

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH (GSCP)

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April 24, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, April 25	Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist	
8:00am	Duane Steinkamp+	Arcadia
8:30am	Rosary @ St. Augustine Church	Halbur
Tuesday, April 26		
8:00am	Otmar Bierl+	Arcadia
8:00am	Maxwell Kies+	Breda
Wednesday, April 27		
8:00am	Shirley Tomka+	Arcadia
8:00am	Fr. Patrick O'Kane+	Templeton
8:30am	Rosary @ Holy Angels Church	Roselle
5:00pm	FB live-streamed Evening Prayer	Fr. Fred
Thursday, April 28		
8:00am	John Schroeder+	Arcadia
8:00am	Sr. Mary Myron Stork+	Breda
5:00pm	NO FB live-streamed Evening Prayer (mtg @ Kuemper)	Fr. Fred
Friday, April 29	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	
8:00am	Cecilia Huegerich+	Arcadia
8:00am	Beverly Dea+	Templeton
5:00pm	FB live-streamed Evening Prayer	Fr. Fred
Saturday, April 30	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
5:30pm	Kenneth Wernimont+	Breda
Sunday, May 1	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
8:00am	<i>Pro Populo: For the People of GSCP</i>	Arcadia
10:00am	Family and Friends of Leona Riesberg	Templeton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is AVAILABLE 1/2 HOUR
BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES
or BY APPOINTMENT



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ST BERNARD, Breda
SACRED HEART, Templeton

ST AUGUSTINE, Halbur
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HOLY ANGELS, Roselle

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FROM THE PASTOR: I want to continue to wish all of you a very **Happy and Joyful Easter Season**. Thank you to all who made the **Triduum Liturgies** (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) and **Easter Sunday Masses** so vibrant and celebratory! We had good-sized congregations for all the Triduum Liturgies, and full houses at Arcadia and Templeton on Easter Sunday. I always wish more people would come to the Easter Vigil, because it is such a special celebration. The Easter Vigil and Christmas Midnight Mass (@ midnight!) are my favorite Masses of the Liturgical Year! The start times are difficult, and both are longer than average; they are once-in-a-year liturgical opportunities! At the Vigil, we did the pared-down version (3 Old Testament Readings, Romans, Gospel). These are the two special Masses that are done in the night and provide a very different worship experience. I was happy to see some families with children at the Vigil, because that forms strong memories.

The choirs were wonderful and helped all of us to raise our voices in song. I especially love the grand Easter hymns and their Alleluias! Thank you to the readers! You were prepared and proclaimed the Word of the Lord well—especially the Passion Narratives. The servers did very well—these once-a-year liturgies are difficult, but they quickly learned the special parts and were so good at following my lead (even when I was struggling at times to make sure I was doing things in proper order). The congregations participated very well. The Amens to the Solemn Intercessions on Good Friday could have been a bit more robust—likely we were winded from the kneeling and standing. :)) Those who decorated the Churches and helped me set up for the liturgies also contributed greatly to the liturgies. **THANK YOU!!**

REMINDER: A DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE will be held by John Paul II Parish at **St. Mary Church, Willey, TODAY, Sunday, 4/25, beginning at 2:30PM.** There will be adoration, sung chaplet, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For the indulgence related to Divine Mercy, one may attend this sacrament within 20 days before to 20 days after Divine Mercy Sunday. I will, therefore, **continue my Lenten schedule of hearing confessions** before daily Masses and on weekends.

SENIOR GRADUATES: Graduation is just around the corner. **Baccalaureate Mass** will be celebrated at St. John, St. Bernard & Sacred Heart Parishes on the weekend of **May 14/15.** Please contact Cindy at stbernard@westianet.net (673-2582) or Julie at stjohnarcadia@gmail.com (689-2595) **ASAP** with the parish at which you plan to participate.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (R: “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.”); Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Every year on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, we pick up the story in the Gospel of John from Easter morning (see last Sunday’s bulletin) and from Tuesday of the Octave of Easter (John 20:11-18; April 19): Peter and the other disciple had returned to Jerusalem from the tomb, but Mary of Magdala stayed and wept. Even a vision of two angels does not end her weeping. Then the Risen Lord, whom she thinks is a gardener (the new Adam?), calls her by name. She may not hold on to the Risen Lord, for he is to return to his Father/God and her/our Father/God—language of the new covenant. She runs and tells the apostles that she has seen the Lord and what he had said to her.

Today (vv. 19-31), despite Mary Magdalene’s testimony, all the apostles, except for Thomas, are locked behind closed doors. They are still in doubt. The Risen Lord appears to them. They tell Thomas when he returns, but he has pretty specific requirements before he will believe. A week later—the first day of the week (Sunday) after the first day of the week of the resurrection (Easter Sunday), that is, TODAY, the Risen Lord again appears to the apostles who are still behind locked doors (!) and offers Thomas a chance to fulfill his requirements for belief.

Due to Thomas’ reticence to believe, he has long been called “the doubting disciple” or “doubting Thomas”. **But ALL the followers of Jesus doubted until they saw and heard the Risen Lord:** Mary Magdalene did; Simon Peter and the beloved disciple did; the other apostles did. Mary’s doubt *wasn’t erased* by the vision and testimony of angels. The apostles’ doubt *wasn’t overcome* by Mary’s testimony. Mary’s and the apostles’ testimony *didn’t bring* Thomas from doubt to faith.

Thomas might be the **most persistent** in his doubt, but he is not the only one who doubted. He is also the **most articulate** concerning what he thought he needed to see and touch in order to believe. When the Risen Lord again appears and shows Thomas his wounds—as he had *to all the other disciples* a week earlier—he says to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” **The story does NOT say that Thomas actually probed the wounds with his finger and hand.** So, like all the others, he comes to faith by seeing and hearing the Risen Lord. It is as if he understands what the Risen Lord told Mary, namely, that he cannot hold on to the Risen Lord in a physical way.

But then, Thomas, who has already been so articulate, does not remain silent as the other apostles did, but rather makes *the most profound profession of faith* in the entire Gospel: **“My Lord and my God”.** Mary of Magdala had managed to call him “Rabbouni” (20:16; “my master/teacher/great one” in Hebrew or Aramaic), which is more than any of the other apostles were able to say when they first saw and heard the Risen Lord.

Doubt in itself is not bad. Doubt unacknowledged or unspoken does not help us to learn, to hear others’ testimony, and to deepen

our faith. There are a couple times in the Gospel of John, in which Thomas speaks up even when he doesn’t fully “get it”. This leads to greater understanding for him and the other disciples. See the story of the raising of Lazarus in John 11 and the dialogue between Jesus and Thomas in John 14. So, today is a third time that Thomas **articulates** what is really going on in himself, and has been going on in all the disciples. And this third time is the “charm”, for it leads to Thomas’ last words in the Gospel, and they **are the best words of anyone in the Gospel: “My Lord and my God”.** (Yet, in John 21, the disciples still seem a bit in shock, for they go fishing!)

We can be assured that the Lord will work patiently and mercifully with us to move from any doubts we have to greater faith. That will help us, as it does the disciples to live our lives in the Holy Spirit that the Risen Lord Jesus breathed on the disciples, and has breathed upon us in Baptism. We see that richly—and perhaps a bit idealistically—described in Acts, because the disciples are doing in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ, what he himself had done. John of Revelation sees a vision of the fullness of the light of Christ that is always present in the church (*7 lampstands* in the midst of which is standing “one like a son of man, wearing an *ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest*”, that is, the Risen Christ, *high priest and king*).

So, Thomas is a character who represents all the disciples—all of us. Doubt is not antithetical to faith, for we walk by faith, not by foregone conclusions. The Enlightenment writer, historian, and philosopher, Voltaire put it well: “Doubt is not a pleasant state but certainty is a ridiculous one.” Doubt—if honestly acknowledged—can lead to deeper understanding, faith, and life in the Risen Lord. Moving from faith, through some doubt to deeper faith *happens best in a community of believers.* The Scriptures were written and left to us by believers and for believers, for our families (house churches, as in the earliest Christian communities in Acts), for our parishes, for our faith formation programs and Catholic Schools, for the teachings of our Holy Father and his brother bishops. With the Psalmist, we “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.”

In honor of the **feast of St. Joseph the Worker**, Domus Trinitatis is hosting a procession on **May 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm.** All are welcome. If you are unable to walk, we will push you. The address for Domus Trinitatis is 24750 Noble Ave, Carroll and online at homeofthetrinity.com.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Daughters will meet on **Thursday, May 5th at Holy Spirit Church. Rosary at 5:10 pm and Mass at 5:30 pm** with dinner and meeting to follow. It will be Mother/Daughter or Guest night, May Crowning and Membership Awards recognition. Call Bev Vonnahme 712-689-2211 by Monday, May 2 for reservations.

St. Rose of Lima #6 Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a **\$200 Kuemper Scholarship** to an **8th Grade student** for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications can be picked up at the elementary schools, CCRE programs or by calling Bev Vonnahme at 712-689-2211. Applications are due May 1.

AN INVITATION—PLEASE RSVP by THURSDAY, April 28: The **St. Bernard Ladies Guild** would like to invite **all ladies of all the churches in Good Shepherd Catholic Parish** to their **Spring Salad Buffet and May Crowning** at 6:00pm, on Wednesday, **May 4** in the Mary Nieland Center (in the school). Entertainment will be provided. Cost is \$5 per person. — RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 712-673-2582. You may leave a voice message if the office is closed when you call.

You may still drop an envelope in the collection or off at the office for the **Special Collections for The Christians in the Holy Land** (Good Friday) and/or **Infirm & Retired Priests of the Diocese of Sioux City** (Easter). — Or use online options (respectively, <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/> &

infirm-priests-collection/). — *Thank you very much!*

Amy Bloch, the Executive Director, and the entire staff at **Catholic Charities**, extend their heartfelt gratitude for the partnership with the people of the Diocese of Sioux City in their work of caring for Christ's people. The **2021 Diocesan Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities** raised nearly **\$160,000**. Outstanding! These dollars allow them to carry out their serving mission with help for children, individuals, couples and families in need. — Good Shepherd parish contributed \$3,822 to this collection. From Amy and the staff: "Thank you!" "Together, we are providing healing, renewed hope and happier lives. ... Blessings throughout this Easter season!"

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ARCADIA

Congratulations to **Lynette Schweers**, who, on Easter Sunday, was received into the Catholic Church through her **Profession of Faith**. She was also **Confirmed** and received her **First Eucharist**. **Lynette**, welcome to *full membership* in the Catholic Church and Good Shepherd Parish!

Congratulations to the GSCP First Communicants who receive at St. John the Baptist Church: Erik Canales; Lourdes Canales; Kasen Gallagher; Hayes Hausman; Lincoln Hoffman; Henry Kautzky; Jase Lawler; Dillon Thomsen; Henry Jackson; Molly Venner; Lincoln Wiederin. — *May this be the first of a life-long appreciation of the gift of the REAL PRESENCE of our Lord Jesus Christ—body, blood, soul & divinity—in the Eucharist!*

MINISTERS-May 1

Reader: Joel Dentlinger
Servers: Kaylie & Kenadie Wolterman
Ushers/Greeters: Margaret Gruba, Michelle Schuette
EMHC: Sheila Dentlinger

Stewardship for April 17

Adult \$1,145.00; Youth \$5.00; Loose \$317.00; Holy Land \$345.00; Retired/Infirm Priests \$1,157.00

ST. BERNARD, BREDA

Congratulations to the GSCP First Communicants who receive at St. Bernard Church: Coy Meister; Andrew Neumayer; Braxten Nieland; Will Nieland; Avery Steinkamp; Caleb Pudenz; Wade Pudenz. — *May this be the first of a life-long appreciation of the gift of the REAL PRESENCE of our Lord Jesus Christ—body, blood, soul & divinity—in the Eucharist!*

Guild Officers Needed for 2022-23: We need **two** ladies who are willing to serve as guild officers. If you have questions about what being an officer entails and/or are interested in being an officer, please contact one of the current officers: Mary Snyder at 712-790-9146; Jill Kies at 712-830-9787; Maggie Steinkamp at 712-369-1418 or Katie Smith at 712-790-9002. Thank you.

See "AN INVITATION" above about the St. Bernard Ladies Guild **Spring Salad Buffet and May Crowning**. — **PLEASE RSVP by THURSDAY, April 28**

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Choir practice, **Saturday, April 30, 5pm**, in school.

The Birthday Committee will be celebrating the **April 25 birthday of Paul Venner**, with a gathering at 2pm at Garden View, 502 S. Maple, Carroll. If you need a ride, call Arlene Mueggenberg (673-2649). Masks are required.

MINISTERS-April 30

Rosary Leader: Karla Stork
Greeters: Doug/Kim Gerken
Reader: Chris Uhlenkamp
Servers: Kendra Stork, Meredith Sturm
Ushers: George & Evan Wernimont
Gift Bearers: Tom/Norma Wessling
EMHC: Randy Snyder
April \$\$ Counters: Sue Mueggenberg, Arlene Mueggenberg

Stewardship for April 17

Adults \$1,670.00; Youth \$40.00; Loose \$377.00; Holy Land \$195.00; Retired/Infirm Priests \$675.00; MNC Rental \$75.00

SACRED HEART, TEMPLETON

Congratulations to the GSCP First Communicants who receive at Sacred Heart Church: Tate Anderson; Landon Gunderson; Lydia Kerkhoff; Haddie Irlbeck; Brekken Hansen. — *May this be the first of a life-long appreciation of the gift of the REAL PRESENCE of our Lord Jesus Christ—body, blood, soul & divinity—in the Eucharist!*

MINISTERS-May 1

Reader: Deb Hansen
Servers: Jake Wieland, Jaxson Klein
Usher/Gift Bearer: Volunteers
EMHC: Ken Behrens
Church Cleaners: Dave/Rhonda Schwaller, Dennis/Rose Sibenaller

Stewardship for April 17

Adults \$1,729.95; Youth \$4.00; Loose \$745.00; Friends of Parish \$25.00; Cemetery Fund \$1,200.00; Retired/Infirm Priests \$393.00; Holy Land \$206.00; Cookbook Sales \$9.00

ST. AUGUSTINE, HALBUR

Stewardship for April 17

Adult \$520.00; Holy Land \$20.00; Retired/Infirm Priests \$70.00; Rent/Elec \$228.99

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, MOUNT CARMEL

Thank you to all who made the OLMC Pancake Breakfast another success. Gross income was \$11,656.80. Total expenses (advertising, postage and all mailing items; grocery items, Kiwanis, etc.) came to \$4,681.15. **NET INCOME: \$6,975.65!**

Stewardship for April 17

Adults \$115.00; Retired/Infirm Priests \$50.00

HOLY ANGELS, ROSELLE

Thank you to all who made the Pot of Gold Raffle another success. Gross sales came to \$15,205.00. Total prize money was \$3,162.50 (two had 5% withholding deducted). Sales and withholding taxes on the raffle were \$824.50. **NET INCOME: \$11,218.00!**

A **BIG Thank You** from Holy Angels for all that helped clean up the parish grounds and trees after the wind storm. All the helping hands and equipment were very much appreciated. Thanks again!!!

PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], may contact Fr. Friedrichsen at any time of the year to begin the process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC).

BAPTISM CLASS is offered to couples who are having a child baptized for the first time in one of the churches of Good Shepherd Catholic Parish. —New parents, CONGRATS! PLEASE email Fr. Friedrichsen so a day and time for the class can be scheduled with you (there might be more than one couple attending, which is a good thing!).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: It is advisable to begin this at least 9 months before the wedding day. If either the bride or the groom was previously married and has not yet done the annulment process, that will be necessary before marriage preparation can begin. Please contact Fr. Friedrichsen so that all preparations may be completed in time for the wedding and marriage. Remember, the wedding is just a day, while marriage is a LIFETIME!

NEW PARISHIONERS may register in the parish of their choice by visiting the website (<http://gscpcarrollco.org/parish-registration>), choosing the "ABOUT" drop-down menu, clicking on Parish Registration, and completing the form. WELCOME!

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JJ's Bucket List

So numbers 3 are not things I have done and have crossed off. They are just things, and places. I don't need bragging rights, or to know that I did something just to say I did it.

jk

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God Bless