



Second Sunday of Easter — April 8, 2018
SAINT MARY’S & SAINT ELIZABETH’S CATHOLIC CHURCHES

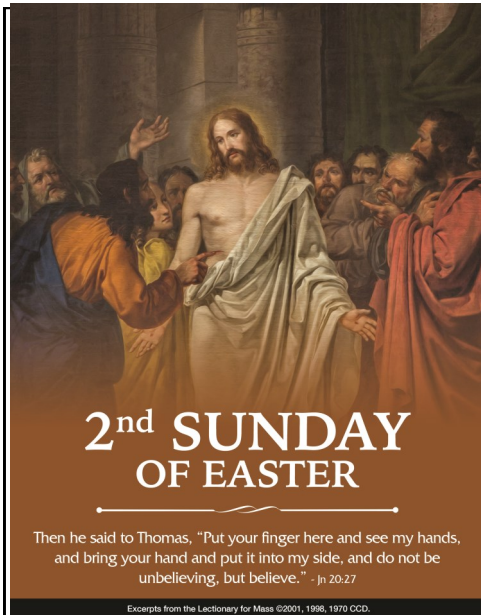


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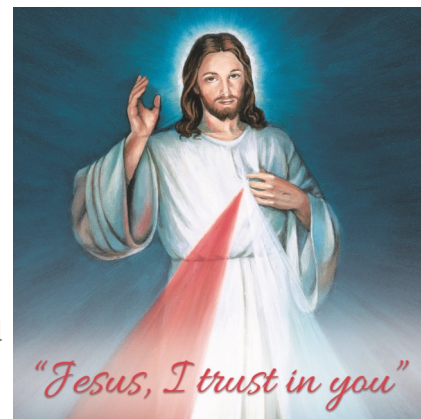


“Unless I see the mark of the nails . . .and put my finger into the nail marks . . . I will not believe.”

Saint Thomas the Apostle had one problem we have all shared in as well . . . doubt. Despite everything we say and believe, we still doubt that all things are possible with God. The Good News is that Jesus always offers the gift of faith; He wants us to believe. Doubts are not the work of Jesus, nor His followers. Therefore, do not fret when questions or doubts arise, concerning our faith in God and His Church. Even the great saints, Saint Thomas included, experienced doubts. They were tested, but never despaired, because Jesus was always there to sustain them in their moments of trial and temptation. Jesus is always present with us, especially in the Holy Eucharist. Bring your doubts and uncertainties to the Holy Mass and experience the great peace and comfort of the Body and Blood of our Lord, the remedy for our “Doubting Thomas” episodes.

Have Mercy on Us and on the Whole World

Please join us for our *Divine Mercy Celebration*, this **Sunday, April 8th**, at Saint Mary’s Church at **6:30 p.m.** After chanting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Penance will be provided. If you go to Holy Communion that day (or the day before), go to Confession, and pray for the Holy Father and his intentions, you can receive a plenary indulgence . . . all the temporal punishment of purgatory is mitigated, for our soul or the soul of someone we love. For a lost soul in our family, what an awesome gift, so that they may not lose God for all eternity.



May God bless you and your families on the Solemnity of Divine Mercy. Continue to ask our Savior to be merciful to us sinners. Sin will triumph in this world and in our souls if Christians neglect to beg Jesus Christ for the gift of his Divine Mercy.

Welcome the Table of Our Lord

We offer our prayers and congratulations to our children who made their First Holy Communion today at Saint Mary’s: *Ella Binstock; Lillian Hinkson; Arison Magelky; and Taylor Sonsalla*. May this First Holy Communion be the beginning of a lifelong devotion to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, a source of great grace for happiness on earth and eternal happiness in heaven.

Thank you to their teacher, Sarah Krebs, who did so much to prepare our children for this great day, especially in modeling a love for the Holy Eucharist in her own life. May God reward you for your efforts and for your great example of faith.

Please continue to pray for our First Holy Communicants and their families. May the Holy Mass and the gift of the Holy Eucharist remain the foundation of their family life. In the words of Jesus, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in Me and I in him” (John 6:56).



MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday, April 9

7:30 AM SM—Communion Service

Tuesday, April 10

7:30 AM SM —Communion Service

Wednesday, April 11

7:00 PM SM– Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

7:00 PM SM– Communion Service

Thursday, April 12

7:30 AM SM– Communion Service

Friday, April 13

12-3:00 PM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00PM SM-+Leo & +Lavonne Zeren

by Michael & Dena Lenhardt

Saturday, April 14

8:30 AM– Joan Madler by Mike Madler

5:00 PM SM-+Kyle Binstock, +Joe & +Ida Binstock, +Inez &

+James Hanson by Ervin & Diane Binstock

Sunday, April 15

8:30AM SE +Lorin Lucklum by Elven & Kathy Kaufman

10:30AM SM-Pro Populo

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Duane Dobitz, Andy Prokop, Henley Johnson, Duane Grundhauser, Pete Schaefer, Alice Candrian, Marilyn Jacobs, Leo Heck, Ross Thomas, Arlene Rohr, Brenda Barton, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz,, Linda Reisenauer, Rose Krebs (SE), Russ Lefor, Lori Lefor, Herbert Emmil, Reggie Gentz, Cindy Martin, Tim Theil, Howard Schiwal, Theresa Decker, Alyssa Binstock, Yvonne Fettig, Dale Reindel, Kim Kuhn, Don Miller, Shari Obritsch, Katherine Splichal, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick, Dorothy Kohl, Colleen Churchill, Thresiamma (Fr. Biju’s mom)

Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents: Aggie Wandler, Ken Stagl, Charlotte Krebs, Harvey Herberholz, Archie Jalbert, Benny Benz, Joan Binstock, Joe Wandler, Sylvia Koppinger, Leona Gordon, Joan Madler, Cecelia Jung, Donnella Koppinger, Marilyn Jeske, Willie Emmil, Frances Heick, Dale Schroeder **Our Deceased Loved Ones** +Ardelle Kovar, +Eugenia Stagl, + Nick Lenhardt, + Mike Urlacher, + Keith Herold, +Carla Rohan +Alvin Rotering +Jeanne Kovar +Bridget Urlacher, +Laura Grundhauser, +Florian Urlacher +Paul Schiwal, + LeRoy Jacobs +Victor Roller +John Herold, + Viola Martin + Viola Neprash +Maggie Schoch, +Rose Lefor, + Mary Ficek

On the Lighter Side

You know it’s a bad day as a pastor when:

- You preach the same homily for the second week . . . and no one notices.
- The parish council votes to change your day off to Sunday.
- You are the only one at the parish potluck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SE APRIL 15 Coffee & Rolls after Mass –Elvira Reindel, Arlene Rohr, & Michele Wax are on.

St. Anne’s Hebron Catholic musician & speaker Michael Mette & his three daughters will perform, Wednesday April 18th at 7PM Central Time. See poster on bulletin board for more information

Please join St. Benedict’s Health Center on Friday, April 20 @ 10:00 a.m. for Mass with Polka Music by Cliff Walter. Stay and see the historical St. John’s Bible.

St. Mary’s Liturgical Assignments April 14 & 15, 2018

MINISTRY	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector	Lori Fitterer	John Ehlis
Mass Servers	Mark S./Will S..	Matthew B./Brock E.
Eucharistic Ministers	Bonnie J./Toni J..	David H./Vivian H.
Gifts	Molly Rayhorn	Helen Koppinger
Rosary Leader	Maureen Gardner	Richard Wandler
Greeters	Vickie Herberholz	Victor & Lynn Dvorak
Homebound Minister	David & Vivian H.	David & Vivian H.

Collection Report St. Mary’s March 31 & April 1, 2018

Adult		Youth
\$ 3082.00	Envelopes	\$ 110.49
\$ 317.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$ 3509.49	Total	\$
\$ 3509.49	Month	\$ 110.49
\$ 675.87	Rice Bowls	\$773.00 Good Friday
\$ 600.00	Easter Flowers	

St. Elizabeth’s Liturgical Assignments April 15, 2018

Lector	Dustin Kuhn
Mass Servers	Nathan
Eucharistic Ministers	Darrell & Dorita
Gifts	Bea & Nita
Greeters	Michele & Curt
Ushers	Darrell & Dustin Kuhn

Collection Report St. Elizabeth’s April 1, 2018

Adult		Youth
\$ 565.00	Envelopes	\$ 41.00
\$ 85.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$ 691.00	Total	\$
\$ 691.00	Month	\$ 41.00
\$ 49.05	Rice Bowls	Good Friday \$ 116.00
\$ 41.63	Easter Flowers	

Catholic Devotions, *The Infant of Prague*

In the past, every Catholic church had a statue of the Infant of Prague, the Christ child dressed in splendid royal garments. At every liturgical season, His royal attire was changed to reflect the color of that particular season, such as white for the Easter season. Rare is the Catholic church that has this image anymore because this devotion is seen as outdated and to be honest, a bit juvenile. But, devotion to the Infant of Prague is not about a “doll”, but about something truly spiritual . . . humility and childlike trust in God our Father.

The history of the Infant of Prague started in the 17th century, when a statue of the infant Jesus was brought to Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) by a young Spanish noblewoman. Her marriage had been arranged and she left Spain for Bohemia, with the understanding that she would never see her family or homeland again. Her mother, in a final and tearful goodbye, gave her daughter a treasured statue of the infant Jesus, which had been in their family for many generations. It was a precious gift, for many prayers had been answered when prayed before the statue of the infant Jesus. With the statue in hand, the young Spanish noblewoman departed and began life in the royal court of Bohemia.

In the chapel of her castle, the young noblewoman made a shrine for the statue of the infant Jesus and came before Him daily, beseeching His grace and favor. Many of her prayers were answered, especially for healings for herself and others. Soon, many people came from far and wide to pray before the miraculous statue of the infant Jesus. As an act of great generosity, the noblewoman gifted the statue to the Discalced Carmelites of Prague, to make it more accessible to the multitude of pilgrims who desire to pray before it. Since then, the statue has remained in Prague and has drawn many devotees worldwide, who come to honor the Holy Child, the Infant of Prague. Numerous graces and blessings have been received by many who have petitioned before the Infant of Prague. The words the statue once spoke to a Carmelite priest continue to hold true today, “The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you.”

But, why is there a devotion to the Infant of Prague? What role does it play in the devotional life of a Catholic? The celebration of our Lord’s Incarnation gives us insight into the profound nature of this devotion. God has placed in men’s heart an instinctive response to the helplessness of childhood. Thus, in His wisdom, He sent His son to us at Bethlehem in the frailty of infancy. That night, Jesus had to be nurtured, fed, clothed, protected, and loved. He was helpless and totally dependent upon the kindness and love of Joseph and Mary. That is what God wants of His children: to admit their great need for Him. We are helpless in the face of this world’s trials and woes. Thus, like the Infant Jesus, who rested peacefully in the arms of Mary, we need to rest in the loving arms of our Father in heaven. As God reminded Saint Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (II Corinthians, 12:9). Devotion to the Infant of Prague is an admission of our human weakness and that is good, because God can only work with humble people; the proud don’t need Him and He can do little for them. A Catholic’s devotion to the Infant of Prague is a mark of true humility and the sign of a soul on the path to heaven, for in Jesus’ words, “Unless you become like a child, you cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3).

If you wish to develop a daily devotion to the Infant of Prague, consider praying the beautiful prayer revealed by the Infant Jesus to the Venerable Father Cyril, OCD:

O Infant Jesus, I have recourse to You and I ask you through the intercession of Your Holy Mother to help me in my need (state prayer intention), for I firmly believe that your Divinity can help me. I hope in complete trust to receive Your holy grace. I love you with all my heart and with all the strength of my soul. I am truly sorry for my sins and beg you, O good Jesus, to give me strength to conquer them. I shall never offend You and am ready to suffer than cause You pain. From this day forward, I want to serve you with complete faithfulness and for love of You, O Divine Child, will love my neighbor as myself. All powerful Child, Lord Jesus, again I implore You, help me in my needs. Grant me the grace of possessing You eternally with Mary and Joseph and adoring you with the holy angels in your heavenly court. Amen.

God bless you as you prayerfully discern a devotion to the Infant of Prague. In this beautiful devotion, may you find great peace, resting peacefully like a child in the loving arms of our Father in heaven.

Thank You for Giving to God

We often forget that stewardship also includes the giving of our time and talents as gifts to God, in the service of our parish. I am thus grateful to everyone who took part in the beautiful liturgies of Holy Week: altar servers; readers; musicians and vocalists; church decorators; ushers; and Eucharistic ministers. May God reward you for helping our parishes to give glory and honor to Him during Holy Week. [Note: If you want to continue being good stewards, drop off any excess chocolate Easter bunnies at the rectory. Fr. Gary will assist these bunnies to their place of final repose . . . one ear at a time].

Away for a Spell

I will be away next Monday-Thursday at our annual Spring Clergy Conference in Bismarck. If an emergency should arise, please contact the parish office or call me at my cell number, 701-509-9504. This is the conference where the new pastoral assignments are given. I hope to stay at Saint Mary’s and Saint Elizabeth’s Parishes and may be convinced to do so if some German dough dishes show up at my rectory door (hint, hint).

A Point to Ponder

God plus one is always a majority!