

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

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ST JOHN

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ST JOSEPH

510 Tipton St., Salix, IA

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 11, 2021

FROM FR. MICHAEL

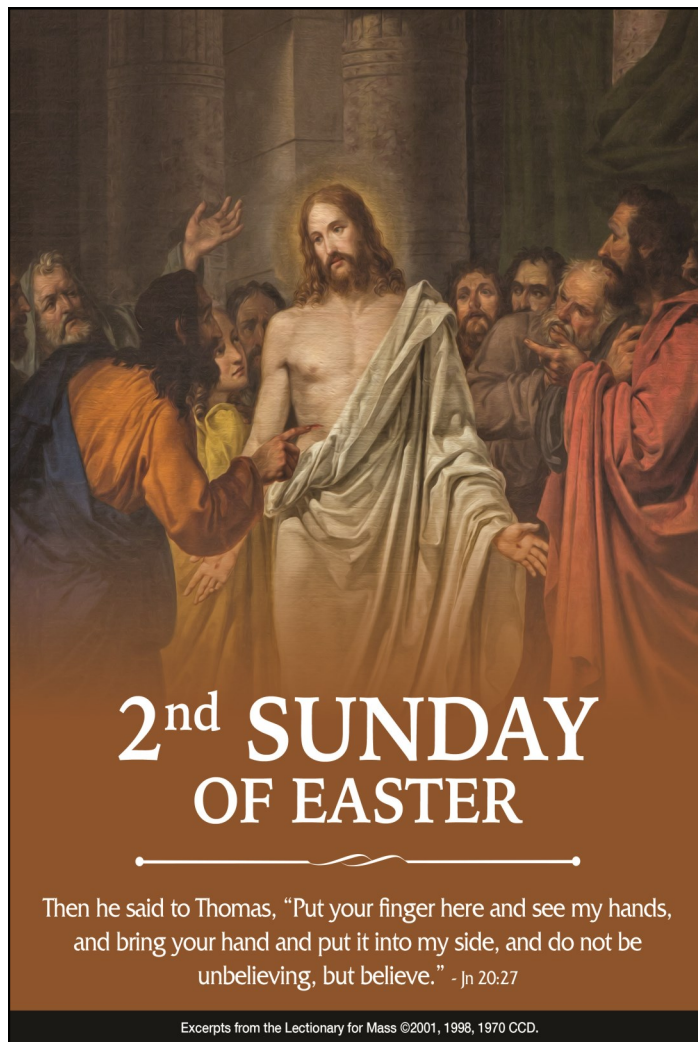
Today is Divine Mercy Sunday.

On 30 April 2000 Blessed Maria Faustina was declared Saint Faustina. The Holy Father states that henceforth in the Universal Church the 2nd Sunday of Easter will be called Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy devotion, like other devotions, is a form of popular piety. These are secondary to liturgical worship, such as Mass, liturgy of the hours, Eucharistic adoration and the celebration of sacraments.

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Blessed Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's Mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message of mercy is that God loves us - all of us - no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that his mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon him with trust, receive his mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share his joy.

Devotion to Divine Mercy involves: 1. Asking for God's mercy. God wants us to approach him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking him to pour his Mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. 2. Asking us to be merciful. God wants us to receive his mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as he does to us. 3. Asking us to completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of his mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

The focus of Divine Mercy Sunday should be on the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus promises to give us a wealth of graces through Holy Communion received worthily on this day. Happy Divine Mercy Sunday.



**2nd SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

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." - Jn 20:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Questions of the Week:

Adults: What can I do to inspire my family to resemble the first Christians?

Children: What can my family and I do to help others who are in need?

WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE : FATHER IS ON RETREAT

Mon	No Mass..	0:00 am
Tue	No Mass.....	0:00am
Wed	No Mass.....	9:00 am
Thurs	No Mass	0:00pm
Fri	Donna Davis.....	9:00 am
Sat	No Mass.....	0:00 am
Sun	Joe Fouts.....	9:00 am

Stewardship	March 28	April 4
Envelopes/loose	\$ 658.00	2045.00
building	\$ 83.00	25.00
Retired/infirm	\$	130.00
E-offering	\$ 194.70	60.00
Needy Fund	\$	10.00
Grain	\$	1860.70
Flowers	\$ 100.00	
Holy Land	\$ 10.00	
Easter Offering	\$	745.00
St. Bernard	\$ 220.00	480.00
Total:	\$ 1265.70	\$5355.70

St. John Registered Families.....185

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Sat	Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard...	4:00 pm
Sun	Pat Parks.....	11:00 am

STEWARDSHIP	MARCH 28	APRIL 4
Envelopes	\$ 2335.00	3265.00
Loose:	\$ 292.00	207.00
Candles:	\$ 10.00	52.00
Cemetery PC	\$	
E-offering:	\$ 677.02	
Maintenance	\$ 25.00	
Emergency	\$	185.00
Food Pantry	\$	150.00
Mow & snow	\$	
Easter Flowers	\$ 60.00	
Cath. Relief	\$ 50.00	
Palm Sunday	\$ 280.00	5.00
Retired/infirm	\$	455.00
Mothers Day	\$	155.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3729.02	\$4474.00

St. Joseph Registered Families209

. JOHN				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
		Elmwood		
ROSARY		Homebound	Greeters	
ST. JOSEPH —				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
—Rosary			14- Greeters	
Stewards		Homebound		Liturgy/ Word

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:

Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Madonna Dodd, Pam Turner, Loretta Simoff, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Chris Metzger, Judson Bramow, & Sherry Wince. If you know of someone who is ill and needs our prayers, and would like to be listed, or if you no longer need to be listed, contact Colleen @ office 423-1004

This Sunday, April 11th , seven of our second graders will receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep these young people in your prayers... They are :

Jaden Bechtel, son of Jennifer Bechtel,
Mason Griffith, son of Brent & Amber Griffith,
Aubree Hinrickson, daughter of Ben Hinrickson & Sara Keenan,
Jackson Kovar, son of Brandon & Allison Kovar,
Tynnlee Kuker, daughter of Jake & Cara Kuker,
Reagan Lee, daughter of Coby Lee & Jennifer Lee,
Caeden McCall, son of Brent & Kellie McCall

There are no weekday Masses Monday thru Thursday this week. Father is at a well deserved retreat. In case of an emergency, please call the office at 423-1004 or call Colleen at 712-574-1027.

Thank you to Grace Fouts and Pat Heisterkamp who helped with the decorating of our Church for Easter. Thank you also to Larry & Amy Christensen for their invaluable help with hanging the banners for Eastertime. Thank you all so much for your help. The Church looks beautiful.!

Just For Laughs

PADDY WAS IN NEW YORK HE WAS PATIENTLY WAITING, AND WATCHING THE TRAFFIC COP ON A BUSY STREET CROSSING. THE COP STOPPED THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AND SHOUTED, "OKAY PEDESTRIANS." THEN HE'D ALLOW THE TRAFFIC TO PASS. HE'D DONE THIS SEVERAL TIMES, AND PADDY STILL STOOD ON THE SIDEWALK. AFTER THE COP HAD SHOUTED "PEDESTRIANS" FOR THE TENTH TIME, PADDY WENT OVER TO HIM AND SAID, "IS IT NOT ABOUT TIME YE LET THE CATHOLICS ACROSS?"

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES.

Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, Roger Huot, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner, Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux. Darrell Lux, Richard Hentges, Paula Wagner. Mary Lue Schnieders, & Vincent Choquette. For all who travel, grieve, those in the military, veterans their families and our nations leaders. The candles burning on the Blessed Mother's altar are for the military serving in foreign lands.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS TODAY AS THEY RECEIVE JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY ARE Liam Gehling, Lylee Oehm, Madelyn Olson, Landen Schuetz, Sophia Scott, Emersyn Warren, Levi Willis, Kennedy Worrell, Reed Worrell Big Thank you to their teachers Paula Olson and Shelby Skinner for all their hard work in preparing the students. I forgot Sophia last week so sorry, and Shelby. May you all stay close to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

EASTER FLOWERS were donated in memory of Bud & Rita Brassfield, Clyde & Dolores Johnson, Stanley Johnson, Thomas Brennan, Earl & Helen Putnam, Agnes Wickencamp, Kathryn & Roger Huot, James & Dolores O'Keefe, Huot family, O'Keefe family, Ed & Tim Conley, Karen Kucera, Dean & Josie Prather, Charles & Florence Lucas, Eileen & Lawrence Topf, Joe Baker, Donald Domsch, Vince Topf, Bill and Bobby Welter, Merlin & Marge Mohning, Dayle & Darlene Ellis & families, Wally & Bonnie Parker & families, Archie & Dolores Worrell, Jessica Loring, Connor Nor-gelas, Thomas Lambert, Jim Reisch, Amy & Jake Lander, Reisch family

YOUTH GROUP WILL START MEETING IN THE MONTH OF APRIL THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. SEE YOU ALL THERE.

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Sunday, April 11 Divine Mercy Sunday

How To Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Optional Opening Prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat 3 times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed

For each of the five decades (On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray) Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

(On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray)
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times)
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

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