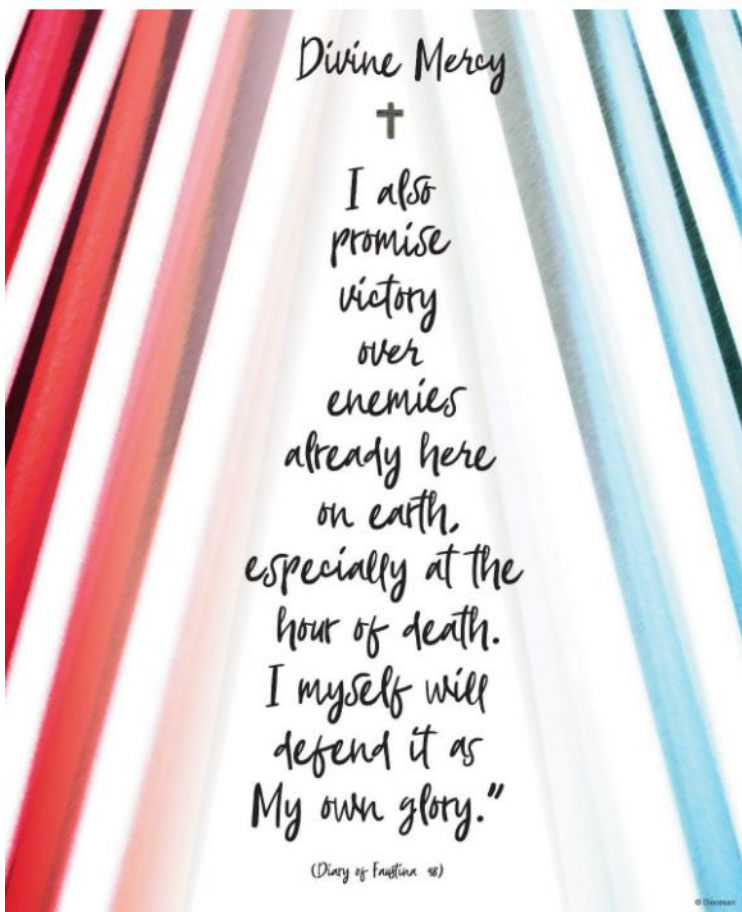




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**Regular Mass Schedule**

Saturday • 5:00 pm  
Sunday • 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 PM  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday • 4:00 pm  
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Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to [stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com)



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

### Monday • April 12

Acts 4:23-31 | John 3:1-8

No Mass

### Tuesday • April 13

*St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr*

Acts 4:32-37 | John 3:7b-15

7:00 p.m. †**Bob, Dean, & Catherine Gilroy**  
By: Family

### Wednesday • April 14

Acts 5:17-26 | John 3:16-21

12:05 p.m. †**Deceased Members of the Martin Family**  
By: Roy & JoAnn Simon

### Thursday • April 15

Acts 5:27-33 | John 3:31-36

8:30 a.m. †**Dan Sandahl**  
By: Family

### Friday • April 16

Acts 5:34-42 | John 6:1-15

8:30 a.m. †**Howard Blasen**  
By: The Jorae Family

### Saturday • April 17

Acts 6:1-7 | John 6:16-21

5:00 p.m. †**Jean Burns**  
By: Children

### Sunday • April 18

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 John 2:1-5a | Luke 24:35-48

8:00 a.m. †**Terri Stoddard**  
By: Mike & Family

10:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

12:00 p.m. †**Nicholas Kurncz**  
By: Christine Kurncz & Family

6:00 p.m. **Spanish Mass**



## Adoration of Our Lord

"My heart is drawn there where my God is hidden, where He dwells with us day and night, clothed in the White Host, He governs the whole world, He communes with souls."

(St. Faustina Diary entry #1591)

We are in need of people to join our adoration team. The commitment is only one hour per month on First Friday/Saturday. Will you prayerfully consider joining us? Times available: First Fridays: 10 a.m., noon, 2 & 3 p.m. Saturday: midnight & 1 a.m.. Also, we are in need of subs. Text/call Rebecca 989-292-2072 with questions.

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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APRIL 11TH - APRIL 17TH

In Memory of

*Mark Schafer*



## Post - Pandemic Survey

It's been a challenging 12 months but we're looking ahead with confidence to the time when we can reopen and welcome everyone back to Mass. Please complete our Post-Pandemic Survey to help us as we plan for the future. The survey is available at:

<https://forms.gle/JRm3AtaskqJsVkJw8>  
or contact the parish office for a paper version. Surveys are due back on April 12, 2021

## KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Linda Shirley  
Stan & Millie Wassa,  
Jeff & Charles Wadell

Dan Boak  
Daniel Blair  
Mary Noah  
Donna Smith  
Lauren  
Joan Bozung  
Brian Ritter  
Beverly Patricia  
Walter & Jennie Pytlowanyj

Myah  
Sally Lorenc,  
Brad Walker  
Susan  
Matthew  
Joe Caudy  
Bob  
Jason Thelen

## Our parishioners in the service, especially:

Joseph Dershem  
Alex Detloff  
Jake Hoskins  
Joseph Larsen  
Jacob Longoria  
Eric Martin  
Jessica Mitchell  
Colby Munger

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EVANGELIZERS**  
(and whatever else is on  
Deacon Eric's mind)

## A View from the Sanctuary

Though this was my second Easter as a deacon, it was the first in which I was able to fully participate in the Easter Triduum Due to Covid last year. Reflecting on "the week that was," it was educational, though not nearly as taxing on me as it was on Fr. Mike and Deacon Jerry due to their added responsibilities.

It began with participating in the three-pronged reading of the Passion at two of the Palm Sunday Masses. Though I have read or listened to the Passion account dozens of times, it had a stronger effect on me this time around. The Passion is broken into three parts: with Narrator One as the basic storyteller, Narrator Two takes as all the characters except Jesus.

Narrator Three as Jesus. As Narrator One that day, I picked up a much better sense of how the events unfolded that I ever had as a listener in the pew.

On Holy Thursday, I was one of the lucky eight deacons to be chosen to represent our ministry at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. On top of that I was one of the two chosen from that group to process with holy oils to be blessed by Bishop Boyea. My last thought before heading down the aisle was "Don't pull an Exxon Valdez." I later preached at the evening Mass of the Last Supper, which forced me to look not only at Jesus the Servant in the Washing-of-the-Feet Gospel, but also to look deeply at the sacrifice Jesus was preparing to make as an atonement for my sins.

Good Friday brings it's own level of solemnity, with the remembrance of Jesus' death on the cross. In the Passion presentation that day, I was Narrator Two, which meant representing Caiphas, Pilate and the unruly crowd. It was truly a

unique experience trying to voice their anger and disdain, even venom for Jesus, when, of course, my heart lies with the Lord. Shouting "Crucify him" was a weird feeling. In reflecting on those words later, I realized in humility, that every time I sin I too participate in Jesus' crucifixion.

Then came the Easter Vigil. I don't have enough space left to go into all the joy of the Easter Vigil Mass, from Deacon Jerry's moving Exulted chant, to the wonderful readings, to the Niagara Falls method of Baptism, to the angelic singing of the Litany of Saints, the welcoming of eight new faith members into the parish and to the climatic final hymn. I had someone tell me it was the most normal it's felt in church since the pandemic hit. I agree. Now it's up to us to bring that "normalcy" and energy back every Sunday because: the Lord is Risen, **Alleluia, Alleluia!!!**

Deacon Eric

[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto:deaconeric@hotmail.com)



## An Easter Message of Comfort

By Deacon Marv

The past year has been so difficult for us and our loved ones. The pandemic has had such a negative impact on so many in so many ways. Pope Francis has given us these encouraging words of hope to us in these challenging times.

" 'Comfort, give comfort to my people' (Isaiah 40:1) are the words of the prophet that still bring hope to those who experience suffering and pain. Let us never allow ourselves to be robbed of the hope born of faith in the Risen Lord. We are often sorely tested, but we must never lose our certainty of our Lord's love for us. His mercy is also expressed in the closeness, affection, and support that many of our brothers and sisters offer us in times of sadness and suffering."



### Alexandria Rebecca Sterle

Was Baptized on  
Saturday, April 3, 2021,  
she is the Daughter of  
Joseph & Laura Sterle.

### Angela Faith Sterle

Was Baptized on  
Saturday, April 3, 2021,  
she is the Daughter of  
Joseph Sterle & Laura Sterle.

### Joni Lynn Mendyk

Was Baptized on  
Saturday, April 3, 2021,  
she is the Wife of  
Frank Mendyk.

### Carly Ann Mendyk

Was Baptized on  
Saturday, April 3, 2021  
she is the daughter of  
Frank & Joni Mendyk.

### Karrie Jo VanPopplen

Was Baptized on  
Saturday, April 3, 2021  
she is the Wife of  
Travis VanPopplen.

### Dana Marie Worrall

Was Baptized on  
Saturday, April 3, 2021  
she is the Wife of  
Eric Worrall.





**YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE  
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- The Feast of Divine Mercy is a celebration and summation of God's Merciful Love.
- *"Divine Mercy is the Easter gift the Church receives from the risen Christ" ~ Pope JP II, 2001*
- Pope John Paul II loved and designated Divine Mercy Sunday as a universal feast day devotion.
- We invite you to benefit fully from the Divine Mercy promises given to St. Faustina for everyone.
- Please tell your family and friends about this and urge them to return to practice their faith.

**Begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, April 2nd, 2021**

**See:**

<http://divinemercysunday.com/novena.htm>



### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS FOR GRIEF**

**Offered by the St. Joseph Prayer Tree and Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry**

The Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry invites those who have experienced the passing of a loved one this past year to join us after the 5P mass on April 24<sup>th</sup> as we hold a memorial reflection with Divine Mercy chaplet. The chaplet was recommended by our Lord to St. Faustina for the repose of souls and for their families. The death of our loved ones is precious time to our Lord. We hope that you can join us for this special time of remembrance and prayer.

### **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU**

*For the week of April 12, 2021*

Mon: Tortilla chips w/cheese & meat sauce, green beans, mixed fruit & milk.

Tues: Cheese pizza, carrots, fruit & milk.

Wed: Grilled Cheese sandwich, loaded baked potato soup w/crackers, pears & milk.

Thurs: Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fruit & milk.

Fri: Mac. & Cheese, pretzel, broccoli, peaches & milk.

School Lunch Price: \$2.90 Milk Price: \$0.50  
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## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**April 17/18**

**Altar Servers**

*Not needed at this time.*

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 PM	Mark Fedewa & Ed Thelen
8:00 AM	Cindy Coulter, Lana Hufnagel, Pam Feldpausch and Teri Gladden-Seperic
10:00 AM	Karen Wood & Sharon Conley
12:00 PM	Mike Stoddard and Stu & Sharon Fitzpatrick

**Only three are needed for each Mass.**

### **Lectors**

5:00 PM	Lisa Wieber
8:00 AM	Trevor Hollis
10:00 AM	Karen Densmore
12:00 PM	Charlotte Voisin

### **Ushers**

5:00 PM	Ron McCarty & Group 5B
8:00 AM	Tom Wiersma & Group 8C
10:00 AM	Jim Pontack & Group 10C
12:00 PM	Glenn Voisin & Group 12C

**5 to 6 Ushers are preferred for each Mass.**

### **Counting Collections**

April 12th • Group 1

### **Sanctuary Cleaners**

April 17th • Pat Snyder & Mary Harr

*Full schedules are available at  
[www.stjoecatholic.com/schedules](http://www.stjoecatholic.com/schedules)*

## **PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN**

Please be mindful that a small child's fussing is amplified by the hard surfaces we have and carries well throughout the church, even when full of people. Out of respect for your fellow parishioners, I would ask you to please take your child/children to the Cry Room when they begin to fuss. That will allow us to continue to pray the Mass with devotion and reverence. Thank - you! ~ Fr. Mike





Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal so far.

We have a good start to our DSA drive this year. As of 4/4/2021, families have donated \$59,552.00, over 62.2% of our goal. If you haven't already, please remember to fill out your pledge form and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office during the week. Or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa).

Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. Evangelization occurs through dozens of ongoing ministries made possible by our contributions to DSA.

### Easter Flower Dedications

These dedications just missed our deadline for the Easter Bulletin.

**In memory of: Alan Simon**

By: Karen Simon

**In memory of: Urban Weber**

**In memory of: Marie Weber**

**In memory of: Ken Weber**

By: Janet McKeown

**In memory of: Dave Schroeder Sr.**

By: Susie Schroeder

**In memory of: Agnes French**

By: George French

**In memory of Agnes French**

**In honor of George French**

By: Ken & Lori Zelenka

## STEWARDSHIP

**Sunday, April 4, 2021**

Adults (296) Envelopes/Gifts. \$27,297.00  
(Including automated debits and online giving)

Loose Cash.....\$943.00

TOTAL ..... \$28,240.00

### Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund .....\$678.00

Building Fund .....\$233.00

Tuition Scholarship Fund .....\$140.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2020 is \$18,633.16. If we continue to keep this average we will meet our budgeted goal.

**Thursday, April 1, 2021 (Holy Thursday)**

Adults ( ) Envelopes/Gifts.....\$0.00  
(Including automated debits and online giving)

Loose Cash.....\$335.00

TOTAL .....\$335.00

### THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

The Children's Collection will be donated to:



### Missionary Childhood Association

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## AQUINAS COLLEGE VISIT DAYS

Aquinas College welcomes high school seniors to our inaugural Accepted Student Day on Saturday, April 17 and prospective sophomores and juniors to campus for our upcoming AQDays on Friday, April 16 or Friday, May 7. Experience firsthand what it means to be a Saint! Evens include an overview of the college and a campus tour. See our mission in action and how small is indeed mighty! Details and registration can be found at [aquinas.edu/visit](http://aquinas.edu/visit).



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### Greeting

We pray the Sign of the Cross. The priest welcomes us.

### Penitential Rite

*We remember our sins and ask God for mercy.*

### Gloria

*An ancient song praising God dating back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

### Collect (Opening Prayer)

*All of our prayers are "collected" into one, when the priest prays the opening prayer*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading (Acts 4:32-35)

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.

There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

**Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24)

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

**Second Reading** (1 John 5:1-6)

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood.

The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

### **Gospel Reading (Jn 20:19-31)**

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.*

*The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.*

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.*

*As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

*And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."*

*Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.*

*So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."*

*But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."*

*Now a week later his disciples were again*

*inside and Thomas was with them.*

*Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."*

*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!"*

*Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?"*

*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.*

*But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.*

### **Profession of Faith (Creed)**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Faithful or General Intercessions**

*A collection of short prayers of petition. After each petition is said*



**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY****April 11, 2021**

*the congregation will respond by saying, "Lord, hear our prayer." **We pray for the Church, Her leadership, the World and it's leadership and then we pray for our parish and local needs.***

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*The Liturgy of the Eucharist, along with communion, is the most sacred part of the Mass. Catholics will kneel during the Eucharistic prayer, but non-Catholics may remain seated.*

**Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Gifts**

*The bread and wine are brought to the altar along with any monetary offerings for the poor that may have been collected from the congregation. These offerings as well as the bread and wine (our "first fruits") represent the offering of*

*ourselves (our lives) to God.*

**Preface and Sanctus**

*After the Preface prayer is prayed we all join in the song of praise being sung by the saints and angels as they gather around God's throne in heaven.*

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

*At this time the congregation will kneel.*

**Pater Noster (Our Father or Lord's**

**Prayer)** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as

we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the glory forever, Amen

**Fraction Rite — Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) Communion Rite (and Prayer for Spiritual Communion)**

*Act of Spiritual Communion (for those worshipping at home)* My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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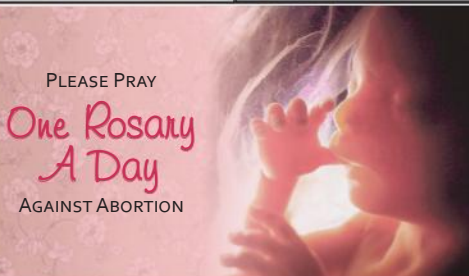
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