

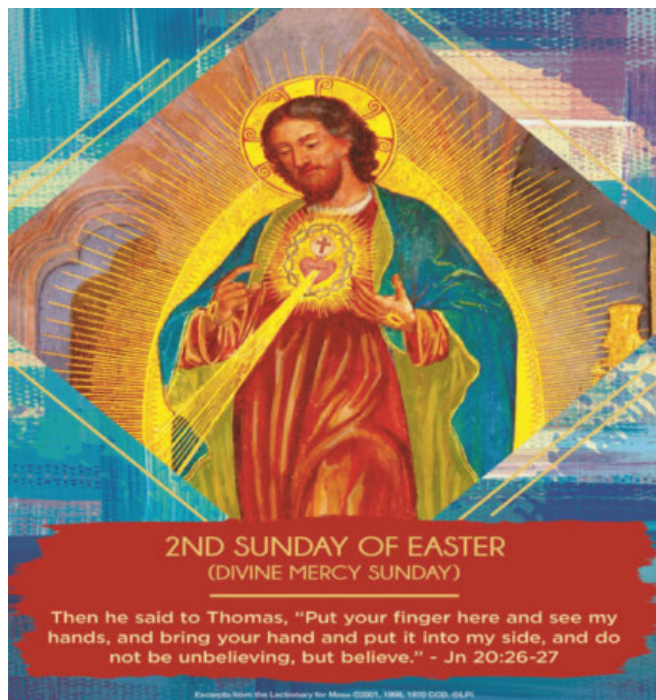


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Father John Meyer, Pastor



The Adult Faith Formation Presents Guest Speaker Alyssa Bormes

"A Message of Hope and Healing"

Come hear how to **Put Love Back in Order**, as we listen to **Alyssa Bormes**, a dynamic, nationally-recognized speaker, who uses the gift of storytelling and humor to energize her audience. Socializing and refreshments to follow this captivating event on:



Wednesday, April 19th @ 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius.

Parishioner, Ric Fournier said, "I have heard Alyssa speak four times now. Her passion for seeking a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father is enormous! She will make you feel like she is sitting right there with us in our Faith walk and learnings, and puts her story in easily digestible terms. Come and listen!!"

Weekly Meditation

... praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:47)

What a beautiful vision! The first believers' experience of the Spirit was so life-changing that they felt compelled to come together to worship the Lord and love one another as family.

But this ideal situation didn't last long. Only a short time later, prejudice and tribalism crept in, leading some to neglect the needs of the poorer widows among them (Acts 6:1). Later, some members of this mostly Jewish Christian community began telling Gentiles—falsely—that they had to be circumcised if they wanted to "be saved" (15:1). This attempt to treat Gentiles as second-class citizens caused "no little dissension" among the believers (15:2).

Stories like these might make us wonder, *If the first Christians couldn't live together, what hope does our Church have?*

But today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Today we celebrate the good news that God is *always* ready to forgive and to heal divisions. Take the early Church, for example. By all counts, it should not have lasted more than a decade or two. But in fact, it not only survived but continued to grow and spread. That's because God's mercy, poured out at every Eucharist and every time his people gathered together, softened believers' hearts and moved them to resolve their conflicts peacefully and lovingly. What a powerful testament to a God whose merciful love triumphs over every imaginable obstacle!

Even today, God's mercy continues to flow. Every division and conflict can be overcome as we come together to worship him, confess our need for him, and strive to make love our aim. Every sin can be washed away and every relationship restored! Jesus, our merciful Savior, is always ready to help us love one another.

"Lord Jesus Christ, merciful Son of God, draw your people together in love!"

The Word Among Us - April 2023 Edition

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 22nd @ 8:00pm

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner
Altar Servers: Luke & William Millner
Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry & Deb Goodale
Greeter: Ann Waldschmidt
Lector: Isaac Millner
Sacristan: Connie Nelson
Ushers: Tim Waldschmidt, Loren Frappier, Mike Zuehlke, & Ron Mares

Sunday, April 23rd @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner
Altar Servers: Coady & Alex Dircks
Eucharistic Ministers: Larry May & Bren Stepp
Greeter: Mary Jo Logeais & Renee Wyffels
Lector: Patrick Meuwissen
Live Stream: Paul Manuel
Sacristan: Patrick Meuwissen
Ushers: Tom Gay, Jerry Elsenpeter, Dan Oliver & Peter Braun

Sunday, April 23rd @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner
Alter Servers: Dayanara Martinez Mejia & Celia Erickson
Eucharistic Ministers: Renee Logeais & Red Petersen
Greeter: Al and Lori Guck
Lector: Mary Nowak
Sacristan: Jerry Polaschek
Ushers: John and Christine West, Josh Paumen, & Craig Arends

Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, April 16: Divine Mercy Sunday
Wednesday, April 19: Guest Speaker
Alyssa Bormes 7 pm
Thursday, April 27: Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am -7:00 pm
Saturday, April 29: Confirmation Send Off Mass
Sunday, April 30: Donut Sunday
Sunday, May 7: First Communion 10:30 Mass
Thursday, May 11: Confirmation
(St. Paul Cathedral) 7 pm
Sunday, May 14: Graduation Mass 8:30 am

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Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had it. We hang our every hope on this sign, that proof. We challenge God: "Make mee Believe." To each of us he extends his wounded hand, to each of us he shows his pierced side. He will always meet us in our unbelief.

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Community News

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CCW Corner

Mark your calendars for our meetings: July 6th, October 5th and January 4th. All meetings will be at 6:30 pm in the gathering space.

St. Ignatius Prayer Chain

Help us strengthen our parish prayer chain. We are looking for additional volunteers to add to our list of prayer warriors. When the parish receives a prayer request, the prayer chain is initiated by a phone call. This volunteer opportunity is open to all ages, it is flexible with your schedule, and can be done in the comfort of your home. Please consider helping our parish family in their time of need. A sign up sheet is available in the gathering space, or you can call the parish office to volunteer.

Watering of Flowers

The Environment and Arts Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with watering flowers during the Easter season. Rotations will be once a week through May 24th. Please call the parish office if interested in helping.



Advocacy Opportunities at the State Capitol

Make your voice heard at the Capitol on issues impacting life, dignity, and the common good. Visit MNCatholic.org/actionalerts to find the latest alerts from the Minnesota Catholic Conference on a variety of key issues being discussed at the legislature. From there, you will have all the information you need on an issue to send your legislators an email or video or call them to discuss your support or opposition on a given issue.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

April 29th and 30th we will take up a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Rice Bowl Thank You

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, THANK YOU! If you have not already, please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the parish office.

Central Minnesota Koinonia

Are you living the Be-Attitudes? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a week-end Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for May 5-7, 2023, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Church of St. Henry Quilt Bingo

The St. Henry's CCW and the Knights of Columbus from the Church of St. Henry in Monticello would like to invite you to Quilt Bingo on Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm with doors open at noon to preview handmade quilts. There will be 22 games of regular BINGO (\$15 first card and \$10 additional cards) and 3 Specialty games (\$2 each). Event will be held at Little Mountain Elementary School at 9350 Fallon Avenue in Monticello. Snacks and bag lunches will be available for purchase while supplies last. Questions? Call Bonnie Sobiech, CCW President for more information 612-598-1626.

Formed

St. Ignatius has a subscription for all parishioners to use. Enjoy this gift by watching and listening to over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, cartoons, e-books, and talks. It's easy to register.: 1. Go to to Formed.org/signup 2. Enter our zip code "55302" or "St. Ignatius" to find our parish 3. Then enter your name and email address.

Gospel Meditation

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— Father John Muir

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Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/I Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

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

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/I Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

STEWARDSHIP

Projected weekly giving.....\$5,890.00
492 parish families

Palm Sunday April 2, 2023

Envelopes.....\$5,658.50
Plate.....\$562.61
Auto Deposits.....\$1,190.00

Total.....\$7,411.11

Easter Flowers.....\$195.00
Youth Ministry-EFC.....\$1,345.00
Operation Rice Bowl.....\$690.21

Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

Sunday Envelopes.....\$2,246.00
Auto Deposits.....\$2,310.00
Easter Envelopes.....\$6,126.00
Holy Thursday Envelope.....\$666.00
Holy Week Plate.....\$1,702.00

Total.....\$13,050.00

Easter Flowers.....\$75.00
Youth Ministry-EFC.....\$200.00
Operation Rice Bowl.....\$264.36
Holy Land Collection.....\$998.20



Pray For...

Larry Oberg
Joseph Niznik
Mike Meyer
Anna Purcell
Lynnea Stay
Katelyn Busch
Herman Wittsack
Mary Wittsack
Mary Danielson
Mark Johnson
Paul DeMars
Julie Pelarski
Sally Phenow
Reanna Braun

Lynnae Frappier
Jaden Hanson
Nick Mares
Dan Schultz
Louise Borstad
Wayne Dearing
Ron Hoffman
Ronda O'Brien
Russ Fortner
Peggy Jo Fortner
James Utech
Jack Driste
Mary Malachuk

Prayer requests and Mass intentions
can be made through the Parish Office

Pray for Our Youth

Please remember in your prayers all of our youth preparing for their upcoming First Communion and Confirmation. Please also pray for those in our church family that will be graduating in the class of 2023.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 15th

5:00 pm Paul DeMars

Sunday, April 16th

8:30 am Special Intention

10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, April 17th

6:00 pm Parishioners

Tuesday, April 18th

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, April 19th

8:00 am Parishioners

Thursday, April 20th

8:00 am Parishioners

Friday, April 21st

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius. Mass available at St. Timothy's in Maple Lake (8:00 am)

Saturday, April 22nd

5:00 pm † Ervin Schreifels

Sunday, April 23rd

8:30 am † Shari Danzeisen

10:30 am Parishioners

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Father Kevin Magner, Parochial Vicar

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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9am-1pm - Wed., 11am to 9 pm

Youth Minister: **Bernie Gauthé** bernie@stignatiusmn.com

Hours: Wed. 2:00 pm– 9:00 pm, Thurs 8:00 am– 12:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page
and You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

8:00 am (No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Saturday
Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class before the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

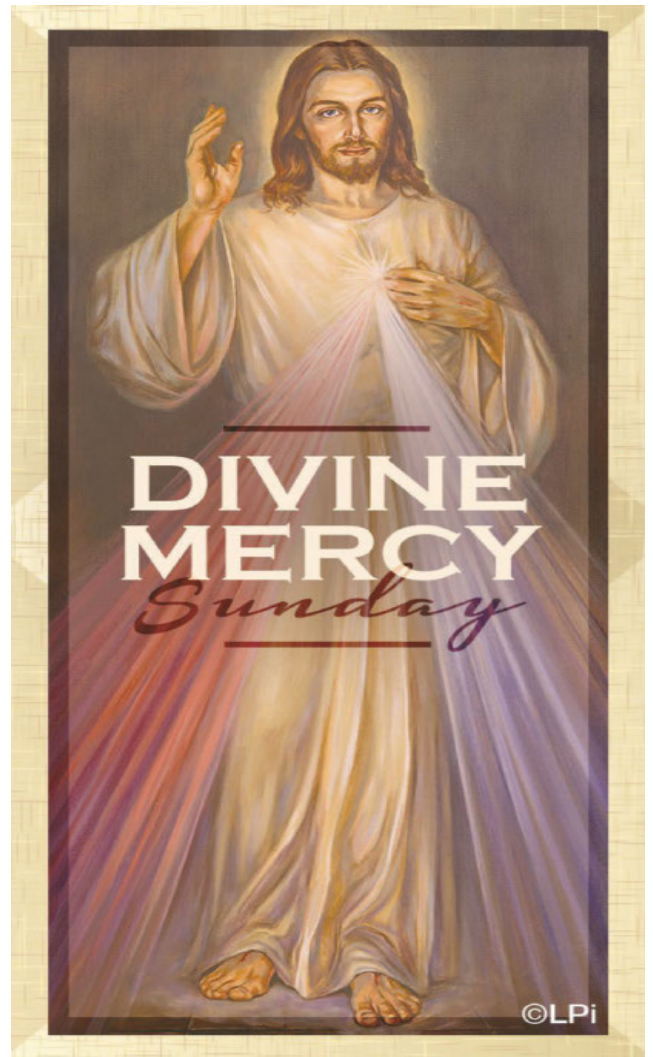
Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know would like one of our home visitors to stop by your residence for companionship, prayer, or have communion brought to you, please call or email the parish to make arrangements (contact information above)

**Bulletin Deadline is Tuesdays at noon,
any early deadlines will be noted in the bulletin**



Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

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