



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER & HOLY FAMILY

423 West 7th Street, Mankato • 211 North Hunt Street, Lake Crystal

2nd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus said:
'Because you
have seen *Me*,
you have **believed.**

Blessed are those
who have not seen
and yet believe."

John 20:29

04.19.20

Welcome New-member registration
forms are available in the
church entrances and on our website. One
Eucharistic family united on our faith
journey: Welcome Home!

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2020

Catholic Ministries Appeal

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Goal:

\$32,700

Current Total: \$19,444.50 or
51.21% of our goal.

Holy Family Parish Goal:

\$9,900

Current Total: \$3,875.00 or
32.32% of our goal.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE CHURCH DURING THIS TIME?

Please continue your weekly church contributions if you are able. We have a great online option you can utilize. Go to sjwhf.org and click on the green **DONATE NOW** button. You can also mail your contribution to us. Thank you for remembering your church!

Amazing Graces



As the Easter Octave ends, I am mindful of some kind and generous actions by people in our faith family. Let's call them amazing graces that bring joy to others. The Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, might be a good time to mention a few as an encouragement for you to count your amazing graces as well. Sometimes we can focus too much on the restrictions, limitations and even the nasty weather for Easter Week. I'd rather look for signs of the Risen Lord's presence in the peace and joy that flows from people's thoughtfulness and generosity.

+ During Holy Week a parishioner called to ask about our progress on the Lenten project of finishing the school for our sister parish (St. Lucie) in Haiti. When I suggested that he wait until after Easter to see what was needed to hit the target, he chose to close the gap then and there. *"They may need something extra for furnishing the classrooms or supplies."* Imagine the joy this brings!

+ Another parishioner inquired about checking in with some of our "more experienced" church members to see how they are doing and if they are receiving enough support from others. Deacon Russ Blaschko has also been contacting some parishioners who are homebound or in care facilities. Such kindness bears joy.

+ A couple sent an Easter gift for the parish staff to celebrate the (almost) completion of the parish office renovation. Am not sure how they realized what the staff experienced over the last six months or so, but this thoughtful, generous gift stirred up joy and gratitude in our hearts.

+ Others have stepped forward to record music for home listening or to tape the pastor's weekly message, recognizing a need or desire and then using one's gifts to make joyful connections.

+ On a personal note, the "Easter Bunny" brought me cards, a couple large chocolate eggs, various homemade food items, a jigsaw puzzle, a protective mask and a basket with a complete meal (including a "spirited" beverage). Does the pastor seem more joy-filled this week?

Take a few minutes today to reflect upon the ways you have been surprised by amazing graces the past couple weeks. Remember the greeting Jesus uses three times in today's gospel: **"Peace!"** This is not a cheap, but a costly greeting and gift – offered with the wound marks visible to those who deserted him during his "hour." Yes, we may be experiencing difficult times, but if we open our hearts and minds to the Risen Lord, we will also know the peace and joy his presence offers us. Rejoice, alleluia!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Tim Reber

Stewardship of
TREASURE

Holy Family

Apr 12, 2020
\$1,615.00

Fiscal Year to Date
\$78,690.35 Actual
\$92,269.35 Budget

St. Joseph the Worker

Apr 11 & 12, 2020
\$5,660.00

Fiscal Year to Date
\$283,191.52 Actual
\$283,740.38 Budget

Intentions & Weekly Readings

Tuesday, April 21: †Glenn Anderson

Wednesday, April 22: †John Flanagan

Thursday, April 23: †Francis Sohler

Friday, April 24: †Joseph & Steven Schimek

Saturday, April 25: 2nd Sunday of Easter - For the Parishioners

Sunday, April 26: 2nd Sunday of Easter - †Nancy Amberg

Monday: Acts 4: 23-31 Ps 2: 1-9 Jn 3: 1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4: 32-37 Ps 93: 1-2. 5 Jn 3: 7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5: 17-26 Ps 34: 2-9 Jn 3: 16-21

Thursday: Acts 5: 27-33 Ps 34: 2. 9. 17-20 Jn 3: 31-36

Friday: Acts 5: 34-42 Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14 Jn 6: 1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5: 5b-14 Ps 89: 2-3. 6-7. 16-17 Mk 16: 15-20

Sunday: Acts 2: 14. 22-33 Ps 16: 1-2. 5. 7-11 (11a) 1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35

Parish & Area Announcements

Make sure to follow us on our Facebook pages and check out our website (sjwhf.org) frequently for the most up-to-date information about our parishes during this time. We will also be sharing resources you can utilize from home as well as weekly messages from Fr. Reker and live streaming daily Mass links.

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE - DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. We are still here to assist with anything you might need, call or email us; 388-3766 or office@sjwhf.org. Bulletins will always be available online as well as printed copies in the church entrances and outside at Holy Family.

THANK YOU – to those who have been contributing online, or who have continued to drop off or mail in their weekly donation! We know that these times are challenging for some, and we are incredibly grateful for whatever contributions you are able to make as we continue to pay our daily expenses, such as payroll and utilities. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

SPECIAL COLLECTION UPDATE - The Holy Land collection, which normally takes place on Good Friday, will be moved to Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020. If you have already contributed to this special collection that is just fine, as we will be sending off what we have received at this time. If you have not, but would like to, you can now wait for the September collection date.

*Congratulations to the Wade Becker
"301" winner of \$250 for Apr 11!*



Loyola Catholic School

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Loyola Catholic School is closed amid the COVID-19 concern until further notice. Loyola has shifted from traditional learning on campus to distance learning at home, as of March 23. Over the past couple of weeks, our students and teachers have used several different tools to stay connected such as virtual check-ins, video conferencing, and various messaging platforms.

Throughout the coming weeks, Loyola Theology teacher Alex Nuy will be continuing his Friday prayer service online. You can find it on Fridays on Loyola's Facebook page, or on Alex's Youtube channel. We welcome you to join us!

Interested in enrolling for the 2020-21 school year? Contact acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507.388.0615 for more information.

LUCKY 20 RAFFLE - UPDATE: New drawing date: June 30, 2020. In every crisis, there is an opportunity to come together and persevere. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, please consider asking those you are connecting with to support Loyola. Loyola depends on the income from this fundraiser, more now than ever. Raffle details: Twenty chances to win! Grand Prize Winner \$10,000, one \$5,000, one \$1,000, two \$500, and 15 \$200 winners. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Need not be present to win. Tickets \$100 each, can be purchased by asking your favorite Loyola student or by calling 507-382-8089. Due to the stay at home order, no physical turn in or drop off of tickets/money until lifted.

You may still mail your stubs/checks to: Loyola Catholic School 145 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001

THANK YOU to all who send us Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts. Loyola no longer processes Campbell's soup labels.

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To bring together men of all ages to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. With the direction of our Priest, encouraging each other to be servant leaders in our Church.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Information

Office Phone.....388-3766

Parish Email.....office@sjwhf.org

SJW Prayer Chain.....Joan: 388-5986

HF Prayer Chain.....Margaret: 317-4785

Email: margaretbuss@yahoo.com

Calvary Cemetery.....Terry Miller: 387-5784

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Timothy T. Reker - Pastor

Nicole Hermer - Director of Parish Activities

Glenn Barnette - Bookkeeper

Connie Wallin - Director of Religious Education

Kathy Moldan - Office Assistant

Sister Janet Wermerskirchen - Music Director

Jon Hermanson - SJW Custodial Engineer

Mike Murrain - SJW Custodian

Ben Moldan - HF Custodian

Sacraments

Baptism - Please contact Fr. Reker in the parish office to schedule the baptism and the baptism preparation class.

Marriage - Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Fr. Reker at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please notify the office.

Prayers for Healing

*Dennis Owen, Richard Johnson, John Allen,
Jerry Schultz, George Larson, Tom B.*

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