

April 12, 2015

# Divine Mercy Sunday



*WITNESSES: The apostles testified to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, even Thomas, the doubter. "This witness is recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, Son of God." Tradition is the handing on of this firsthand witness of those who saw from the beginning till each of us now. "Happy and blessed are those who have not seen, yet believe." Our faith is based on witnesses. We cry with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" May the Lord strengthen us and give us his peace. Peace be with you!*

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## Pastor's Note(s):

**Weekend Scriptures:** Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion. © 2015 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with Permission.

**Newly Confirmed:** Congratulations to the following young people: Tanner Aho, Timothy Bott, Quaid Cavallin, Todd Curry (St. Mary), Emily Downey (St. Mary), Kaitlin Ferrari, Sheena Frericks (St. Mary), Margaret Gilbert, Annie Guiney, William Hartman, Brooke Haselow, Chelsea Kolkin, Rebecca Larson (St. Mary), Alex Lemke, Sarah Oling, Ryan Rasmussen, Sydney Ross, Casey Sandretsky, Evan Sandretsky and Mary Uremovich. May they share the gifts of the Holy Spirit always. Our thanks to their teachers Chris and Gina Lemke, also to our Coordinator Connie Koss, as well as to their parents for the gifts that these young people are. And most of all, to Bishop Sirba for his episcopal ministry and visit here.

**Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! Easter Blessings!**  
*Fr. Michael*

**The Men's Prayer Groups** will be meeting again on Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the classroom area. Spend an hour sharing your faith and praying with other men from our parish. Hope to see you there!

**Northland Family Programs** cordially invites you to attend a presentation by Father Joseph Sirba who will be speaking on his New Book, "Embracing Christian Sex in a Pagan World" Monday, April 27 at 6:30 pm in the Michigan/Wisconsin Room at Essentia Health, St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth (on the first floor of the hospital across from the cafeteria). There is no charge for this event. He will talk about how we now live in a pagan culture similar to the one which existed at the time of Christ. He will share how the first Christians responded and point out how we have all been Influenced by this new pagan culture especially in the area of sexuality and how we can respond to it both as individuals and as families. This is a very important topic for individuals and families. Father Sirba will have books available for purchase and will be signing books also after his session.



**Holy Spirit's Prayer Shawl Ministry Group** is an informal group who crochets and knits tangible signs of their prayers for others. *New people are always welcome to join us.* We will meet on **Tues., April 14 at 9:00 AM** in the church hall.

**PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS.**



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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>	<b>04/11/15</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention for Confirmands</b> Reader: Tim Bott & Sheena Frericks Plate: Bishop Paul Sirba & Fr. Michael Lyons Chalice: Deacon Tim Egan & Deacon Fred Wright Servers: Duke Gilbert & Nathan Campbell	
5:30 p.m.	<b>Fellowship in Parish Hall</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>	<b>04/12/15</b>
9:45 a.m.	<b>Religious Education Grades Pre, K-4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention for All Parishioners</b> Reader: Louis Button Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Joanne Button & Laura Lien Servers: Kaden Edlund & Jasmyn Uremovich	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>SAINT MARTIN I</b>	<b>04/13/15</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING EASTER</b>	<b>04/14/15</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Msgr. O'Shea</b>	
5:45 P.M.	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING EASTER</b>	<b>04/15/15</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass —Intention Judy Anderson Family</b>	
8:45 a.m.	<b>Holy Hour with Exposition</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING EASTER</b>	<b>04/16/15</b>
8:15 a. m.	<b>Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay</b>	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING EASTER</b>	<b>04/17/15</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Kenneth Nyquist</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING EASTER</b>	<b>04/18/15</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Eugene Kubiszewski</b> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Plate: Beth Egan Chalice: Carol Anderson & Liz Scheidt Servers: Hayley & Megan Larson	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>04/19/15</b>
9:45 a.m.	<b>Religious Education Grades Pre, K-4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention for All Parishioners</b> Reader: Judy Fleischer Plate: Linda Hoffman Chalice: Nancy Olsen & Jeannie Shaw Servers: Ethan Bopp & Nathan Campbell	

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- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Toni Johnson, Ron Kor, Joann Ostendorf, and Ron Ostendorf.
  - † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Britt Bredow, Craig Fallgren, Jane Griesy, Vince Ojard, Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson, and Ray Weeks.
  - † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

*Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.*

**Youth Happenings**

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board  
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

**Mark your Calendars!!!**

**Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon:**  
All Religious Ed. teachers are invited to the Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon, scheduled for Sunday, April 26th following Mass. Please RSVP Treas in the Parish office 834-4659.

**V.B.S. :** We are looking for parents and kids (7th & up) to assist in teaching Vacation Bible School June 21st-25th, 5:30—7:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Connie, 834-4433 or Cheryl, 830-0578. We are also in need of adults to serve dinner each of these nights.

**Mass to honor Graduates Sunday, May 10th:**  
Seniors, please let Connie know if you will be attending by April 30th. Fellowship to follow Mass in the parish hall.

*THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...*



**First Communion:** Our second grade class will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 19th. Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for this Holy Sacrament.

<i>Last Week's Contributions</i>	
<b>Weekend Collection.....</b>	<b>\$4,343.10</b>
<b>Bldg. Fund.....</b>	<b>\$320.00</b>
<b>UCA.....</b>	<b>\$129.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers.....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Holy Land.....</b>	<b>\$473.85</b>