

April 11, 2021



DIVINE MERCY

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Holy Spirit Catholic Community enkindles the fire of God's love in our lives
through worship, discipleship and service.

Apr. 11, Divine Mercy Sunday

9 a.m. Pope Francis

Apr. 12

Apr. 13, St. Martin I

7:30 a.m. Special intention

Apr. 14

7:30 a.m. Deacons

Apr. 15

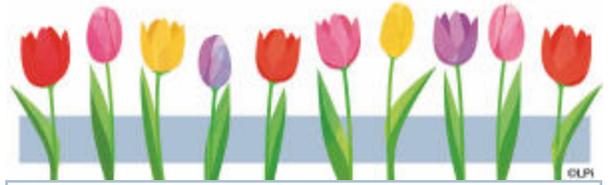
7:30 a.m. Newlyweds

Apr. 16

7:30 a.m. Special intention

Apr. 17

4:30 p.m. Holy Spirit parish



Now that spring is finally here, don't forget to order your plants and gift cards! Your order supports the Women of Holy Spirit—they receive 30% of all plant sales and 15% of all gift card sales. Proceeds will go toward special requests and parish needs identified by WOHS members.

Order by **Thursday, Apr. 22**. Order at gertensfundraising.com (enter ID: 189).

Questions?

Contact Sue at cssmlyons@gmail.com or (651) 699-6878.



Saturday, Apr. 24

6:30 p.m.

**Claim your bidding number
and register for the event at
nightofspirit.org!**

OPEN POSITIONS AT HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit School is hoping to provide Preschool and Extended Day services this summer, but we need your help! We are searching for suitable candidates for the following positions:

Assistant Extended Day Director

- Oversees the summer program
- Applicants would ideally be a college graduate or a current college student with relevant experience

Preschool Teacher

- Applicants would ideally be a college graduate or a current college student with relevant experience
- Experience with preschool-aged children is preferred

Applicants should email Dr. Adrian at adrianm@holy-spirit.org. Please pass this along to anyone you think may be interested!

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR CRS RICE BOWL TO
HOLY SPIRIT BY SUNDAY, APR. 18.**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday

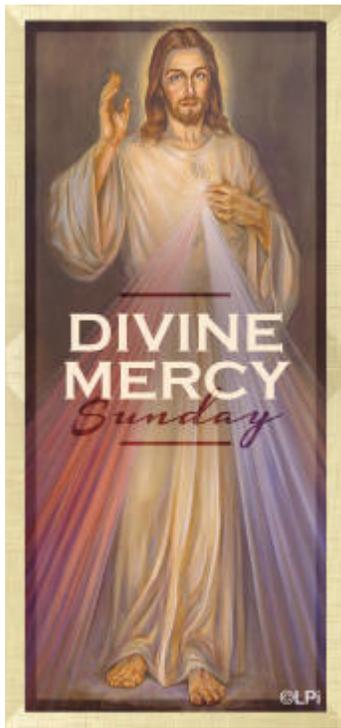
3-4 p.m. Penance | 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday

9 a.m. Mass

Father Daniel Haugan, Pastor
haugand@holy-spirit.org

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

My name is Jack Fyten. I am an Eagle Scout candidate with Troop 82, a junior at Saint Thomas Academy and an alumnus of Holy Spirit Catholic School.

For my Eagle Project this spring, I am building a portable Gaga Ball Pit for the youth of the parish. The Gaga Ball Pit will feature 8 sides rising 3 ft. tall with safety guards to protect players from splinters. The Pit will also be portable making it easy to break down and set up according to weather conditions. The metal joints and safety guards will be colored red to match the Holy Spirit Flames. On the exterior of one of the walls will be a metal sign displaying the rules of play. This Gaga Ball Pit will allow kids from the Holy Spirit Catholic School, parish, and the community at large, to experience a new and exciting game for all.

For this project I need to raise \$1,500 by Apr. 18 to purchase the needed materials. I am asking for donations to offset the cost of the materials. If you would like to help me with this exciting project, please send donations to the parish office marked "Eagle Scout Project." Checks may be made out to: Church of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your support!

THE NEW PRINCIPAL IS...

Dear Holy Spirit Catholic Church & School families,

Easter blessings to your family! I have exciting news about the principal selection for Holy Spirit Catholic School. Before Holy Week, the Principal Search Committee conducted interviews, prayerfully discerned the candidates, and presented their recommendation for the next principal.

I am pleased to announce that *Sandra Kane* will assume the role of principal on July 1, 2021. Sandy's name may sound familiar. She is the current Assistant Principal at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School. Sandy has spent her career in Catholic education, the majority in administrative positions. She has been at Nativity for 11 years. Prior to that, she was the Assistant Principal at St. Peter's in North St. Paul and Holy Trinity in South St. Paul. Sandy has taught middle school math and been a 5th grade teacher as well.

Many thanks to the Principal Search Committee for their participation and consultation. I appreciate the professional, educational, and mission-driven experiences they brought to the search process. Their concern for the future of our community was exceptional and shown in so many ways throughout the search. I am grateful for their willingness to serve and their commitment to Catholic education at Holy Spirit Catholic School.

The committee was comprised of:

- Father Haugan, *pastor*
- Gayle Stoffel, *Associate Director, Office for the Mission of Catholic Education*
- Jane Bona, *principal, Immaculate Conception Catholic School, Columbia Heights*
- John Barrett, *trustee, Search Committee chairman, retired operations manager*
- Dr. Jeanne Buckeye, *trustee, retired professor from University of St. Thomas*
- Katie Meier, *parent, School Advisory Council member and middle school teacher*
- Jerry Spartz, *parent, parishioner, business manager for 3M*
- Kay Craighead, *Finance Council member, retired parish business administrator*

Nadine Friederichs, our parish business administrator, was involved throughout the process as well.

Please join me in thanking the Holy Spirit for guiding us through this process, providing talented individuals to be involved in the process, and guiding those who applied for the position.

God Bless,
Father Daniel Haugan

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Prison Ministry Virtual Workshop

Apr. 17 | 9 a.m.-noon

Virtual event hosted by St. John Neumann, Eagan

This virtual prison ministry workshop will provide information about the opportunities and importance for prison ministry both inside and outside prison walls. There will also be a discussion focused on supporting returning citizens with transitional housing. Register at tcprisonministry.com/coming-soon.

What Mass Means:

How Sacrifice and Real Presence Are Life-Changing

Apr. 23 | Webinar presentation from 9-11 a.m.

We tend to think of “sacrifice” and “real presence” as doctrines to believe in—perhaps with some vague awareness of complicated medieval terms such as “transubstantiation.” But the logic of the liturgies of the various Christian traditions, and the whole point of the Vatican II renewal, is that our liturgical sharing in Christ’s dying and rising is meant to transform us individually and communally. The implications are huge! The event is free.

Register at least five days in advance of the event at collegevilleMN.com/theologyday.

GIVEN Gathering

Apr. 24 | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

St. Patrick’s Church, Edina

Created by The GIVEN Institute and sponsored by the Center for Evangelization and Discipleship, this event will inspire all women to receive the gift that they are, realize the gifts they’ve been given, and respond with the gift only they can give, activating their unique talents for the service of the Lord. Join us! Register by Apr. 16 at giveninstitute.com/msp-given-gathering.



FAMILY COUNSELING

Some families may be experiencing difficulties as they spend more time together. This combined with limited social time with people outside the home can add to the isolation. Through a local family counselor, Holy Spirit is able to provide counseling to families who may need help.

Parents and grandparents seeking guidance with the challenges of managing home life may contact Nadine or Fr. Dan at (651) 698-3353. The counselor will work with teens and parents to give them tools for age-specific issues. This opportunity is made possible by an anonymous donor.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why are priests transferred from one parish to another? How is that decided?

Answer: Bishops take the appointment of pastors to parishes very seriously and the decision to assign or transfer priests is one of the most important decisions bishops can make, effecting the lives of everyone in the parish community.

In 1984, the bishops of the United States implemented a six-year term limit for pastors (which can be renewed by bishop); term limits for associate pastors vary from diocese to diocese. Sometimes a particular priest is assigned to a parish or chaplaincy to respond to specific issues (such as a parish merger, a fundraising campaign, or because he has special qualifications that make him a good fit for the community). In the case of new or recently ordained priests, the vibrancy and diversity, the presence of a school, or certain social programs offer invaluable training and ongoing formation.

In making their decisions regarding the placement of priests, most bishops rely on a priest personnel committee or a council of priests. There is also a period of dialogue with the priest(s) who will be moved, sometimes even including an extended period of discernment and self-assessment, helping to be as sure as possible that the assignment of a priest to a particular community will truly benefit the people and be a healthy one for the priest himself.





EYE HAS NOT SEEN

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels.

Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

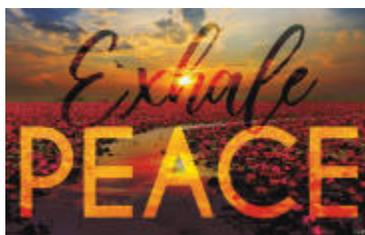
Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

APR. 11 GOSPEL MEDITATION

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.



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