

April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter (Of Divine Mercy)



“My Lord and My God!”

The Jesus who rose from the dead is the same Jesus who lived among the disciples and died. It is truly his body for the disciples could see his wounds, observe him eating, and watch him cook breakfast on the seashore. Yet it is not the same body. In a dramatic way, it has been transformed, because this risen body can appear and vanish quickly, can go through closed doors.

Today’s Bulletin is sponsored in honor of
Jesus of Divine Mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 11
8:00 a.m. Frank Michalec
Thursday, April 12
8:00 a.m. Spec. Int. – Marian & Deacon Milburn Kram
Friday, April 13
8:00 a.m. Georgia Kalisek
Saturday, April 14
6:30 p.m. Cathy & Willie Perez
Sunday, April 15
6:30 a.m. Darcy Fisbeck
9:30 a.m. Marvin Rothbauer

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially
La Sher Hajek Bartay, GraceAnne Kloesel,
Gail Maskey and Irene Portales.

**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in honor of Jesus of Divine Mercy.**

ST. JOSEPH’S SOCIAL CENTER UPDATE



Work on the project is progressing steadily.

We thank the following who are voting silently with their pocketbooks to show their support for the project.

Lisa & Kenneth Zidek - \$1,000

Irene & Carlos Portales - \$5,000

Betty & Harry Maskey - \$15,000

Floris Ann & David Simper - \$1,000

Gilleta & Stan Kouba (Oregon) - \$1,000

In Memory of Annie Gene Rosalis

Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff - \$50

In Memory of Joseph B. Lombardo

*Patricia Lombardo - \$31,527.95 **

** Mrs. Lombardo previously donated \$5,000.*

Total donations toward the Social Center Fund so far - \$219,292.14. See insert for letters.

ORIENTATION – OCTAVE OF EASTER

Today marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter.

It is the eighth day: the day of new creation.

Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. In a similar way to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.

This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God’s mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings for today and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church’s Easter faith.

Thank You: We thank Lisa & David Rothbauer for donating the flagon (used for the Altar wine) in memory of Gladys & Ronnie Dodds and Marvin Rothbauer.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Altar Society Meeting, 2:00 p.m. Family Room
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

WED. – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass

– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

THURS. – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

The Outcome of the Resurrection

Today we hear the second post-resurrection appearance story in St John's Gospel. The disciples we are told are living in fear behind locked doors. Jesus' first words to them are "Peace be with you." Those who believe in the risen Christ receive the gift of peace of heart. When Thomas who was absent is told about the appearance, he does not believe it. When Jesus appears the second time he invites Thomas to see his hands. By giving this invitation to Thomas, Jesus is telling Thomas not only that the disciples told him the truth but that the Lord was present with his disciples even when they could not see him. How else would the Lord have known Thomas' reaction?

Having seen the evidence with his own eyes, it seems that Thomas found touching Jesus' wounds unnecessary. By responding, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas has come to full belief in the divinity of Jesus. Before this appearance, Thomas was in the same position as those St. John wrote the story for. They were failing to believe in the presence of the risen Christ unless the Son of Man returned on the clouds of heaven.

Through this story St. John is teaching us that the risen Christ has returned and the risen Christ is with us. For those who like Thomas are looking for the risen Christ Jesus says: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr. 8 – Barbara Filipp, L.A. Simper
Apr. 10 – Erin Blaschke, Margaret Kubicek
Apr. 11 – William Darilek, Karla Kresta
Apr. 12 – Debbie Novosad
Apr. 13 – Charles Beard, Carson Beyer, Anton Billimek,
Manuel Cao
Apr. 14 – Jamie Dornak

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Apr. 11 – Nancy & Cecil Wood, Jr.
Apr. 12 – Congratulations Marian & Deacon Milburn Kram
on your 60th Wedding Anniversary
– Tracy & Frank Nieto

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Today – C.C.D.
Apr. 9 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Apr. 11 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program, 9th-11th CCD
Next Sunday – Youth Mass (10th Grade)*; C.C.D.
Apr. 22 – C.C.D. Library Closes for the 2017-18 Year
May 6 – Youth Mass, Last Day of C.C.D.
May 13 – First Communion
May 27 – Confirmation

Easter Activities at St. Joseph's

Dear friends,

The Spirit of the Risen Lord is evident among us! The three-day celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday was beautiful and well attended by the faithful remnants of the Church. It was wonderful to see parishioners actively participating, making it all come together. This year on Holy Thursday while we broke our Lenten fast, 55 plates were delivered by our Confirmation students and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to elderly parishioners and those who for some reason could not join us at our Holy Thursday meal. Thanks to the many who worked behind the scenes to pull it all together. Special thanks to the organizations and parishioners for their generous donations of time, talent, and monetary offerings:

Holy Thursday Meal: Boyce Etlinger (KC Chairmen of the Holy Thursday Meal Prep – look out for more details), Junior Chaloupka and the KC cooking crew (prepared the lamb), Diana & Harvey Kloesel (prepared & donated the sides), Pat, Tom & Will Lawrence, Nancy Sivyer, Donna Perez and the Confirmation Candidates, Mary Ann Wenske & the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, all those who donated canned goods for the needy and all those who provided desserts and helped in the kitchen.

The Liturgy: Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck; Kenneth Kristynik; the song leaders and organist; the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, lectors, altar servers & ushers; and the C.C.D. Youth.

Other Helpers And Donors: Lambs for Holy Thursday Meal – KCs; Cleaned the Family Room for Adoration – K.J.Z.T. #14 members, Easter Candle – Junior Chaloupka & George Kalisek; Donated Eggs – Barbara & Eugene Anderle, Doris & Allen Barta, Cal-Maine, Kathy & Dcn. Kenneth Fishbeck, Pat, Tom & Will Lawrence, the Lowe Family, Joyce Pavlicek, Donna & Tommy Perez & Family, Linda & Joe Pilat and Jennifer & Don Rothbauer; Colored Eggs - 10th Grade C.C.D Class; Filled Eggs & Decorated Hall – 10th & 11th Grade C.C.D Classes; Balloons – Donna & Hannah Perez; Easter Egg Hunt – Hannah Perez, Julianne Raabe, Tais Gomez, Mercedes Manzano Karen Fernandez & Nick Perez; Cleaned Church Grounds and Cemetery – Michael Blaschke and Alma & Santiago Ibarra; and all those who spent many extra hours preparing for the Holy Week and Easter activities.

Thanks again, to all of you for your continued involvement in the ministry of the Church. May our parish continue to be a reflection of the early Christian Community.

Peace be with you,

Fr. Gabriel

Additional Easter Flower Fund Donations: Bernadette & Darren Fikac; in memory of Margaret Simper, Alphonse Simper, Millie Darilek, August Darilek; in memory of Dorothy & Eugene Barta, Frances Pilat.

Easter at St. Joseph's Church – see insert.