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*Lord make me an
instrument of peace...*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am
Wednesday - 7:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday - 7:30 am

BAPTISMS - Preparation class
required for first time parents
and inactive Catholics.
Contact Lilly to schedule.

MARRIAGES - Couples anticipating
marriage must contact Lilly at least
6 months prior to wedding date.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Family Elementary 625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, April 11th, 2021 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday



MASS INTENTIONS



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-35
1 John 5: 1-6
John 20: 19-31

Sun. April 11 8:00 am L/D Wilbert & Mary Ann Gross
Wed. April 14 7:30 am +Nick & Almeda Stecklein
Sun. April 18 8:00 am +Keith Fieler
Wed. April 21 7:30 am +Alicia Brull

SERVERS

Sunday, Apr 11 Ahnaly Leiker & Trenton Staley
Sunday, Apr 18 Braydon Binder & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Apr 11 Lilly Binder & Lauren Moeder
Sunday, Apr 18 Mark Leiker & Rhonda Stramel

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Apr 11 Valerie Dome Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sun. Apr 18 Gene Gottschalk Neal & Carolyn Younger

GREETERS

Sunday, Apr 11 Jason & Kacy Gerstner
Sunday, Apr 18 Jerry & Sylvia Gross

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, April 11

Jerry Gross, Donovan Richmeier, Tony Staley, Glenn Stramel

Sunday, April 18

Ernie Binder, Aaron Dome, John Moeder, John Oborny

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Apr 11 Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, Apr 18 Linda Gross
Sunday, Apr 25 Randy & Michelle Werth
Sunday, May 2 Aaron & Kolleen Dome

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$4,182.00	Parish Supper	\$200.00
Loose	\$450.00	Holy Land	\$257.00
Easter Env	\$957.00	Rice Bowls	\$199.08
Total	\$6,245.00		

Jesuit priest and theologian Fr. Bernard Lonergan wrote in his book, "Method of Theology" about the many types of conversions we experience in our lives. He said, "Conversion is existential, intensely personal, utterly intimate, but it is not so private as to be solitary. It can happen to many and they can form a community to sustain one another in their self-transformation and to help one another in working out the implications and fulfilling the promise of their new life. Finally, what can become communal can become historical. It can pass from generation to generation." I think this quote summarizes the entire Acts of the Apostles and specifically today's first reading. The early followers of Jesus, formed by the witness of the apostles through the power of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, shared their transformation in community. As these core beliefs and way of life were passed down through the years it became historical in what we call the Church. Conversion starts individually in our hearts, is shared with others in community, and finally becomes historical through the Church. And what does the Church pass on to all of us? We hear the answer in today's Gospel from John. Jesus is risen from the dead, and in his new risen life he passes onto the community, the Church, the power to forgive and to bring others to a life of belief.

Let's begin our reflection by looking at the short reading from the Acts of the Apostles. In this highly idealized and idyllic statement about what early church was like, the evangelist Luke shows us the power of community. Gathered around the Twelve, the early church shared all things in common including talents and goods. No one went away needy. The apostles formed the early church through liturgy, catechesis, and their way of life. If only the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure present in the early church could have the same impact for the church today. Transitioning to John's Gospel, we see the risen Lord appearing to first disciples. And what is Jesus' first words but "peace". Jesus dispels the fear present in the apostles after his death and brings a message of hope and peace. Then Jesus breathes on the Holy Spirit reminiscent of God breathing his divine life into Adam in the second creation story found in Genesis. These disciples are made a new creation and are commissioned to preach the message of forgiveness and peace. Through the community of the apostles and all believers, now the Church, the message of conversion and forgiveness are to be spread to the entire world.

As Lonergan said in his book, conversion is not so private as to be solitary. In other words, our salvation is worked out with others, not by ourselves. I recently saw in the

news that a 2020 Gallup Poll showed that less than half of people in America do not belong to a church, synagogue, or mosque. That survey says to me that Americans don't understand the power of community. In the Old Testament God did not save mere individuals but the whole nation of Israel. In the New Testament Jesus came to redeem the Church, the New Israel. God always works out our salvation as we live our lives with one another. We need one another, and most importantly we need forgiveness from one another. It seems to be that the power to forgive, which Jesus entrusted to his disciples in today's Gospel, was made real with Thomas and his being absent on Jesus' first appearance. The disciples could have ostracized Thomas for his unbelief. They could have kicked him out of their group, but they allowed him to continue to grow and be stretched in their group. They waited for the risen Jesus to change his heart. Let's work together side-by-side in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring out the Easter transformation.

~ Deacon Steve



The *Divine Mercy Prayer Service* will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 11, at IHM Church. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus

entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. Leaflets on this novena are at the entrances of the church. Confessions will be heard beginning at 2:00 p.m.

This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

Religious Formation: Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stewardship Renewal Forms: To date 24 forms have been returned. *Have you returned yours?* Everyone is asked to return the completed form as soon as possible. Thank you!

Church Council Meeting: Monday, April 19th, 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Please turn in Rice Bowls & Holy Land donations by next weekend, if you have not already done so. Thank you for your generous support!

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Daughters of Isabella are sponsoring the STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST, Sunday, April 11th, 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the VFW. Tickets are Adults-\$9.50, Children-3.50 in advance. Tickets must be purchased in advance to benefit the organization. For tickets call: Janet 785-625-1168.

St. Joseph's Food Pantry Distribution Days: Saturday's April 17th and May 1st. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday at the Kennedy school building. Thank you for your support!

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.

MOTHER'S MASS, celebrated by Bishop Vincke, for moms grieving the death of a child at any stage, conception to adulthood, is set for 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 13th, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Concordia. A reception in the parish hall will immediately follow Mass. Mothers planning to attend are asked to pre-register online so those planning the event know how many to prepare for, but please know all moms are welcome, pre-registered or not.

The Antonino Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be Monday, April 19, 2021 at 8:00 p.m., in the Antonino church basement. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

April – Sexual exploitation of children has flourished during the pandemic. Classes online opened the door wide to predators and their grooming tactics. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.



Adam, Special Intention, Stacy Dittmer, Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, Carole Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

St. Isadore's Day Observance – May 14th Sacred Heart Church, Colby. Bring soil & seeds for blessing. All are welcome – free no RSVP necessary. Coffee/donuts @ 10 am OLPH Goodland. Precision Ag Tour 10:30 am, AgSun LLC Tour 1:30 pm, Mass with Bishop Vincke 4 pm, Supper in church basement 5:00 pm. All times CDT.

JOB OPENING: Catholic Charities is seeking a full-time Outreach Coordinator for the Hays office. This position will be responsible for mobile outreach services from the Hays location as we grow our services throughout the region. Learn more at www.ccnks.org/jobs.

Well-known Catholic speaker and author Al Kresta looks at all of life through the lens of Scripture and the teaching of the Catholic Church, providing a daily conversation – personal, authentic, human – about the thing that matter most. Tune in to Kresta in the Afternoon from 3-5 PM on weekdays. The call-in number is 877-573-7825.

THE DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE AND DEVOTION

The message of The Divine Mercy is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

- **A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- **B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- **C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

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| April 13 | April Birthday Mass "A" Rooms |
| April 14 | Early Release; dismissal @ 2:15 pm |
| April 15 | April Birthday Mass "B" rooms |
| April 16 | 5 th grade field trip to Safari Adventure |
| April 21 | Sack Lunch Day! |
| April 23 | Race for Education |
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THOMAS MORE PREP-MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
625-6577

NEW INFO - Auction for Christian Education 2021 – ACE. Item 60, other contributions and updated info can be accessed at www.tmp-m.org. The Auction goes online April 23rd & close the evening of the 24th.

The 2021-22 Stewardship Renewal Form is available online at <https://www.tmp-m.org/2021stewardship/>. This form is required by all families enrolling in Catholic schools for the 21-22 school year and is in addition to parish stewardship forms. This contains options available to support the Catholic schools with your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Forms are due by May 1, 2021.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

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Mission Statement:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is built on a foundation of faith. We continue that spirit by welcoming all people to participate in our spiritual growth. As we are called to love God and and be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.