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**April 28, 2019**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday** 8:00 am Mass  
**Tuesday** 8:00 am Mass  
**Friday** 8:00 am Mass  
**Wednesday** 8:00 am Sacred Scripture/Communion Service  
**Thursday** 9:10 am at COMMUNITY of SAINTS School  
**Saturday** 4:15 pm  
**Sunday** 10:15 am

#### **Reconciliation**

**1st & 3rd Saturday** After Mass until 5:30 pm  
**2nd & 4th Sunday** After Mass until 11:30 am

**Prayer Line** 651.457.0228

#### **WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

Readings for the week of April 28, 2019

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
**St. Joseph the Worker:** Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter; more recently in our Church's history it has become known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often referred to as the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appears to them after His resurrection. The passage says that they were in hiding, cowering behind a locked door because they were afraid of what the Jews might do to them for their association with Jesus. They were paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? To chide them for abandoning Him when He needed them most? To call them out for being so wimpy? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them the authority to forgive sins. "Peace be with you," He says. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you.... Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift is this divine mercy.

This Sunday of mercy in this Easter season of mercy is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of the gift of Reconciliation. Do we really appreciate the healing power of this sacrament? The infusion of grace, the freeing power of knowing we are forgiven, the increase in self-knowledge, and intimacy with our Lord? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often and by encouraging our loved ones to do so as well?

Today is also an opportune time to examine how generously we offer the gift of mercy to those around us. When Thomas obstinately declared he would not believe in the risen Christ unless he could see for himself the mark of the nails in His hands and put his fingers into the nail marks and put his hands into His sides, our Lord does not become indignant. He offers mercy. Jesus graciously gives Thomas the very thing Thomas is asking for — a real and personal encounter with Him, the chance to literally touch His sacred wounds so as to heal Thomas from his doubts. When we are disbelieved or disrespected, do we respond as Jesus did, with humility and magnanimity and compassion, the very hallmarks of mercy?

Interestingly, we will find that the more deeply we embrace the gift of mercy through regular Confession, the greater will be our capacity to offer mercy to others because we will see ourselves as we really truly are — forgiven sinners deeply loved by God. Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples, stewards of Christ's mercy 2,000 years after His Resurrection. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.



## Volunteer Spotlight CHARLEY ANDERSEN



Today the Volunteer Spotlight shines on Charley Andersen. Charley is a life-long member of St. Matthew Parish. He was raised in a home near the intersection of Winifred and Stryker, where he still lives today with his brother. The busy intersection near his home was the route for 2 bus lines. He liked to watch and visit with his neighbors as they waited for a bus to take them to work or shopping or to greet those coming home from work. He would see many people he knew coming to shop at Jerabek's Bakery, Cherokee Drug Store or Zesbaught's Food Store. Everyone knew Charley and he would always return their greetings.

As a young man he liked to walk. Growing up in the shadow of his parish church, he would often walk the square block that was the St. Matthew parish. If there was an activity taking place at the church, he would stop and watch. Often, he would be asked to lend a hand to help carry something or help to set up tables. Charley remembers the church festivals that took place in the school gym. He would always inform the festival volunteers that he was there to help if needed. To Charley the church and fellow parishioners were like family. He wanted to take part in their happiness as they worked at parish events. He also remembers vividly the day he took part in their grief. The day he stood with his church family watching their church being destroyed by fire.

Times change! The intersection of Winifred & Stryker isn't very busy. Jerabeks and Cherokee Drug are gone. St. Matthew church, with its red brick and tall steeple has been replaced by a more modern building. But Charley hasn't changed. Oh, he has aged as have we all. But Charley still comes to all events and volunteers to help wherever needed. You see him washing dishes at the Fish Frys and Fall Festivals. When a call goes out for volunteers to help clean the church Charley is there with broom in hand. Last summer when the youth group from Iowa came to paint our church doors, Charley stood across the street watching. As the group went to begin their painting, Charley came and asked what was happening. He was told that the teens were going to paint the church doors. Charley asked, "Is there anything I can do?" He then helped Tim Dalzell. Bringing him whatever tools he needed. He heard Tim say that he was coming back the next morning to put the hardware back on the doors. When Tim arrived, Charley was standing on the porch waiting for him! Charley can also be found at the 10:15 mass each Sunday, singing with the choir. It is very possible that even the Heavenly Cherubim stops to listen to our choir! Charley is a humble man! A good and faithful servant to God and to the Church of St. Matthew. We are truly blest!

**THANKS TO SO MANY!**

Thank you to so many in our community who made our celebration of the High Holydays the best possible. Father Steve, Deacon Gregg, the musicians, the singers, the servers, the decorators, the sacristans, the planners, the lay leaders of prayer, and most all to all those who came to worship!

**Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs**

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 1 opportunity.

**COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER WEEKEND MASSES**

We have 1 volunteer to take communion to those unable to worship with us, however we need more. This “liturgical” ministry involves taking a pyx with a host from Sat. or Sun Mass; visiting the person in their home; reading the gospel and sharing a sentence or two from the homily; praying the Lord’s Prayer together and then giving the Host to the person. Once we have a few volunteers for this ministry we will then invite people to request that visit. This is different from a pastoral visit in the middle of the week with a goodly amount of conversation in the visit. If you would like more information, please call John Riehle at the parish office.

**THANK YOU**

We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers.

Thank you to Barb, George, Suzanne, Jan & Janelle who collected money for the poor after the Communal Penance service.



Let the Bells of Saint Matthew ring for a special or memorable day in your family’s life. Call Linda Rivera at the parish office to schedule your date.

**ROOFING PROJECT**

I signed the contract with Fischer Co (Ellsworth, WI) last week. They are going to schedule the work for the middle of June. (They want to do the staging in the playground/ parking lot. It will be better if Westside Summit is not in session.)

Thank you for the donations so far—about \$2,200 through Easter. Thank you, too, for those who have made promises of donations to come.

It will certainly be a blessing to use all those buckets for other reasons than to collect water from the ceiling in both the worship space and the weekday chapel.

Watch for further reports and updates. Thank you. John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

**FAITH FORMATION**

**THANK YOU** to the amazing volunteer teachers who are the Faith Formation program’s core. We would not have Wednesday evening classes for 40+ students and sacrament preparation for an additional 15-20 Community of Saints students if these teachers did not freely give of their time on top of full-time/part-time jobs, schoolwork, family obligations, and other volunteer commitments. Thanks to **Maribel Alvarez, Sister Anne Becker, Ronald Jondro, Shannon Jondro, Ellen Schneider, Joanne Smith, Dave Sunday, and Victoria Wanna**. Thanks to **Chris Avalos** at the front desk. Thanks to **Janelle Rohr** for organizing and coordinating the program. Each year the program usually needs another teacher or two, or the program may need volunteer help in other ways. If you would like information about how to help with Faith St. Matthew Faith Formation for the 2019-2020 school year, please contact: Janelle Rohr, St. Matthew Faith Formation 651-457-3522 (home & work) 651-242-6004 (cell)

**ART CRAWL**

Parishioner, Kristin Rafferty, will have an art exhibit featuring iconic images of Our Lord and the Blessed Mother in oil paints. Holy Water & rosaries were used in the creation of these works. This is part of the Saint Paul Art Crawl and is at Galleria Paz Jesús, three blocks away from St. Matthew’s. (FYI: Kris is married to Stations of the Cross prayer leader Michael).

Hours: Saturday, April 27th until 8:00 pm and Sunday, April 28th 12 noon to 5:00 pm Location: 582 Hall Avenue, St. Paul.



**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS April 21, 2019**

**Volunteer Service**

Hours in prayer 37.5  
Hours in service 47

Parish		School	\$ 400
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,042	Holy Land	\$ 402
Easter Giving	\$ 4,033	Rice Bowl	\$ 42
Ascension	\$ 10	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 844</b>
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,156	<b>Thank You</b>	
Vigil Lights	\$ 24		
Easter Flowers	\$ 100		
Masses	\$ 49		
Ramp Replacement	\$ 6,014		
Roof Donation	\$ 1,327		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,755</b>		
<b>Thank You</b>			

**Parish Leadership**

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Sacraments**

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

**Bulletin**

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Saturday, April 27**

7:00 pm Joseph Kegler†

#### **Sunday, April 28**

10:15 am Our Parish  
Bob Nowak†

#### **Monday, April 29**

8:00 am Claudette Borgan, Special Intention

#### **Tuesday, April 30**

8:00 am Roberta Grady, Special Intention

#### **Friday, May 3**

8:00 am Deacon John Murphy†

#### **Saturday, May 4**

7:00 pm Rose, Joseph, Jr. & Joseph Karas, Sr.†

#### **Sunday, May 5**

10:15 am Our Parish  
Connie Dierberger†

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **Saturday, April 27**

4:15 pm Mass

Food Collection for Neighborhood House

#### **Sunday, April 28 Divine Mercy Sunday**

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Food Collection for Neighborhood House

11:15 am Coffee Sunday

Reconciliation until 11:30 am

#### **Monday, April 29 - Friday, May 3**

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

#### **Monday, April 29**

8:00 am Mass

12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary Clinic PC

#### **Tuesday, April 30**

8:00 am Mass

#### **Wednesday, May 1**

8:00 am SS/Communion Service

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

#### **Thursday, May 2**

9:10 am Mass Community of Saint School

#### **Friday, May 3**

8:00 am Mass

#### **Saturday, May 4**

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation until 5:30 pm

5:15 am Blood Pressure Screening

#### **Sunday, May 5**

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 am Coffee Sunday

11:15 am Blood Pressure Screening

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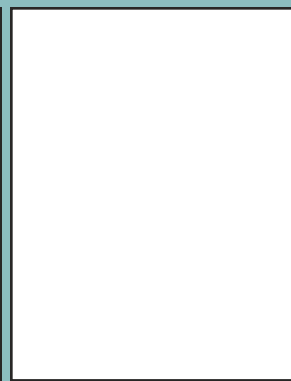
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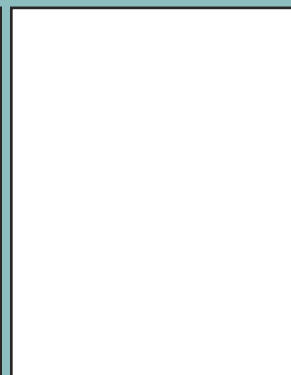
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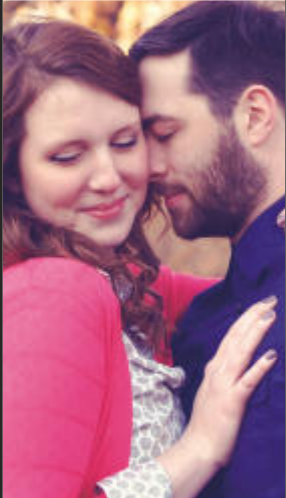
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