



April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

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(For St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and
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Mass Schedule: Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

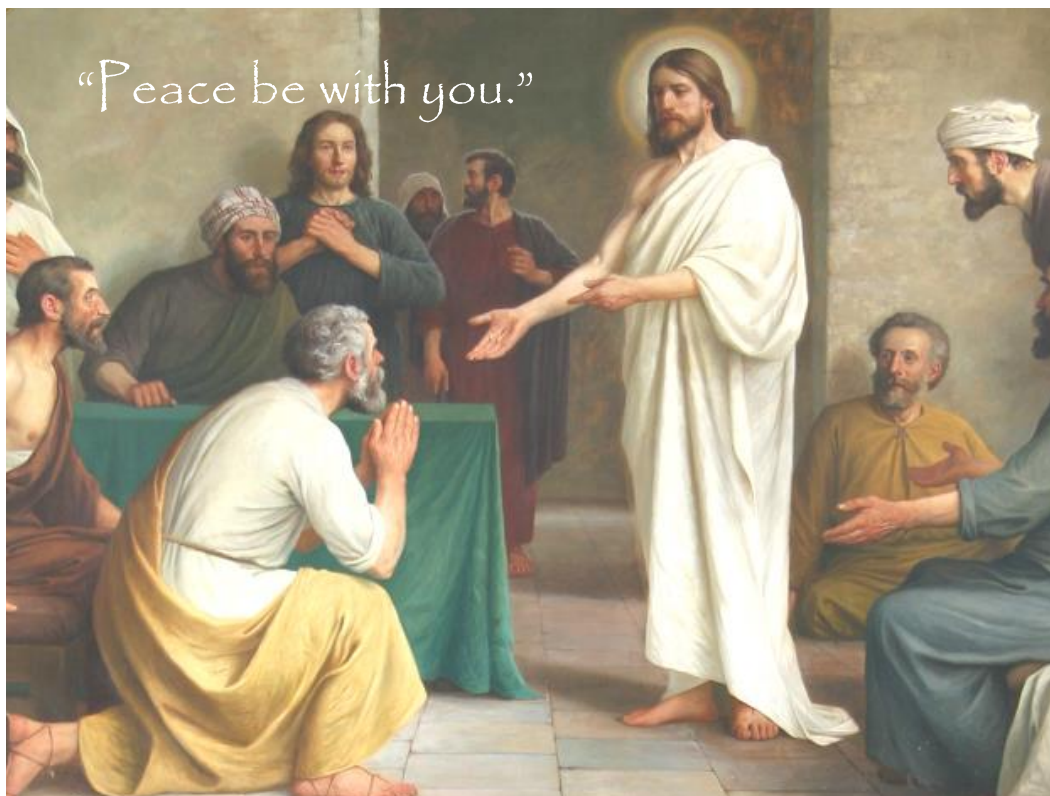
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



Today, Sunday, April 7, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish, seven of our young people will be receiving their **First Holy Communion**. I pray they will always receive the Lord's Body and Blood with love and reverence. *"Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him."* John 6:56

Today, Sunday, April 7, is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. In Poland in 1931, Jesus appeared to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska (+5 October 1938) and asked her to promulgate Divine Mercy Sunday on the first Sunday after Easter. According to Our Lord: *"On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open.... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.... Let no soul fear to draw near me, even though his sins be as scarlet."* (Diary, #699) Therefore, let no one be afraid to "draw near" to the Lord in the Sacrament of Penance; Christ promises not only complete forgiveness of sins but also complete removal of the temporal punishment caused by our sins!

We will celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** at St. Joseph Church from 3:00 until 6:30 p.m. this afternoon. We will begin at the "Hour of Mercy," 3:00 p.m., by venerating the Image of Divine Mercy. Then I will expose the Blessed Sacrament and join in the prayerful singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. During Adoration, Father Parrott and I will hear confessions from 3:30-5:45 p.m. and someone will lead the rosary. At 6:00 p.m. we will pray the *Regina Caeli* and sing Solemn *Vespers*; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow *Vespers*.

On Monday, April 8, Holy Mother Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Annunciation**, when the Archangel Gabriel asked Mary to be the Mother of God. Every day when the church bells ring at 6:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m., the faithful are invited to pray the *Angelus*, calling to mind the beginning of our Redemption when Our Lord was conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Peter Kreeft says, *"The Incarnation is the most astonishing of all God's acts: the most surprising, unforeseeable, unimaginable thing that ever happened.... The Author of all of history stepped into the drama He created and became one of His own characters."* (Catholic Christianity, 69) This Solemnity is celebrated every year on March 25 (exactly nine months before Christmas), but when that date falls during Holy Week or the Easter Octave, the Solemnity is transferred to the next available liturgical date – this year on April 8. Father Parrott will offer Mass at **7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 8**, at Sacred Heart Church.

Next Sunday, April 14, at the 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses at Sacred Heart Parish, 25 of our young people will be receiving their **First Holy Communion**. Practice for the First Communion will take place at Sacred Heart Church this Saturday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m. Our First Communion candidates and at least one parent are required to attend this rehearsal. At this practice, the first communicants will have an opportunity to confess their sins before receiving the Lord's Body and Blood for the first time.

On Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Bishop Barron will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for 42 of our young adults from Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, and Christ the King Parishes. Practice for the Confirmation Mass will take place at St. Joseph Church this Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. The *confirmandi* and at least one parent (or sponsor) are required to attend this rehearsal. At this practice, they will have an opportunity to confess their sins before receiving the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Please keep our *confirmandi* in your prayers as they prepare to be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Once again, I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make our **Holy Week and Easter Liturgies** so beautiful and inspiring. In addition, thank you for giving so generously to our various Holy Week collections. We received: \$1,131.00 for the Rice Bowl; \$2,378.50 for the Holy Land; and \$14,700.77 on Easter Sunday. Your contributions for the **Easter Sunday Collection** are necessary in order to run our parish with a balanced budget. Thank you for your many sacrifices!

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, April 8, 2024 <i>Is 7:10-14;8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38</i>	The Annunciation of The Lord 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 <i>Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15</i>	Easter Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 <i>Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21</i>	Easter Weekday 8:00am - Darlene Gathje†
Thursday, April 11, 2024 <i>Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36</i>	St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr 8:00am - Joe Leverty†
Friday, April 12, 2024 <i>Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15</i>	Easter Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Joe & Gladys Tupy†
Saturday, April 13, 2024 <i>Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16 -21</i>	Easter Weekday - St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr 8:00am - Clara Letona†
Sunday, April 14, 2024 <i>Acts 3:13-15,17-19</i> <i>1 Jn 2:1-5a</i> <i>Lk 24:35-48</i>	Third Sunday of Easter 04/13/24 4:00pm - Parishioners 04/13/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Gene Keller† 04/14/24 8:00am - Dylan Lattery† 04/14/24 10:00am - Dylan Lauwers†



April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter:

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry. This week Vincent's Table served 156 meals to those in need of a hot meal.

Membership - We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at **6:30 p.m., at St. Joseph's Church.** If you would like further information on growing your spiritual life and serving those in need in our community, please join us at a meeting or contact Ed Wacek at edwacek46@gmail.com. **Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule April 13/14, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMHC: Matt Thurnau Volunteer, Volunteer
Lector: Linda Strand
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Joan Erdman, Amador Ramirez
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer
Greeters: Katherine Rypka

Sunday - 8:00am

EMHC: Cindy Emanuelson, Linda Huffington, Vol.
Lector: Annika Slacter
Sacristan: Rita Goodnature
Ushers: Pat Rose, Dave Goodnature,
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam, & Jacob Dulas
Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 10:00am First Communion

EMHC: Lee Jardine, Ellyn Jardine, Volunteer
Lector: Tim Rice
Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner
Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens,
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Everett Sennott
Greeters: Shannon Iacovino

Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for St. Vincent de Paul Society and Owatonna Youth Fishing

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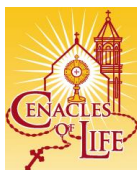
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Dates are still available for your family to sign up
for the Traveling Vocations Crucifix. The one
week commitment gives your family the
opportunity to pray daily for an increase in
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and
religious life. Everything is provided in the kit.
When your week is done, return the kit to the
sacristy before the 4pm Mass so the next family
can take the Traveling Crucifix home.
The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Hall.

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- * A member of your family is in the hospital.
- * You want communion brought to your home.
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- * You wish to register your family with the Parish.

**Phone: 451-4845 or
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Please consider becoming a Liturgical Minister at St. Joseph Church. There's something for everyone! See contact info. below:

Altar Servers – Parish Office (507)451-4845, parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org

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April Funeral Chairpersons

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Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service & Adoration

April 7, 2024

St. Joseph Parish

3:00pm - 6:30pm



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St. Serra Club meeting
Monday, April 8th

Everyone is invited to the St. Serra Club gathering on Monday, April 8th beginning with a 5 pm Holy Hour at the Chapel at St. Joseph's Church. At 6 pm pizza will be served in Joseph Hall. At 6:45 pm our guest speaker will be Seminarian Riley Becher, who is currently the Seminarian helping out once a month at St. Joseph's Parish. The St. Serra Club's mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life and to encourage spiritual growth within our members. Hope you can join us!

Keep your fingers crossed.

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