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EASTER SUNDAY ♦ MARCH 31, 2024

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

~Jn 20:5-7



Weekend Masses

Saturday

4:00pmSs. Peter & Paul
5:30pmSt. Thomas

Sunday

7:30am.....St. Thomas
9:00am.....Ss. Peter & Paul
10:30amSt. Thomas

Weekday Masses

Tuesdays 8:00am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Wed, Thur 8:30am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Fri, Sat 8:30am @ St. Thomas

Confessions

Tuesdays7:15-7:45am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Wed, Thu.....7:45-8:15am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Tue, Wed, Fri.....3:30-4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Wednesdays6:15-7pm @ St. Thomas (w/Adoration)
Fridays7:45-8:15am @ St. Thomas
Saturdays7:30-8:15am @ St. Thomas
3-3:45pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul

Sacrament Guidelines

Baptisms:

Make arrangements with the pastor. Copy of Birth Certificate must be submitted, at the latest, one week before the baptism.

Marriages:

Make arrangements with the pastor 6-8 months in advance. Must be a registered parishioner at least six months prior to beginning marriage prep. Cohabiting couples will normally be required to separate before scheduling a wedding.

Welcome Visitors!

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This is Easter Sunday! The Season of Lent has ended. During Lent we worked to grow our relationship with God so as to root out sin and be faithful to the Gospel. The Gospel reading for Easter Sunday morning reminds us of the wonder of the resurrection. Imagine for a moment, the wonderment of Mary Magdalen as she came to Jesus' tomb. It was very early

in the morning and the sunrise just lighting up the sky a bit so she could see as she walked along. She was going to finish anointing his body, which had been rushed when he was taken down from the cross, as the sabbath was about to begin. Now the sabbath was over. She arrived at the tomb and his body was not there. Shock would have been the first feeling, followed by a flood of others.

This moment when the empty tomb was discovered is the beginning of Easter Glory. Death could not keep Jesus in the tomb. The power of death had been broken by Jesus rising from the dead. The empty tomb and Jesus' encounters with the apostles and others on Easter Day reveal the power of our God as Lord of Life. None of us can remain alive here forever. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead shows forth the power over life itself that is in Jesus as the Son of God. This Jesus is the one in whom we place our faith and trust. He is life itself.

Regardless of life's journey for us thus far, when we place our faith in Jesus Christ, we are in the hands of life itself. We rejoice and praise God for loving us so much that He sent his only Son, Jesus, to do everything for us to be saved and enabled to rise from the dead. I pray that you will all have a blessed and joyful Easter and be touched by the marvelous love of our God! Amen! Alleluia!



Announcement from Fr. Jenson



The challenge fund that we began the 1st Sunday of Lent is coming along very nicely as we are a good halfway to the total needed for both the sanctuary painting and new altars. The contractors are ready to start the painting right after Easter. As a result, we have booked them to do the plaster restoration and painting. This will begin Monday, April 8th. This will mean moving weekend masses into the gym as was done in the summer years ago before church was air conditioned. All daily masses and all confessions - morning and afternoon - will move to St. Thomas during this work. The 3pm Saturday afternoon confessions will remain here in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center Library

(near the Parish Center entrance).

The contractors anticipate being done by the end of May, about two months' time. I pray that we will all be delighted by their work when it is completed! As the money comes in, we will begin the work on building the new altars.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to form and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in union with the Roman Catholic Church.

Ss. PETER & PAUL OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9am - 4pm

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Finance Council

Rachel Polson-Chair, Dan Doboszanski, Randy Elsen, Bernadette Grenzer, Brad Jacobs,



NEWS & EVENTS



Well-Read Mom (WRM) Book Club April Read

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

In April the WRM book club will be discussing the book *"Beautiful Eucharist"* by Matthew Kelly.

The WRM book club will meet on Tuesday, April 9 in the **Ss. Peter & Paul Dining Room** from **6:30pm - 7:45pm**, hosted by Meg Clemens.



Celebrate

Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday—April 7, 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Church of St. Anne in Hamel

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Veneration of The Divine Mercy Image
- Divine Mercy Praises
- Confession & Adoration
- Readings from the Diary of St. Faustina
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung)
- Benediction

Cemetery Notification

All winter decorations need to be removed from Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery by this Sunday, April 7th. After this weekend, all decorations remaining will be cleared off and disposed of.

Thank you,
Terry Ryan
Cemetery Sexton

KC Dick Weller Memorial Raffle

You may notice the Knights of Columbus out in full force over the next few weeks wearing their blue vests outside of church, and you may wonder what's going on? Well, it's the annual Dick Weller memorial raffle!



You can support your church/community/youth activities and charitable works of your local KC Council #9601 by purchasing a ticket for a chance to win cash prizes!

For more information please call Pete at 763-479-3987. Thank You!

Intercessory Prayer for our Children & Grandchildren

Friday, April 5, 9 AM @ St. Thomas

Fr. Jenson invites you to do intercessory prayer with him for our children and grandchildren every First Friday following the 8:30am Mass at St. Thomas. We'll meet in the church basement for social time, light refreshments, and a brief talk by Father; then we will head upstairs into the church for intercessory prayer time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

During these difficult and confusing times, our kids are in need of much prayer. Let's storm heaven for them with intercessory prayer!

First Saturday Devotion

As a powerful means for our parish and families to grow in holiness, and in our respective apostolic work, we will again have the First Saturday Devotion at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Saturday, April 6. There will be confessions from 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM. The rosary starts at 7:50 AM prior to the Mass at 8:30 AM.

Please join us in this beautiful devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Mass will be in the Novus Ordo English form (new order) of the Mass with some Latin inserted at parts.

CUF Food Drive Bingo Drawing

Please join us for Coffee & Rolls next Sunday after the 9 AM Mass when Catholic United Financial will have its Food Drive Bingo drawing for \$50!

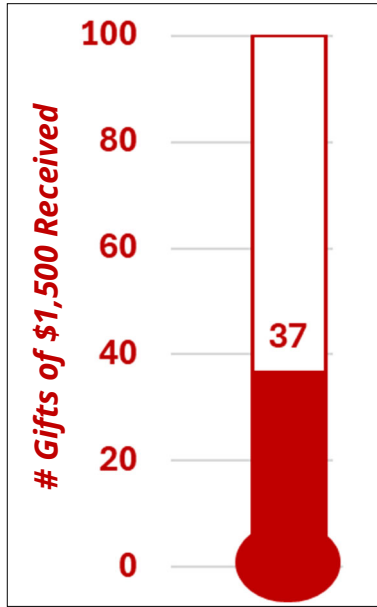
Fr. Jenson's \$1,500 Challenge



Fr. Jenson's challenge continues - for 100 families to match his donation of \$1,500 toward the restoration of our sanctuary as the first step in renovating our church.

If you would like to take part in this endeavor, please indicate your donation is for the challenge. If you would like to make payments, please indicate on each payment that it is to go toward the challenge. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code to the right or going to our website.

The office will track the donations, and we will keep you updated with the thermometer to the right.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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CATHOLIC Q & A

Question:

Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

Answer:

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as

dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created

Divine Mercy Sunday

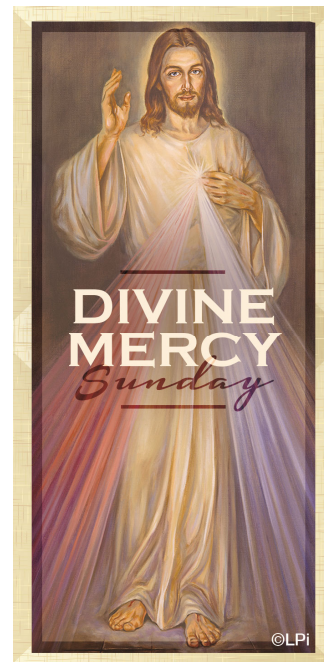
The Essentials

Observe Divine Mercy Sunday anywhere, on your own or with others.

Divine Mercy Sunday typically involves large numbers of people gathering to celebrate Holy Masses at which God's mercy is proclaimed by the priests or deacons.

To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter (or its Vigil).
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins.
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus.
4. Go to Confession, preferably before the Feast.
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast (or its Vigil).
6. Venerate^[1] the Image of The Divine Mercy.
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.



To receive the Extraordinary Graces of this Feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good [confession beforehand](#) and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

A Plenary Indulgence can be obtained by fulfilling the usual conditions^[2].

There are still many ways to enhance the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. [See suggestions.](#)

^[1]To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents — in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

^[2]The extraordinary graces promised to the faithful by our Lord Himself through St. Faustina should not be confused with the plenary indulgence granted by Pope John Paul II for the devout observance of the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). The Decree of the Holy See offers:

"A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!)..."

Article is taken from <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/how/essentials>.



a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.



≡ THIS WEEK ≡

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

April 6, 4:00 PM

Priest.....Fr. Mark Juettner
 SacristanMichael Roban
 RosaryMarlis Doboszanski
 Ushers.....Lee Schlosser, Butch Peitz
 Lector.....Joshua Roban
 EMHCMarlis Doboszanski

April 7, 9:00 AM

Priest.....Fr. Mark Juettner
 SacristanGlen Schneider
 RosaryMeg Clemens
 Ushers.....Paul Elsen, Todd Johnson, Ruth Lehn
 Lector.....Meg Clemens
 EMHCMeg Clemens
 Hospitality.....Catholic United Financial

EASTER



OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 1-7, 2024

- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter; April Fools' Day
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

MASS INTENTIONS

April 2-7, 2024

TuesGreg Elsen & Lucas Affeldt
 Wed†Stephen Green
 Thur†Marion Merz
 Fri.....†Rodger Brodin
 Sat, 8:30amParish Cluster
 Sat, 4:00pm.....†Rick Gunderson
 Sat, 5:30pm†Jeff Chastek
 Sun, 7:30am.....†Marc Tadych
 9:00am†Ron Arens
 10:30am†Glen Milless



Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday:
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday:
 Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:
 Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:
 Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:
 Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:
 Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:
 Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:
 Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

April 1-7, 2024

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office closed on Mondays

9-10:30am Bible Study @ St. Thomas

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

3:45-6:15pm Homeschool Track & Field @ SPP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

No Faith Formation

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

3:45-6:15pm Homeschool Track & Field @ SPP
 6:30pm Parish Council mtg (Conf. Rm.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

9:00am Spiritual Powerhouse—
 Intercessory Prayer for our Children & Grandchildren @ St. Thomas Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

First Saturday @ St. Thomas
 7:30-8:15am Confessions
 7:50am Rosary
 8:30am Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

10:00am Coffee & Rolls (SPP Dining Hall)
 (Catholic United Financial drawing for Bingo Food Drive)
 1:30-3pm Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration @ St. Anne's

Catholic United Financial Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Volunteer Team #056

Our Catholic United Financial Parish Volunteer Team promotes our faith and strengthens our community through various activities. We are committed to the social, service, and religious needs of our parish community.



Join Catholic United Financial by contacting Team Director Joyce Hatcher 763-498-7187 or Administrative Coordinator Joanne Schumacher 763-479-2928.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Bulletin articles are due by 9:00 AM on Mondays, unless indicated elsewhere in the bulletin. All articles must be completely written before submitting.
 Thank you.

≡ PRAYER ≡

Ss. Peter & Paul Prayer Chain Ministry

The Prayer Chain Ministry is made up of parishioners dedicated to praying for others. To place someone on a Prayer Chain, please contact Lynn Scholtes at 763-477-6359 / lynncholtes@gmail.com. Thank you.

We Pray for the Sick

Because of our need to respect the privacy of individuals/families, we must have a member of the family call us to have a name included here. Unless we hear from the family, we will take a name off after 3 months. Thank you!

Rosie Arens Sue Evensen Baby Julia McGuire Ellie Rux
Willie Anderson Diane Growchowski Oliver Moyer

We Pray for Those in the Military

Eric Alger—Army; Bryan Beal—Army National Guard w/34th Red Bulls; Patrick Eikmeier—Army National Guard; Dalton Pouliot—Army National Guard; Joe Schmidt—Navy; Nickolas Sieg—Army; Peter Weber—Air Force.

If you would like a member of our U.S. Military listed or removed, please contact Sherry at the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office—763-479-0535 or selsen@saintsppta.org.

Please Pray for Our Seminarians, & Men Discerning the Diaconate (Fruits of Our ADORATION PRAYER MINISTRY)

- * Dcn. Jonathon Hank, OMV... Our Lady of Grace Seminary, Boston, Oblates of the Virgin Mary
- * Cory Plotts... Institute of Diaconate Formation at St. Paul Seminary
- * Todd Ziesmer... Institute of Diaconate Formation at . Paul Seminary

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

Area Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Area Perpetual Adoration is in Our Lady of Loretto Chapel, which is located in the old Convent building on the Ss. Peter & Paul Church grounds. To sign up for an hour, please contact Sherry in the Parish Office (763-479-0535) or one of the members of our Adoration Core Team listed below.

Our Lady of Loretto Adoration Chapel Core Team

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Morning Division Leader: Judy Florey
Afternoon Division Leaders: Lill Wawra
Evening Division Leader: Connie Mignone

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
April 2024

For the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry and their families; and
for our Minnesota leaders; that they will follow God's will as they make decisions on matters of life.

Each member is assigned a mystery of the Rosary to pray each day. New members are always welcome. To join, contact Sherry in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office or Joanne Schumacher at jmschu@live.com.

Why Adore?... Simply put, if we believe He is there, really present, then adoration is the proper response.



~ Bishop Joseph Strickland



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT TIME HOURS:

Sunday 2 AM, 5 AM
Wednesday 2 AM, 5 AM
Thursday **2 AM* (starting 4/3)**
Saturday 1 AM, **3 AM***

MORNING HOURS:

Friday **11 AM***
Saturday **9 AM***

AFTERNOON HOURS:

Friday **4 PM***
Saturday **5 PM***

EVENING HOURS:

Friday... **8 PM* (3/15-9/15), 9 PM*, 10 PM***
Saturday 8 PM

- * Hours opened up since January 1, 2024
- * 2nd person is needed for these hours.
- * Adorer would like different hour.

For questions, or to inquire about taking an hour, go to the website by scanning this QR code or go to sspap.org/eucharisticadoration, or call the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office Administrator at 763-479-0535.

