

**APRIL 12 – Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." — Jn 20:28-29

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, April 12 (Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31)

8:00 am- Living & deceased members of Ervin J. Bludau, Sr. Family

10:30 am- Our Parish Family

Monday, April 13, Easter Weekday, St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr (Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8)

7:00 am- Guntram & Annie Janak, Dwayne Janak

10:00 am- Joe P. & Annette Novak (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, April 14, Easter Weekday (Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15)

7:00 am- Frank & Andela Zabransky

Wednesday, April 15, Easter Weekday (Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21)

7:00 am- Ann & Ben Gerlich

8:05 am- Bill Curley

Thursday, April 16, Easter Weekday (Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36)

7:00 am- Joe & Helen Grafe

10:00 am- Edna Key (Stevens)

Friday, April 17, Easter Weekday (Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15)

7:00 am- John & Olga Haas

8:05 am- Deacon Sonny & Elaine Rogers

Saturday, April 18, Easter Weekday (Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21)

5:30 pm- Weldon Schaefer

Third Sunday of Easter, April 19 (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48)

8:00 am- Willie & Agnes Holik

10:30 am- Our Parish Family

Bulletin Sponsor: Andy & Mary Chapman in memory of Gus (Cudlum) Werner.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Florine Bohac in memory of Pam Dornak.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$7,389.50; Loose-\$2,815; Children-\$225; Building Repair Fund-\$1,347; Rice Bowl-\$752; Seminarian Education Fund-\$5,732; Holy Land-\$2,856.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Daniel Boone* of our parish family. *May he and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Sacred Heart Picnic Country Store is in need of handmade craft items for the Spring Picnic. Please be working on handmade aprons, potholders, embroidered pillow cases, cup towels, or any other craft items. *Thank you!!!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

-KJZT #2 Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Mary's House.

-Divine Mercy Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m., Church.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-Christian Mothers Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

-Practice for Cantors & Organists, 6:15 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

-Gabriel Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

-Confirmation Candidates Retreat, Family Center.

-Youth Night Holy Hour, 5:00 p.m., Church.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcek, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrcir, Henry Konvicka, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Leo Haas, Jr., Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Msgr. Celestino Say, Steve Grasshoff, Buddy Boehm, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, John Moore, Jr., Victor Roeber, Tommy Kanak, Rose Thumann, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Happy Anniversary!

Blasé & Deberah Konvicka	35 years	April 12
Robert & Loraine Butschek	67 years	April 12
Kevin & Kathryn Malin	25 years	April 14
Paul & Mary Wood	40 years	April 16
Benedict & Georgie Bujnoch	45 years	April 18

Area Picnics & Events:

April 12: Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling, Yoakum Com. Center. BBQ Chicken Plates 10:30am-1:00pm. Auction, music, raffle, plant sale, desserts, arts & crafts.

April 19: St. Wenceslaus Church Bazaar, Beasley. BBQ Beef, Chicken & Sausage Dinner (\$10/plate) Serving begins 10:30am. Auction, games, music.

April 26: St. Michael Catholic Church, Spring Festival, Weimer, Texas. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner at 11:00 a.m. Adults \$9.00—Children \$4.50 (12 & under). Auction, Bingo, Cake walk, Country Store and more

Lavaca Chapter of Victoria Gabriel Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Wed., April 15, Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling. Anyone interested in learning more is welcome to attend.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today we will have a holy hour in church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 3:00-4:00 p.m. to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is invited to come and pray as St. Faustina has passed on to us this devotion to Our Lord.

We thank everyone who helped in any way with the Holy Week Services and Masses. We had many good comments on the Living Stations on Good Friday performed by the Sacred Heart Junior Class, the choir and musicians, and all the flowers and beautiful decorations.

We welcome all those who were received into the Catholic Church on Saturday night at the Easter Vigil. Those who were baptized: Jeremy Hill, Melanie Janssen, Roxanne Pilat, Nicole Gilliam. Those who made their Profession of Faith: Ruben Gilliam, Shayne Stovall, Jolene Janak, Brandon DeLaRosa; Christine Ziegler, Bruce Ziegler.

All 10 of these also received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Let us welcome them and keep them in our prayers.

Confirmation Retreat: On April 19 the Confirmation candidates will be participating in Catholic Relief Services' Food Fast. During the 12-hour retreat, we will be fasting in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world who struggle with poverty and hunger. Participants explore the reality of hunger in a world of plenty and come face-to-face with the impact of hunger on nearly 1 Billion people in the world. The fact is there really is enough food for all. Following the lead of Pope Francis, we ask ourselves, then, what we can do to help end hunger in our world. We ask that you pray for us as we journey with the poor around the world. We will have a special 'RICEBAG' collection during the 10:30 a.m. Mass to support the work of Catholic Relief Services.



Sacred Heart Youth News ~~

We welcome all youth, especially the graduating seniors, to our **Farewell to Seniors Youth Night & Cookout** on Sunday, April 19 from 5:00-7:30 pm. Music for adoration will be provided by the *Third SonDay Boys* followed by fellowship, hamburgers, and cake at the Youth House.

Also, we thank all those who assisted and supported the Easter Bake Sale fundraiser for our Steubenville on the Bayou trip. We still have space if anyone would like to go. Please notify Troy at troy@splashwaywaterpark.com.

Sacred Heart Religious Education News ~~

Apr. 15, 22 & 29: Regular CCD Class.

Apr. 19: Confirmation Retreat, 8am-8pm, Family Center.

Apr. 26: Mandatory Freshmen & parents confirmation meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**First Holy Communion- May 3 at 10:30 a.m. Mass.
Confirmation – May 17 at 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

Sacred Heart School News ~~

Apr. 24: Marathon for Catholic Education. Classes dismissed at 12:00 noon. No extended care.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers at all Masses next weekend, April 18 and 19.

Easter Flowers Donations: Bohumir & Mary Ann



Pustejovsky in memory of Bill & Annie Bolech, Julius & Annie Pustejovsky-\$20; Guntram & Elaine Janak in memory of Alvin & Annie Schneider & Alvin Jr., Guntram, Annie & Dwayne Janak, Don & Willie Mae Peterson-\$20; Robert & Leona Steffek in memory of Karen Steffek-\$20.

Christian Mothers Mtg, 6:00 pm, April 13, Mary's House. Gayle Bludau, Family & Consumer Science County Agent, will present program on "Family Meal Time."

Second Sunday of Easter –



"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." After the Resurrection, the wounds of Christ take on a whole new meaning. Whereas they had originally been a sign of the tragedy and pain of the crucifixion, they now became a sign of triumph and power over physical death as well as spiritual death – sin.

When Jesus invites Thomas to touch His wounds, He is allowing Thomas to experience this reality for himself. Thomas doesn't just look at the nail marks; he personally encounters them. He puts himself into the now-glorified wounds of Jesus. And then, he believes. This encounter not only takes away Thomas' doubt but also allows him to share in the joy of Christ's victory. "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaims.

This is a powerful image for the mercy of Christ. The suffering He endured on the cross was not just a distant symbol for us to admire. It was not just an opportunity for Him to surprise everybody by rising from the dead. The fact that Jesus suffered for us means that our suffering now has somewhere to go. Our pain, our battle with sin, our struggle to truly believe in Him, all of this can be laid within the wounds of Christ and healed. When we carry our scars alone, they blind us. They paralyze us. They prevent us from experiencing joy. But when we unite our own wounds to those of Christ, when we allow ourselves to encounter the wounded but glorified Christ, we are able to move beyond our own troubles. We get to share in the victory and stop hiding in the sadness of our self-doubt. It is through this honest encounter with the risen Christ that we are truly able to experience His peace.

