

**April 7, 2013: Second Sunday of Easter –  
Divine Mercy Sunday**



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — Jn 20:27-28

**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 7 (Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31)**

8:00 am- Lillie & Willie Wagner, & Willie, Jr.  
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

**Monday, April 8, *The Annunciation of the Lord* (Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38)**

7:00 am- Robert Kloppenberg  
10:00 am- Vickie & Robert Klmitchek (H'ville Rehab)

**Tuesday, April 9 (Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15)**

7:00 am- Marjorie Chanek

**Wednesday, April 10 (Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21)**

7:00 am- Adolf & Caroline Polasek  
8:05 am- Leo & Viola Henke  
7:00 pm- Confirmation Candidates (Confirmation)

**Thursday, April 11, *St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr* (Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36)**

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Life  
10:00 am- Elizabeth Fuller (Stevens)

**Friday, April 12 (Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15)**

7:00 am- Jose Guadalupe, Adriana & Carlos Hernandez  
8:05 am- Dorothy Gleason

**Saturday, April 13, *St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr* (Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21)**

5:30 pm- Pam Dornak

**Sunday, April 14 (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14)**

8:00 am- Henry & Sylvia Kallus  
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

**Bulletin Sponsor:** K.J.T. No. 5.

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** Leo & Evelyn Hoffer in memory of Don & Willie Mae Peterson.

**Vigil Light:** Special Intention for Health.

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$7,974.50; Loose-\$2,805; Children-\$264; Rice Bowl-\$766; Seminarians Education-\$5,133; Holy Land-\$2,988.

**Promise of Marriage:** Debra Smirak & Robert Technik on April 12.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Martha Repka* and *Karl Franzl* of our parish family. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*



*Please pray for vocations to the  
priesthood and religious life!*



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

-Mandatory Confirmation Practice for sponsors & candidates in church after 10:30 a.m. Mass.  
-Divine Mercy Holy Hour, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Church.

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

-Rosary & Evening Prayers, 5:30 p.m., Church.  
-Choir Practice, 6:05 p.m. in church.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.  
-Safe Environment Class, 6:00 p.m., Family Center.  
-Christian Mothers Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.  
-No Adult Education Class.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

-Confirmation, 7:00 p.m. No regular CCD Class.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

-English Second Language Class, 6-7:15 p.m., Family Center. Babysitting available for 2 years & older.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

-Mandatory Freshmen Confirmation Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**Among our sick:** Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Ed Aulick, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Milissa Zamora, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frances Moore, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemec, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Donna Coldewey, Donna Avant, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Dorothy Allen Hass, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Rose Mary Etzler, Rosalee Gaskamp, Helen Kresta, Clinton Henneke, Tillie Schott, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Lucille (Cudlum) Werner, Donna Steffek, Frank Gutierrez, Glenn Rabel, Jonathon Drozd, Richard Reese Wachel, Lisa Grissom, nursing home residents & homebound.

**Anniversaries:**

Larry & Donna Dornak	30 yrs.	Apr. 9
Robert & Loraine Butschek	65 yrs.	Apr. 12

**Welcome to the Parish:** Robert Technik; Micheal & Jennifer Bradberry.

**March Baptisms:** Claire Isabel, daughter of Horacio & Tammy Carrizal; Bella Reine, daughter of Julian Longoria & Jessica Grahmann; and, Destiny Lizette, daughter of Omar & Carmen Perez.

**KJT No. 3 District Meeting, April 14, St. Mary's.**  
Registration 11:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m.

**Annual Veterans Appreciation Day, April 7, KC Hall**  
Doors open 10am. Memorial Service begins 11am. Meal served at Noon. All veterans & their families are invited. The event is free. For info., call 772-6201 or 798-4524.

**Blessing of expectant mothers** will be held at all Masses next weekend, April 13 & 14.

*From the Desk of Msgr. John*

Today we will have a holy hour in church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 3:00-4:00 p.m. to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is invited to come and pray as St. Faustina has passed on to us this devotion of Our Lord.

We thank everyone who helped in any way with the Holy Week Services and Masses. We had many good comments on the Living Stations on Good Friday performed by the Sacred Heart Junior Class, the choir and musicians, and all the flowers and beautiful decorations.

We welcome Samantha Barker and Leah Ross who joined the Catholic Church through Baptism, and Tiffany Janak who joined the Catholic Church through a Profession of Faith on Holy Saturday night at the Easter Vigil. These three also received the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to the following who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Wednesday, April 10. Students from Sacred Heart: Jacob Barton, Quinn Berkenhoff, Joshua Blashchke, Alex Bludau, Colton Bludau, Danson Bludau, Elizabeth Bujnoch, Colleen Deem, Walker Dowell, Jonathan Etzler, Kenzie Etzler, Hannah Fogle, Brailyn Gaitan, Daniel Gomez, Alicia Grahmann, Hannah Guevara, Margaret Harper, Heather Henneke, Lana Hickson, Calen Janak, Megan Janak, Trent Janak, Meagan Jurica, Sabrina Koerth, Derik Kubenka, Serena Kutac, Kyle Leopold, Morgan Mitchon, Haley Nidey, Jaycie Orsak, Alyssa Pfuhl, Kelsey Pilat, Rachael Saulnier, Sherry Satsky, Emily Schimck, Madison Schindler, Angel Soto, Luke Steffek, Tyler Steffek, Liana Stock, Scott Stoner, Stephanie Sykora, Cassidy Targac, Johnathon Vanek, Andrew Watson, Evan Wick, Ignacia Vargas, Elizabeth Wysocki, and Michael Zaruba; Connor Neuse and Chase Rainosek from St. Mary's; and, Joshua Schacherl from Ascension Church, Moravia.

**Religious Education (CCD) –**

**Apr. 10:** Confirmation. No regular CCD.



**Sacred Heart Catholic School –**

**Apr. 15:** School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

**Apr. 19:** Marathon. Classes dismissed at 12:00 noon.

No extended care. For corporate sponsorship, please call the school office.

**Apr. 24:** Spring Music Program, 7:00 p.m., Gym.

**Apr. 29:** Senior Scholarship Banquet, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

**“Come & See” Vocation Discernment Weekend, April 13-14, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria** for single Catholic women 18-50. For information or reservations, call 575-7111 or iwbsvoc@yahoo.com.

**Men's ACTS Retreat, Apr. 18-21.** Registration forms are at entrance of church. Mail form to address on application.



**Easter Flowers Donors:** Leona Chovanetz in memory of Billy & Earline Chovanetz-\$20; Guntram & Elaine Janak in memory of Guntram, Annie & Dwayne Janak, Alvin & Annie Schneider, Don & Willie Mae Peterson-\$20; Allen & Anita Steffek in memory of Helen & Alfonse Steffek-\$20; Victor & Lucille Vasek in memory of Robert & Rosa Helmcamp-\$15.

**Sacred Heart Youth –** Upcoming events: Farewell to Seniors BBQ, April 28, and Social at Splashway Water Park, May 19.

**Truck Raffle Tickets available for purchase at the Rectory for \$100 each.** 2013 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 Z-71 4-door truck on display at Grafe Chevrolet GMC. Don't forget to send in your calendar membership tickets! Drawing begins Monday, April 8.

**Second Sunday of Easter –** Fraternal twins, not identical ones, don't get to pull any of the cool "twin" stuff when they are growing up. They don't get to confuse teachers by exchanging classes nor have the chance to mix up girlfriends or boyfriends by switching up on a date.

In today's Gospel, it is mentioned that Thomas is a twin. We don't know any more than that. We don't know if the other twin is a brother or sister. We don't even know if the other is still alive. The mention of Thomas being a twin is just one of those fascinating little fragments that pops up from time to time in the Scriptures that leaves a person wondering, "What is the rest of the story?"

The "rest of the story" in this case is that physical knowledge of Jesus is just not that important. Just like it is unimportant whether Thomas' twin is there, so too it is not essential to have the physical body of Jesus standing in front of us to "prove" that He lives. We do not have to see Jesus to believe in Him. As a matter of fact,

believing in Jesus is seeing Him not in His physical form, but in the community of believers who act as Him in the world today. In effect, people should see Him in us, because we act as His identical twin. (2013 Liturgical Publications, Inc.)



*A big thank you to all who participated in the "40 Cans for Lent" program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #2433. The results were extremely successful with food, monetary gifts and prayers. All items were donated to the Manna Food Pantry and will be distributed to those in need in our area. May God reward you with many graces for your generosity and sacrifice. Thomas Wick, Knights of Columbus #2433.*

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April 2013

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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Mother Théodore Guérin

The Year of Faith saint for April is St. Mother Théodore

Guérin, who predicted at age ten that she would become a nun. At age 25, she became a Sister of Providence of Ruillé-sur-Loir in France. She was soon asked to lead missionary sisters to Indiana where their base was a log cabin with a porch for a chapel. By her death in 1856, she had opened schools throughout Illinois and Indiana, trusting in God's providence to accomplish the impossible..



### Speak the truth

Do you speak out against injustice or sin? Yes, you may be called "intolerant" for sharing Gospel truths but tolerance doesn't render truth untrue. In fact, saying nothing can be worse. Christ is clear: "When your brother sins, rebuke him and when he repents, forgive him" (Luke 17:3).

"The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Pope Benedict XVI



## Speak out, reach out, and live out our Catholic faith

Recent studies reported that of all Christian denominations, Catholics are least likely to share our faith with others despite having the same requirement to "make disciples of all the nations." Try these ideas to speak out, reach out, and live out the Good News of our Catholic faith:

**Talk about love.** For someone who hasn't experienced God or who has become inactive in her faith, hearing how you have personally experienced God's love can be powerful. Don't hesitate to share how God has blessed you when you sense someone is ready to listen.

**Brush up on Catholic terms and positions.** When asked or when you sense there is confusion, be ready to explain the meaning of such terms as

"Sacrament" or "Communion" or the Church's position on social issues. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a reliable reference or you can refer to the U.S. bishops' website: [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action).

**Support parish ministries.** During parish drives, collect food and clothing from neighbors, coworkers, and relatives. Those are prime opportunities to talk about the Catholic dedication to serving the poor and hungry.

**Use social media.**

Whichever platform you choose, tweet an inspiration from the Bible, post your favorite devotion, pin a picture of your patron saint, or update the latest way God has worked in your life. No door knocking is required.



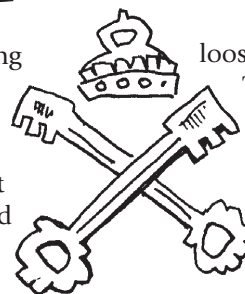
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Magisterium is the teaching authority of the Church, exercised by the pope and the bishops (*Catechism of the Catholics Church, 2033*). Christ gave this authority to Peter and then to the Apostles as a group when he gave them the power of binding and

## What is the Magisterium?

loosing (*Matthew 16:19, 18:18*).

This authority involves matters of faith and morals. As Catholics, we believe the Holy Spirit guides the thinking of the pope and bishops. We are therefore required to accept these teachings.



## Don't worry, be happy

What kind of happiness do we want to choose for ourselves? The happiness society suggests involves possessions, status, popularity, celebrity. Few people, if any, attain that level of happiness nor does it last when achieved. Real lasting happiness is the kind Jesus wants us to choose. It means placing ourselves in God's care, choosing what he wants for us and ignoring what the world tells us we need. This kind of happiness lasts forever.

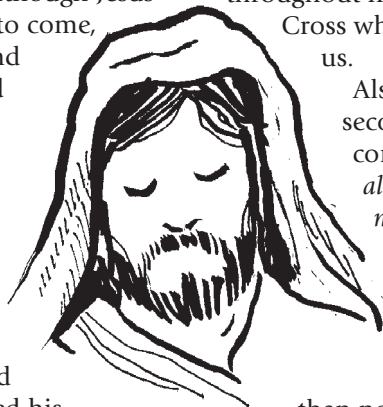


**Trust God completely.** "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear ... Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:25, 32-33).  
**Express gratitude.** If we aren't thankful for what we already have, it will be hard to ever be happy. Spend time each day appreciating what you have and it will increase in value.

### from Scripture

#### John 13:31-35, Love one another

The Last Supper was a confusing night for the Apostles. Although Jesus talked of his glory soon to come, they didn't yet understand that Jesus' glory involved great suffering. Jesus prepared them by giving them an important command that would help, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you should also love one another."



This is carefully worded by Our Lord. Jesus wanted his followers to be clear that this love is not a warm and fuzzy feeling. The love we are to have for each other is to be as

sacrificial as the love he demonstrated throughout his life and on the Cross when he gave his life for us.

Also important is the second part of this command, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Jesus intended for Christians to stand out in the world by behaving differently than non-believers. He is no longer visible on Earth with us, so he left us to be his hands and his heart to those around us.

### Q & A What is the Golden Rule?

"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12) is often called the Golden Rule. For Christians,



however, it is just a start. In its broadest sense, the Golden Rule means that we are to treat each other with extraordinary love.

"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus made it clear that he wants us to imitate the way he loves us by putting others' needs before our own. Jesus' sacrificial love for each of us is our model.

Love God. And we do all of this because of our love for God. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:37, 39-40). That love is the basis for all we do on Earth so that we can be happy with him forever in Heaven.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 23 – St. George (300).** Although many legends surround St. George, we know he was a soldier under Emperor Diocletian who persecuted Christians, and that he died a martyr in Palestine. He is celebrated as a model knight, protector of women, and combatant of evil. He is a patron of England, Portugal, Germany, Spain, and Italy.

**April 28 – St. Peter Chanel (1841).** Born a peasant in France, he was ordained a priest and entered the Society of Mary. He was sent to evangelize the Marshall Islands. Despite

adversities, he baptized the natives, including the chieftain's son. He was martyred by hostile warriors. The island converted two years after his death.

**April 30 – Pope St. Pius V (1572).** Born to a poor family in Italy, Antonio Ghislieri became a Dominican, taught theology, and became Pope Pius V. As Pope, he established seminaries and hospitals, and published the Roman Catechism, Roman Breviary, and the Missal. He is known for his efforts to implement the Council of Trent.



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