

Catholic Churches of St. Mary, St. Joseph & St. Charles

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 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

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Cass Lake, MN

Mass Sunday 11:00 AM
Thursday Noon

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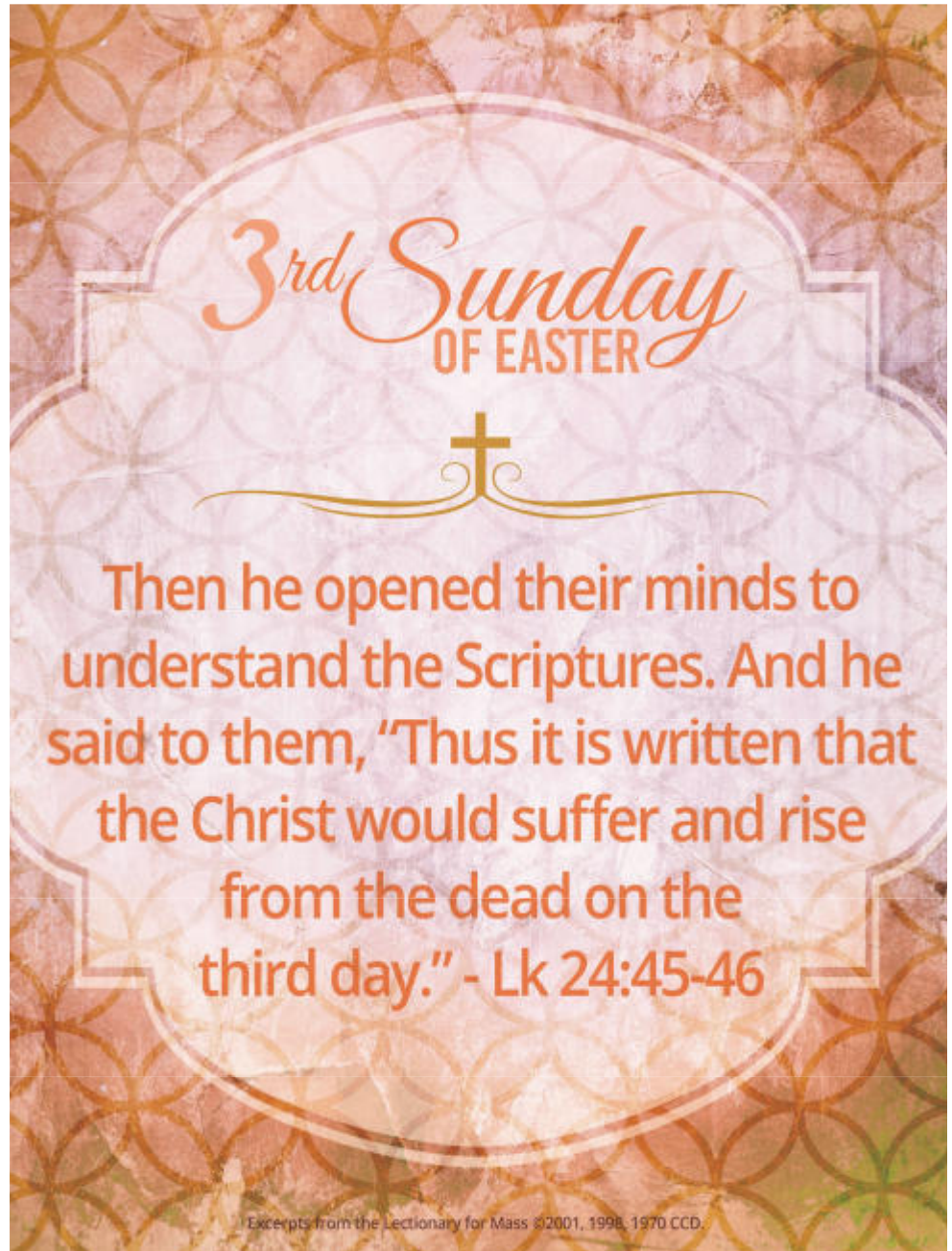
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April 19—25

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	Earth Day 11:30 Conf SC Noon Mass SC	St. George, Martyr St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Mar- tyr 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		

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian. — 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. Set up will be the week of the sale.

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. We don’t always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life’s challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their “aha” moment. We all want our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things become unsettled. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our “aha” moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our “aha” moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, “peace be with you,” and we feel secure. It’s all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God’s goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News. ©LPi

Mass Intentions April 19—25

Mon Private Mass	Mary Lou Bunce ‡	
Tues. 8:30	Al deDominces	SM
Wed. 8:30	Ed Rozowski ‡	SM
Thur. Noon	Souls in Purgatory ‡	SC
Fri. 8:30	Annie Stangler	SM
Sat. 4:00	Spencer Yurrick ‡	SJ
Sun. 8:30	People of our Parish Cluster	SM
Sun. 11:00	Frank Zentek ‡	SC

Our Gifts to God

Ordinary Income	March 2021	March 2020
St. Charles	\$4,069.00	\$3,742.00
SC UCA	\$607.00	\$106.00
St. Joseph	\$802.26	\$1,680.00
SJ UCA	\$212.00	\$0
St. Mary	\$5,583.25	\$3,445.55
SM UCA	\$1,730.00	\$376.00

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. Download and return by email: stmarys@paulbunyan.net or mail: St. Mary's, PO Box 98, Deer River, MN 56636.

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.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

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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. ©LP



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.

Religious Education Thank You

The religious education program at St. Mary's is completed for the year. While it was a short program this year, it was so much appreciated by all involved. A special thank you to all who taught students and assisted in passing on the faith to our children: Elana Evans, Kay Dugas, Gwenn Smith, Dave DeLawyer, Kathy Gullickson, Marcia Dorry, Fern Jurvelin, Ashley Storlie, Kathy Seelye and Sarah Stangler. God bless all of you

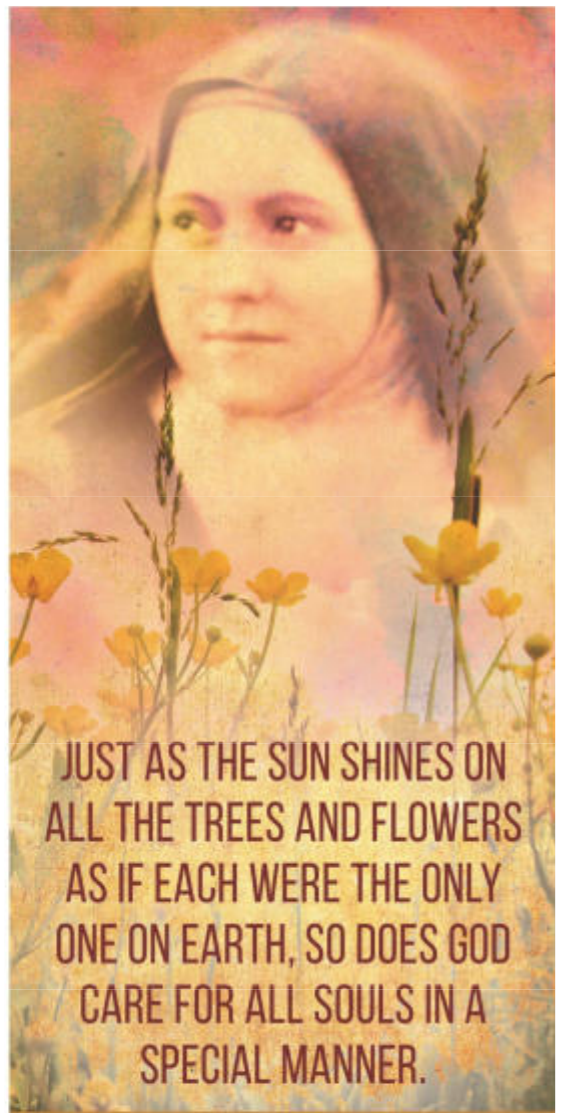
St. Joseph Cemetery Clean Up

Annual spring cleanup of the cemetery in Ball Club is Monday, April 26. Work will begin at 10 am. All help is encouraged and welcome.

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.

More information: email: walkerpsc@arvig.net, 218-547-5433; 1-800-712-4357.



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ALL THE TREES AND FLOWERS
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