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April 24, 2022

*Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)*

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Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekend

Saturday 5:00 PM;

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Weekday

Weds., Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 AM

Tuesday 12:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:40 PM

Tuesday 5:00-6:00 PM

or by appointment

Adoration

Tuesday 9:00 AM—9:00 PM

Benediction 12:30 PM

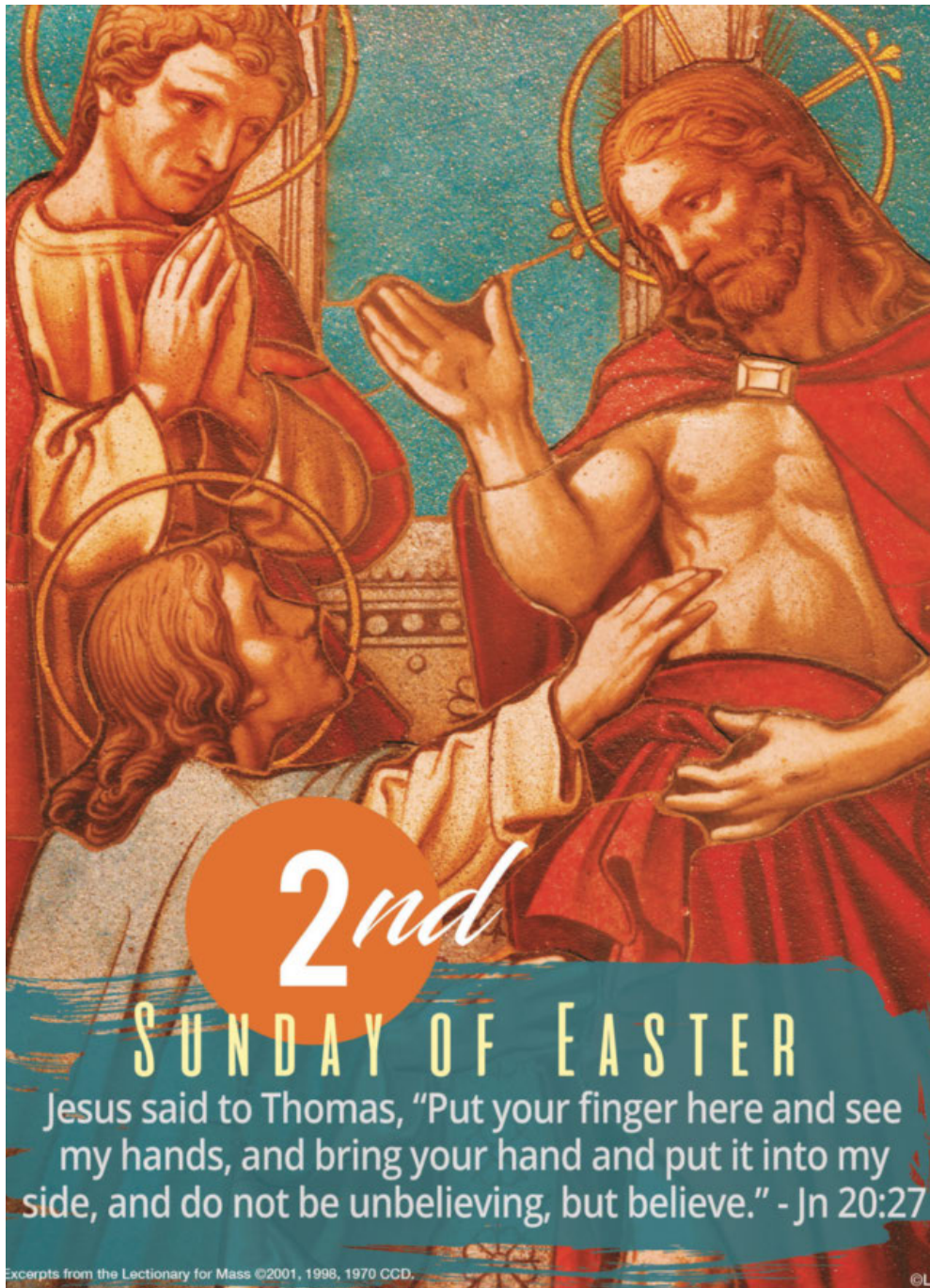
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SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Fr. Dave was on vacation this week.
Happy Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday!



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A message from
Theresa Zlotkowski
Faith Formation Director
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A message from
Joe Kuschel
Youth Minister
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"May the angels protect you, may the sadness forget you, may the goodness surround you, and may the Lord Jesus Christ always bless you. Happy Easter." (Pope Francis)

A Summer Vacation Bible/Faith School For Children Grades K—6th We Call It Totus Tuus!

Totus Tuus means "Totally Yours Jesus." It is a program in which young people who are trained to share faith in a joyful and exciting way come into our parish to share faith with our children. Many of these young people are just out of college and thinking about religious life or priesthood. They join us for a week and they teach children about faith, but more than that, they have joyful games, song and activities they share which make learning about faith fun. There is a visit from a saint and the children go to Mass each day. You might think they would be bored by that but no! They enjoy that peaceful, beautiful sacred experience—really! I have witnessed it! By the end of the week children are usually sad the week is over.



This year we will be having Totus Tuus week June 20—24, 2022. Registration will be coming soon. Your child can always invite another friend to register also. We also need volunteers. I will need someone during the week to help out in the kitchen throughout the day and to just be available during the day. We could also use older youth to help out with children in the classrooms.

Let's make it a great TOTUS TUUS WEEK!

Prayer Partners for Confirmation Candidates
It is time for you to hand in your special cards for the candidate you have been praying for!

Please take the time now to fill out a card for your Confirmation Prayer partners. In it share a hope for your candidate and perhaps a Scripture passage that means a lot to you. Share whatever else would lift their hearts. Place the cards in the boxes in the back of the Church or in the Parish Office. Thank you for offering the gift of prayer.



Holy Week 2022 is now in the rearview mirror, but what a weekend, and the volunteers came through once again. Father Dave has said it many times, but I don't think it can be overstated or mentioned too often, the Church, our Church, could not survive without the time and the talent of those giving of themselves to make St. Bridget's ready for the opening bell, week in, and week out. The Environmental Team worked overtime during Holy week because of the daily changes that needed to be accomplished. On Holy Saturday alone, we had over thirty adults and youth cleaning windows and woodwork, oiling pews, and eight vacuum cleaners all revved up, reminiscent of the Daytona 500. The best part was, the most asked question of the day was, "what else can I do?" Bless you!

I had a thought one sleepless night last week. We wish each other happy birthday, celebrating the day we left the womb, however many years ago that was. But being Catholic, and pro-life, and solemnly studying the issue over the past year, we could, or maybe should, wish each other happy conception day, or happy life day. Many argue this, but this IS the day our life began, in the womb, which for most of us would be roughly nine months prior to our "birthday." My "birthday" is May 19th, so I went back nine months to figure the day that my life actually started. That would have been about August 19th, which just happens to be my dad's "birthday." So dad, thanks for making our "birthdays" so memorable.

Sticking to the Pro-life theme, thanks to our Pro-life Youth Group director, Krista Lord, I have been reading Randy Alcorn's *"Pro-life Answers to Pro-choice Arguments."* One of the arguments for abortion is that it's in my body, so it is my body. Here's Randy's answer to that. "Being inside something is not the same as being part of something. One's body does not belong to another's body merely because of proximity. A car is not part of a garage because it is parked there. Louise Brown, the first test-tube baby, was conceived when sperm and egg joined in a petri dish. She was no more part of her mother's body when placed there than she had been part of the petri dish, where her life began. This truth was overwhelmingly affirmed in July 2000 by the U.S. House of Representatives when they unanimously passed a bill making it illegal to execute a pregnant woman. The logical reason for this decision is that a preborn child is an individual person, distinct from his mother and with his own separate right to life. That hundreds of pro-abortion representatives could all agree to this bill demonstrates a profound failure to be morally consistent." Thank you Randy.

PARISH CALENDARS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday
April 30th
 5:00 PM
Lectors:
 Bob Bodine
Sacristans:
 Jill & Joe Kuschel

Sunday
May 1st
 8:00 AM
Lector:
 Carmelita Nelson
Sacristan:
 Chuck Fitzer

Sunday
May 1st
 10:00 AM
Lectors:
 Marianne Calhoun
Sacristan:
 Chuck Fitzer

Sunday, April 24th, 2022

Divine Mercy Sunday
 KofC Pancake Breakfast Following Masses

8:00 AM Mass CH
 10:00 AM Mass CH
 11:15 AM Bible Study CR
 11:15 AM Baptism—Vera Mae Spehar CH
 6:00 PM AA Meeting EW

Tuesday, April 26th, 2022

9:00 AM—9:00 PM Adoration CH
 12:00 PM Daily Mass/Benediction CH
 5:00—6:00 PM Confessions CP
 7:00 PM AA Meeting LSH

Wednesday, April 27th, 2022

9:00 AM Daily Mass CH
 9:45 AM Women's Bible Study EB
 4:00 PM—8:15 PM Faith Formation Classes EB

Thursday, April 28th, 2022

9:00 AM Daily Mass CH
 9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN BB
 11:00 AM Funeral—Elizabeth "Beth" Olson CH
 7:00 PM K of C Meeting SH

Friday, April 29th, 2022

9:00 AM Daily Mass CH
 6:00 PM Volunteer Appreciation Night SH

Saturday, April 30th, 2022

9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN BB
 11:00 AM Funeral—Jim Williams CH
 4:00—4:40 PM Confessions CP
 5:00 PM Mass CH

Sunday, May 1st, 2022

8:00 AM Mass CH
 10:00 AM Mass CH
 11:15 AM Bible Study CR
 6:00 PM AA Meeting EW

READINGS

Reading for the week of, April 24, 2022

Sunday Second Sunday of Easter
 Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist
 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 Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter
 Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Memorial of Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
 Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Memorial of Saint Pius V, Pope, Religious
 Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Suzie Alsen · Judy Clark · Lynne Karwand · Greg Fults · Darlene Kowalski · Kristine Beimert · Franklin Steele · Josh Hughes · Marietta Jacobs · Dwayne Kelley · Virgil Kappes · Kathy Berquist · Paula Trevis · Nonna Zwick · Mary Kay Andert · Jake Sauer · Veronica Roltgen · Julie Ramola · Carol Smothers · Thomas Thompson · Mary Karnowski · Kelly DeBiasco · Donna Haines · Charlene Chamernick · Shelley Madison · Judy Kelley · Rachel Curtis · Mick Lund · Tim Mitchel · Ben Riley · Kim Glenna · Beth S. · Jessica Mohler · Jim Underdahl · Jessica Stephens · Michelle · Mary Ann Weisbrod · Susi Ruchie · Tammy Bluhm · Connie Porath · Barb Nelson · Sara Miller · Kathleen Carlson · Katie Crum · Gail · Todd Olund · JoAnne Ford · Richard Gage · Julianne Forester · Doug Olson · Betty Olson · Ron Schleicher · Dolores Thompson · Mark Peterson · Al & Colleen Lightfoot · Don McKay · Jean Ricker · Lucy Shoop · Keenan McMahon · Dorothy Goodroad · Holly Sullivan · Sharon Luhmann · Frank Welsch · Don Bluhm · Pat & Ed Weaver · Eileen O'Mara · Eugene · Cy Speltz · Kim Halverson · Al Ahmann · Robin Weaver · Sherol Rogolla · Avery Rasnuessen · Matt Moen · Eric McDonald · Michael Koran · Peter Ellwein · Leslie Mackyee · Gabriel Clay · Brett Casey · Rick Alsen · Mary Mack · Patricia Callahan · Kim Gibson · Katie Harris · Kari Hall · Ted & Tom Pitzenberger · Maureen Wolhaupter · Steve Everson · Kristy · Flossy Knaak · Gabrielle L. · Mary Ann Koch · Dee Williams · Austin Otte · Stacy Kern · JoAnne Stanina · Lori Rogan · Shirely Van Horn · Roger Spencer · Jack Marxer · Cathy Christianson · Carrolle Serbus · Jon Peters · Margie & Patrick Kielkucki

If you know of someone in need of healing prayers or someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion, contact the director of pastoral care at 651-257-2474 x25.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday	4/26	12 PM	† Charles & Joan Runyon
Wednesday	4/27	9 AM	† Robert Rongitsch
Thursday	4/28	9 AM	Michele Robinson
Friday	4/29	9 AM	Judi Bluhm
Saturday	4/30	5 PM	† Helen Tacik
Sunday	5/1	8 AM	People of the Parish
		10 AM	† Patrick Eomies

If you would like a Mass to be said for you or a loved one, please contact the parish office at 651-257-2474 x22

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



We can't do all that we provide here at St. Bridget's without the generous help of our parish volunteers. To say thank you, we welcome all of our volunteers to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night on Friday, April 29th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. If you have volunteered at St. Bridget's in any capacity, please join us for hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and socializing as we show our appreciation for this wonderful community. Please RSVP as soon as possible by visiting the website at www.stbridgetofsweden.org/volunteer or call the parish office. We can't wait to thank you!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



St. Bridget's is hosting a summer concert series in the spirit of growing community and sharing God's gift of music. These short one hour concerts will be performed by some of the top Twin Cities talents and highlight a wide array of music and styles. The first concert in the series is an organ concert by Bill Chouinard on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00pm. Admission at all summer concerts are a free-willing offering. Find more information at www.stbridgetofsweden.org/musicministry and please join us for our concert series this summer!

AN OINTING MASS



Our Spring Parish Anointing Mass will be Thursday, May 12th at 9:00am in the Church. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Social Hall. All are welcome to come receive the love of God through the encouragement of the church, with the laying of hands and anointing with oil.

BABY BLANKET



The Baby Blanket invites you to an all-parish Baby Shower honoring Laura Schaad, St. Bridget's Communication Coordinator. Help us celebrate the birth of her first child on

Sunday, May 15th following the 10:00am Mass in the Social Hall. We will have a little fun, open gifts, and enjoy a salad luncheon together. Please visit www.stbridgetofsweden.org/babyblanket to RSVP for the shower and to let us know if you can bring an item for lunch. You can also RSVP by emailing info@thebabyblanket.org or call 651-2304-0432. Laura is registered at Amazon. Come celebrate with us!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Join us in the Social Hall following Sunday Masses this weekend for the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast! Net proceeds from the breakfast are being donated to the

Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund. To date, over 13 million dollars have been collected from members and friends of the Knights, 100% of which is being used to help the 1889 Knights, their families, the Church, and all in need in Ukraine. For more information on the fund and the relief efforts of the Knights with refugees both in Ukraine and Poland, go to www.kofc.org. Thank you!

SYNOD UPDATE



St. Bridget's Synod leadership team has been working hard on taking the feedback from the Fall Small Group Sessions and discussing new and improved ways St. Bridget's can uplift our community and bring about the Kingdom of God. A few programs on the horizon include: a Welcoming Committee for the parish to plan family and parish orientation events, a survey will be conducted to define opportunities to enhance adult faith formation, and how to combine resources with other parishes to bring more opportunities for growing in our faith. Visit www.stbridgetofsweden.org/synod to learn more!

NEW PATHWAYS EVENT



New Pathways ministry to homeless families invites you to a free dinner with music, games, and door prizes on May 26th at the Erickson Farmstead in Isanti. Anyone who has volunteered in the past or is interested in possibly volunteering in the future is welcome to attend. This is a chance to celebrate the good work that has been done, and to learn more about New Pathways' Path to Home. We hope to return to hosting families in churches again by October and we will need many volunteers to get started again. Please consider coming to this fun informative event. Visit www.stbridgetofsweden.org/pastoralcare for more information and to RSVP or call Heidi, 651-257-2474 x25.



We welcome **Ella Sullivan, Lily Evelyn, and Virginia Susan Wrolstad, and Vera Mae Spehar** into the Catholic faith by their baptisms. Congratulations and God bless you, Ella, Lily, Virginia, and Vera!

Please pray for the family and friends of **Diane Moore** who recently passed away. May our belief in the Resurrection support her family at this time and may she rest in peace.



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