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St. Mary, St. Joseph & St. Charles**  
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**Divine Mercy Sunday/2nd Sunday of Easter**

**April 11, 2021**

**St. Mary**

**15 1st Ave NE  
Deer River, MN**

Mass 8:30 AM  
Sunday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Friday

**St. Joseph**

**51061 Wolf Drive  
Ball Club, MN**

Mass Saturday 4:00 PM

**St. Charles**

**308 Central Ave N  
Cass Lake, MN**

Mass Sunday 11:00 AM  
Thursday Noon

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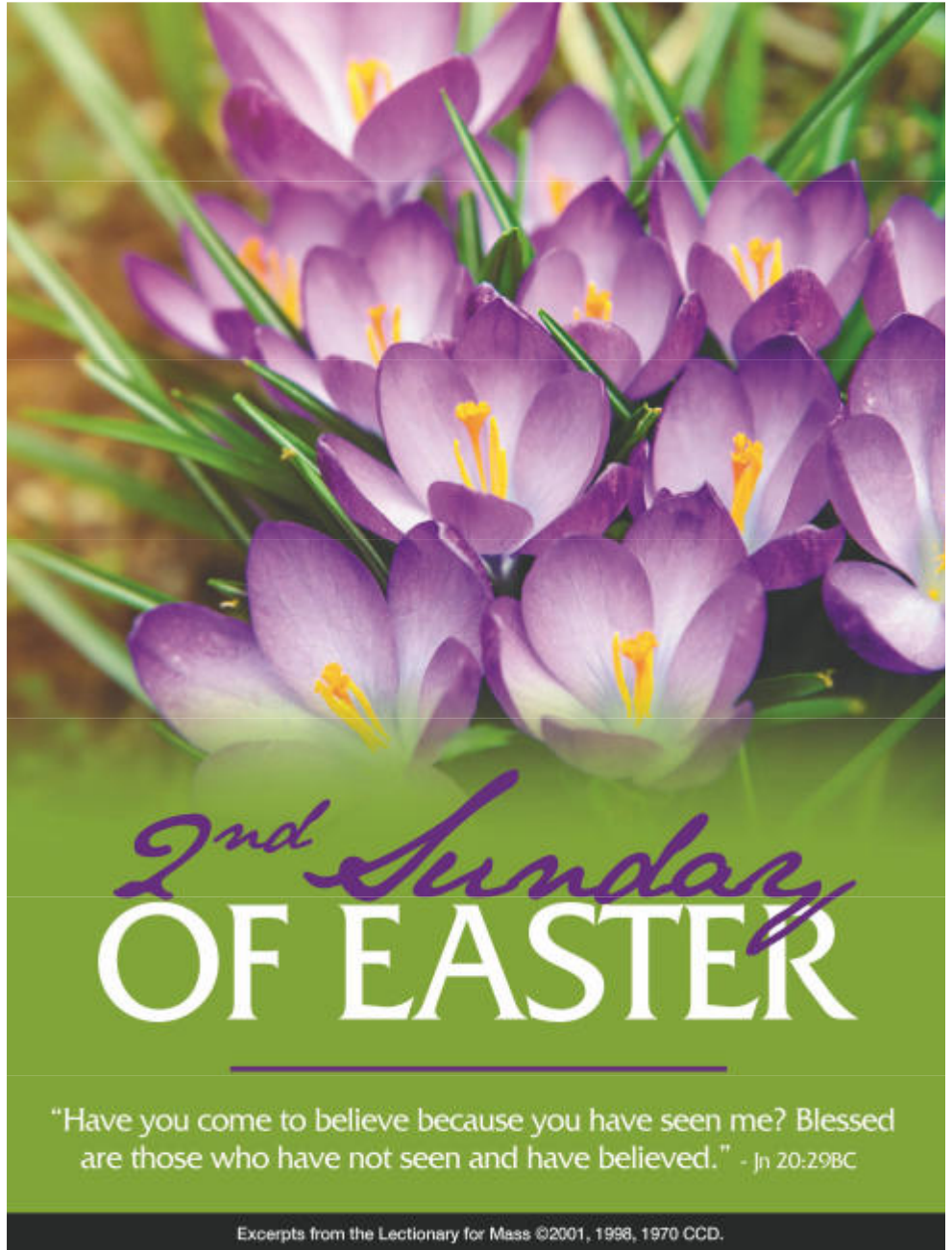
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**April 12—18**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	11:30 Conf SC Noon Mass SC	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	3:30 Conf SJ 4 Mass SJ	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 10:30 Conf SC 11 Mass SC
SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club		SC= St. Charles, Cass Lake		SM=St. Mary, Deer River		

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## **Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

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 ©LPi

### **Spring Rummage Sale**

Spring cleaning? St. Mary's CCW spring rummage sale is right around the corner. While the date has not been set yet, it will be soon. So while doing your spring cleaning, set aside those donations for our rummage sale. Your donations enable CCW to continue our good works of mercy. Sale is Friday April 30 and Saturday May 1. Good quality clothing and small household items may be brought in the last week of April, the Church will be open every day during the week. Call for approval for large items. Volunteers are needed to assist at set up and the sale. Speak to Fern.

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## **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, 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

### **Job Opening**

Reenie is retiring and we have a job opening. Approximately 20 hours per week. Begin May 1. Job description and application are available on our website: [www.deerrivercatholic.com](http://www.deerrivercatholic.com). Download and return by email: [stmarys@paulbunyan.net](mailto:stmarys@paulbunyan.net) or mail: St. Mary's, PO Box 98, Deer River, MN 56636.

## Mass Intentions April 12—18

Mon Private Mass	Lois Harkenrider †	
Tues. 8:30	Marissa Lynn Wind	SM
Wed. 8:30	Joe Mellin †	SM
Thur. Noon	Tom & Mary Lou Prosser †	SC
Fri. 8:30	Gladyce V. Sather Kornell †	SM
Sat. 4:00	Tony & Tina Villeneuve †	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Bill Reed †	SM
Sun. 11:00	People of our Parish Cluster	SC

### Easter Flowers

#### St Joseph's

**Joseph, Tony, Kristina & Vinnie Villeneuve,  
Max Villeneuve, Shirley Gardner,  
Regina & Dennis Olhus**

Jeff and Joan Herfindahl & Family

**Mary, Ted, David Stangler  
Betty Quillen, Ralph, Amy, Michael Fideldy,  
Gloria Trail**

Richard & Rita Fideldy

#### St. Mary's

**Brad & Paul**

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**Jim & Kathryn Hansen, Nellie Hansen,  
Lester & Esther Tesch, Nathan Tesch**

Shelly & Laird Tesch

**Tim & Lu Dewitt  
Ray & Jane Guertin**

Ray & Sue

### Share Our Bulletin

Is there someone you know who is unable to attend Mass? Please pick up an extra bulletin and personally deliver it. The next best thing is to have one mailed. Please call the office to arrange. Did you know our bulletin is published each week online? Go to our websites listed on the front of this bulletin and click on bulletins.

### Holy Father's April Prayer Intention

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**Suicide Prevention Line 1-800-273-TALK**

## 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.

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### **St. Charles Prayer Requests**

Ray Abuan, Gloria Beaudreau, Bev Benson, Rod Benson, Charles Bush Jr., Michele Frazer, Alice Hickey, Beulah Holstein, Bob Karbowski, Don Karbowski, Darwin Kingbird, Bradley Kurtzell, Mike Morris, Maria Patton, Ken & Evelyn Perrault, Christine Stenger, Connie Suchon, Deana Thomas, Ken & Sharon Vogel, Susie Finn White, Ruth Wittner

Please keep these people in your prayers. If you would like to be added to our prayer list please speak with Father KK, send us an email or drop a note in the collection basket. We appreciate the updates to help keep our information current.

**St. Mary's & St. Joseph's:** Prayer requests may be submitted to our prayer chain by calling Elaine at 218-246-8099.

### **Easter Thank You**

Thank you to everyone for the extra preparations and commitments for our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. A special thank you to Lee and Marcia Dowling for the music at St. Joseph's in Ball Club,

### **St. Joseph Cemetery Clean Up**

Annual spring cleanup at the cemetery in Ball Club is coming up the end of April. Exact date will be published next week. A special thank you to Gene House for the extra work at the cemetery.

### **Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center**

The Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center is dedicated to supporting women and men through unplanned pregnancies, helping them to grow and communicate with one another. We offer a wide variety of services with the goal of supporting each and every person who walks through our doors.

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"As with the Our Father, after the praise we add the supplication: we ask that Mary pray for us sinners, that she might intercede with her tenderness, "now and at the hour of our death." Now, in the concrete situations of life, and in the final moment, so that she might accompany us – as Mother, as the first disciple – in our passage to eternal life... Mary is always present at the bedside of her children when they depart this world. If someone is alone and abandoned, she is Mother, she is there, near, as she was next to her Son when everyone else abandoned him." *Pope Francis*

### Divine Mercy Sunday

The Hibbing Deanery celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday will be at Mary Immaculate Church in Coleraine beginning at 1 pm on Sunday, April 11. All are welcome.



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