-628-9454

##### Family Violence:

Crisis Resource Center, Steele County: 507-451-1202

Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women: 866-223-1111

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

##### Substance Abuse:

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