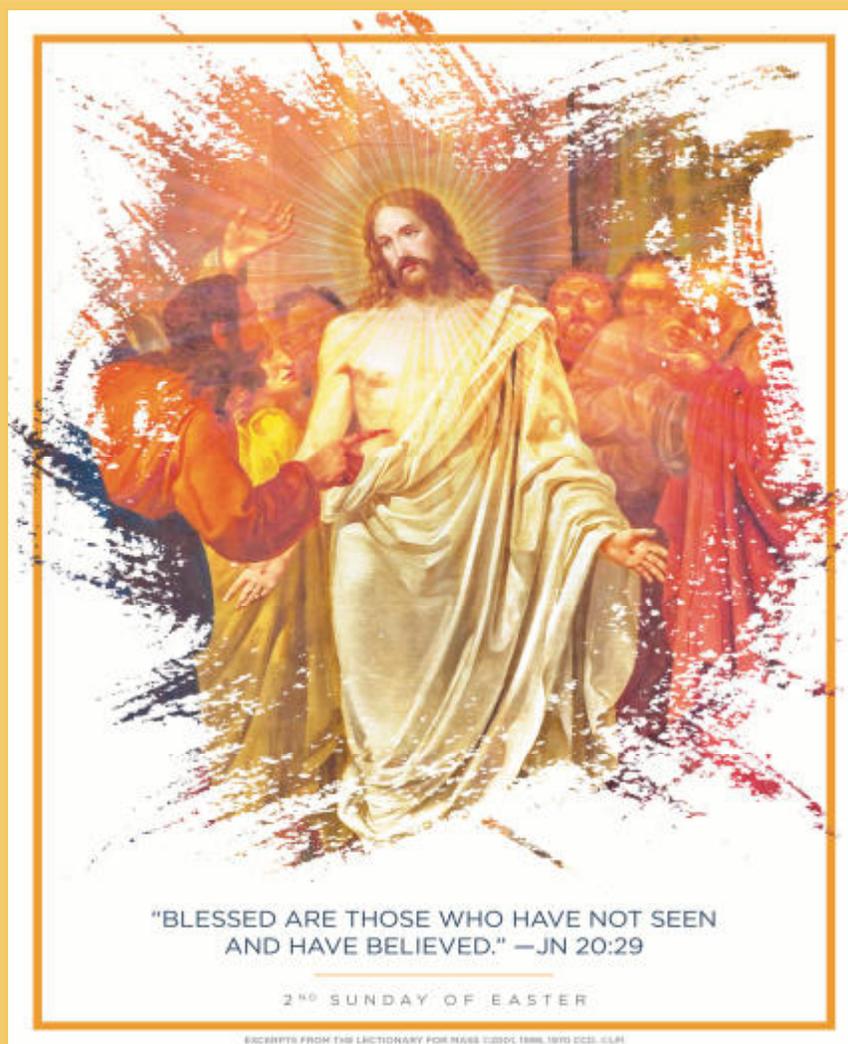


Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

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April 11, 2021

St. Francis de Sales

409 Summit Street
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Mass Schedule
Tuesday - 5:00 pm
Wednesday - 8:30 am
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am

St. Joseph

502 Second Street
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Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria

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Mass Schedule
Sunday - 8 am

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must attend a preparation class. Contact the cluster office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements must be made at least six months before a tentative date is set. Contact Fr. Phil at the cluster office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the cluster office if you or a loved one is sick, in the hospital, or homebound.

New Parishioners: All are welcome to register in our parish communities. Stop by the cluster office.

Prayer Request, call:

SJ: Diane Downs 715-520-2928
SC: Noreen Ferrari 715-354-3223
SFdS: Carlene Hansen 715-635-3823

Reconciliation Schedule

St. Francis - Friday 2 pm - 3 pm

Mass Intentions for April 12 - April 18

Monday,	No Mass
Tuesday	5 pm SFdS + John Biver by Don & Beth Esser
Wednesday	8:30 am SFdS + All Souls
Thursday	8:30 am SFdS + Infant Jesus of Prague by Mike & Mabi Plisky
Friday	8:30 am SFdS + Special Intention
Saturday	4 pm SJ Jeanne Gulan by Gulan Family 6 pm SFdS + Cluster Family
Sunday	8:30 am SC + John Biver by Tom & Jill Fredrickson 10:00 am SFdS + Annette Varien by Don & Kathy Stanislawski

St. Francis de Sales Church will be open for prayer on Thursday and Friday from noon until 3pm.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday from noon until 3pm.

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sun: Acts 4:32-35 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-3
Mon: Acts 4:23-31 / Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 / Jn 3:1-8
Tues: Acts 4:32-37 / Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 / Jn 3:7b-15
Wed: Acts 5:17-26 / Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Jn 3:16-21
Thurs: Acts 5:27-33 / Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 / Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / Jn 6:16-21
Next Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48

Observances for the week of April 11, 2021

Sun: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Mon:
Tues: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Wed:
Thurs:
Fri:
Sat:
Next Sun: 3rd Sunday of Easter
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**Please read this week's
bulletin insert on the web page.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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
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Word of Life Series

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."* Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
**"Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"
www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy

St. Joseph CCW

Spring is here! And, the St. Joseph CCW will begin meeting each month on the 3rd Monday of the month. Our first meeting will be on Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gloria Dei Room (lower level of the church). We will follow the Covid19 protocol as stated by the Bishop at that time. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Let's enjoy some fellowship and make this a good year!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 11, 2021

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.
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The Catholic Church is working diligently to prevent sexual abuse by parish employees, volunteers, deacons, and priests. If you have been sexually abused by someone associated with the Church and would like to report or discuss the experience, we urge you to contact:

Kathy Drinkwine 715-718-1110

The Diocese of Superior welcomes your call and understands how difficult it may be to reach out in this situation. The phone number provided is confidential and dedicated solely to these calls. Know that your call will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion. The Diocese of Superior is bound by civil and canon law to report sexual abuse of a minor to civil authorities. Anyone who believes that they have been sexually abused is strongly encouraged to report as well.





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