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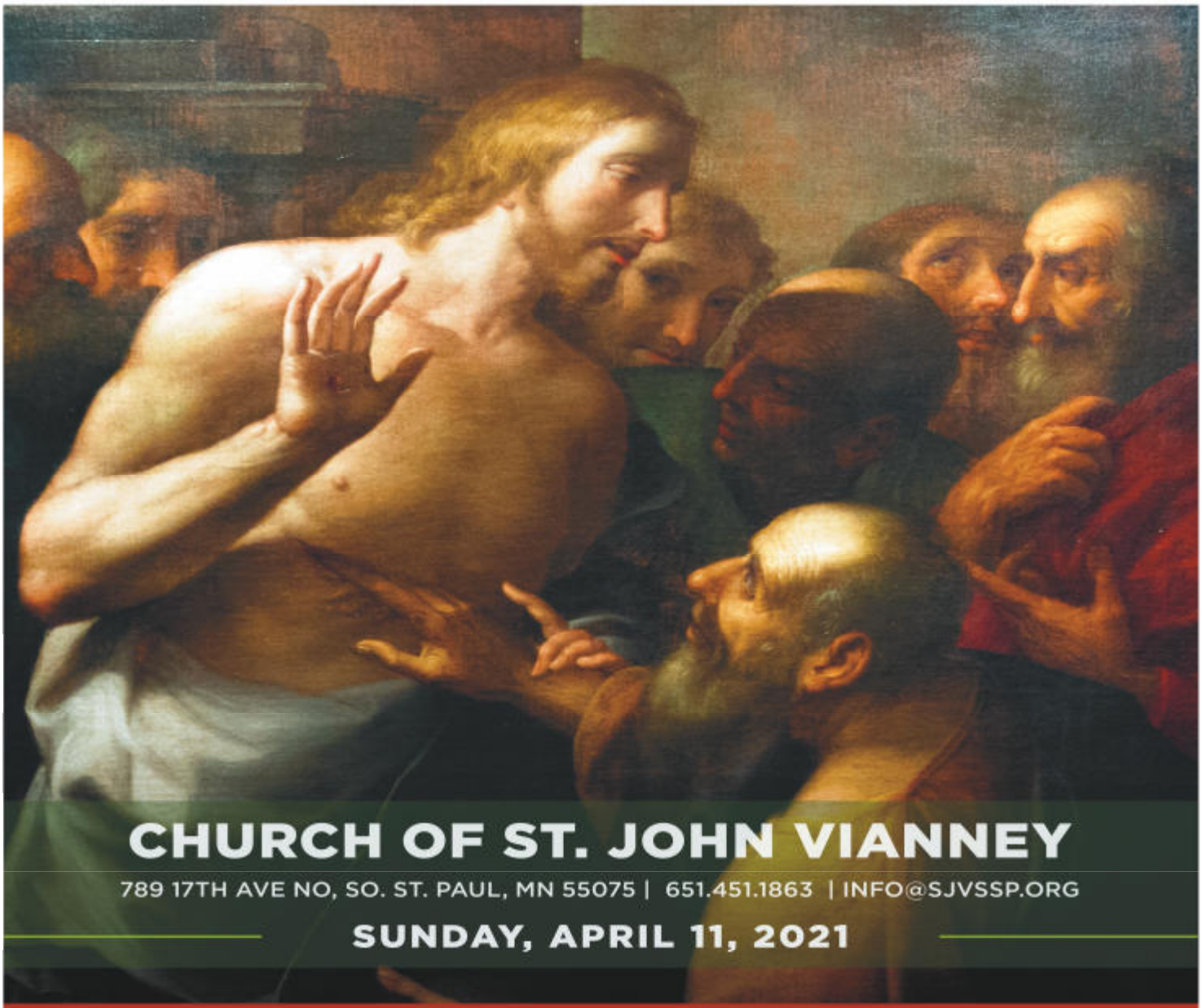

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SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:28-29

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

SUN 4/11	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
MON 4/12	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
TUES 4/13	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
WED 4/14	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
THR 4/15	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
FRI 4/16	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
SAT 4/17	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
SUN 4/18	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

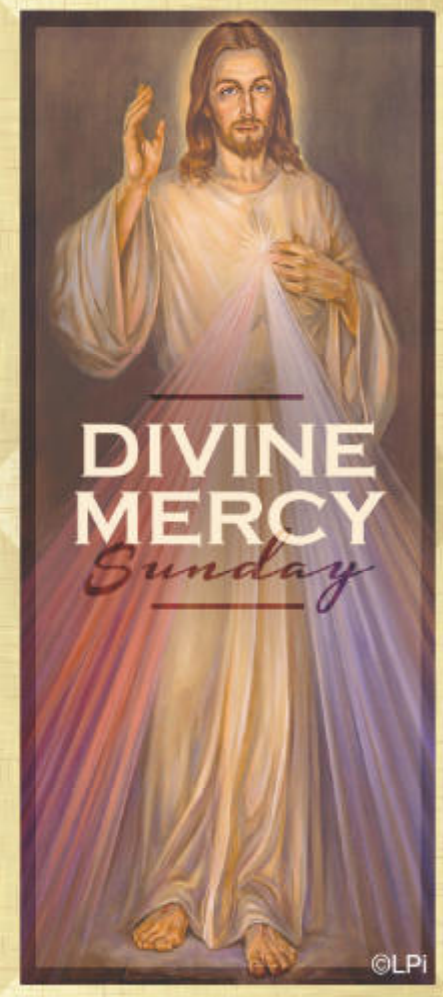
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Tuesday:	St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Thursday:	Tax Day
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!



My Lord and my God!

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING:

With great power the apostles bore witness
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
and great favor was accorded them all.
(Acts 4:33)

PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good,
his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the
Christ is begotten by God,
and everyone who loves the Father
loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

GOSPEL:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
(Jn 20:21)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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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LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

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

Many blessings to Herb & Avis Reckinger as they celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary this month! What a beautiful example of commitment and love four our parish community.

A special "THANK YOU" to all of the spectacular volunteers who made the 2021 Fish Fry a success! We appreciate your time, talent and treasure more than you know.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

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.

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Prayer Requests

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Kevin Conroy
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Alex Larson
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John Rose
Dustin Bergh
Sandy Lotzer
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Marge Willer
Lily Kehler
Carlos Garcia

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Kay Buhl
Debbie Knoll
Marcy Jansen
Alice Hamilton
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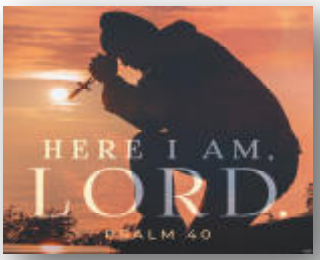

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY	APR 13	————	NO MASS
TUESDAY	APR 14	8:00 AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	APR 15	8:00 AM	JOSEPH MANI+
THURSDAY	APR 16	8:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE- MAGGIE DEMCO
FRIDAY	APR 17	8:00 AM	ANN YOUNG & SHIRLEY KRECH+
SATURDAY	APR 18	5:00 PM	ANN YOUNG
SUNDAY	APR 19	8:30 AM	JOAN WOODS+
		10:30 AM	DOROTHY GUTZMAN+

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SUNDAY

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