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**Masses, Confessions & Devotions**

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday in the Octave of Easter (Both)**

7:45 am Rosary & Morning Prayer

8:15 am OF Mass **Int.- All Volunteers**

3:00 pm Confession

4:00 pm OF **Anticipated Mass of the Sunday of Divine Mercy Int.- John Stachnik (+) by Clarence & Irene Stachnik**

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of Divine Mercy (Low Sunday)**

7:30 am Confessions

8:00 am OF Mass **Int.- For All Parishioners**

11:00 am EF Mass **Int.- Leo Makarewicz (+) by the Chad Stewart Family**

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Talk; Evening Prayer

**Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Mark (Rogation Mass)**

5:35 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Rogation Procession

6:20 pm OF Mass **Int.- Leo & Phyllis Miller (+) by Leo Miller Jr. & Family**

**Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter (Sts. Cletus & Marcellinus)**

7:45 am Rosary & Morning Prayer

8:15 am EF Mass **Int.- Larry Mousseau (+) by Yvonne Sadler**

**Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter (St. Peter Canisius)**

5:50 pm Rosary & Evening Prayer

6:20 pm OF Mass **Int.- Matthew Slagle (+) by The Evich Family**

**Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday of the Second Week of Easter (St. Paul of the Cross)**

7:45 am Rosary & Morning Prayer

8:15 am OF Mass **Int.- Andy & Irene Pleva (+) by Ed Witkowski**

**Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Saint Catherine of Siena (St. Peter Of Verona)**

7:45 am Rosary & Morning Prayer

8:15 am OF Mass **Int.- Kent Zimmerman (+) by Nancy Zimmerman**

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday of the Second Week of Easter (St. Catherine of Siena)**

7:45 am Rosary & Morning Prayer

8:15 am EF Mass **Int.- Anthony Zywicki (+) by the Knights Of Columbus**

3:00 pm Confession

4:00 pm OF **Anticipated Mass of the Third Sunday of Easter Int.- For All Parishioners**

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Third Sunday of Easter (St. Joseph the Worker)**

7:30 am Confessions

8:00 am OF Mass **Int.- Joe & Felicia Manhart on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Joe & Margaret Siemiantkowski**

11:00 am EF Mass **Int.- Godchildren of Emily Hollabaugh**

4:30 pm Evening Prayer

**For the Coming Week's Masses**

**4:00 pm OF April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Proprs: Ben Freundl

Cantor: Marie Freundl

Lector: Dick Dell'Acqua

Ushers: Bob Piche; Bryan Brzezinski; Byron Bolton; Volunteer

**8:00 am OF May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Proprs: Chris Steffke

Cantor: Tonya Ratajczak

Lector: Judy LaCross

Acolyte: Greg Robinsons

Ushers: Dale Pleva; Fred Peplinski; John Martz; Tom Lesausky

**11 am EF May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Ushers: Mike Kelly; Brent Weaner; Nic Fiorvento; Phil Nachazel; Al Garvin

**May Crowning**

Save the date for the May Crowning. This year we will crown the outdoor statues of our Blessed Mother on May 1<sup>st</sup> after the 8am and 11am masses.

**Right to Life Mother's Day Flower Sale**

Right to Life will be selling flowers for \$2 after all masses on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit the local Right to Life office of Traverse City.

**New Ideas for Charitable Giving**

St. Vincent's recently expanded its Thrift Store on Woodmere Ave. to accept new and used jewelry in any condonation. Volunteers clean and repair broken pieces. Nothing goes to waste, even odd pieces are purchased by crafters. As a service to St. Vincent's a precious metal buyer offers us a generous rate for finer items.

**Vacation Bible School**

Sisters from Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, will be hosting a Vacation Bible School at Holy Rosary from June 13-17<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming soon.

**FROM THE RAFFLE LADIES**

Thank you to those who have responded and called or emailed us to donate a prize. Our Festival and Raffle is scheduled for Sunday, July 31, 2022.....THREE MONTHS AWAY! Our parish was very blessed with an anonymous donor who covered the \$5000.00 top prize. If you are interested in donating a prize, please contact Joan Gauthier @ 231-228-6179 or Shirley Mikowski @ 231-228-3406 as soon as possible. Email to [jgauthier56@hotmail.com](mailto:jgauthier56@hotmail.com) and [sidmikowski@hotmail.com](mailto:sidmikowski@hotmail.com). We would like to get the tickets ready and printed so we all can start selling. You can drop off certificates and checks in the two boxes designated for Raffle. One is in the back of the church, and the other is located in the Adoration Chapel waiting area. This is a big money-making event for the church.

Thank you so much for your past support and donations!



*From Deacon Wigton***His Mercy is Endless**

It is said by historians that the population of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus was about 20,000. That population swelled to 2 million at the time of each Jewish Passover. We can get a bit of an understanding of the immensity of this influx by traveling through Traverse City during our Cherry Festival where the population swells from about 16,000 to 500,000. Streets and parks are crowded, and the stores are packed. Traffic is predictably backed up and it may seem to take forever to get to our destination as we battle through the lines of people and cars. Imagine Jerusalem with an influx 4 times as great! Add to this uproar, the numerous vendors catering to such a throng of pilgrims with their caravans and dromedaries, all needing food and shelter as they prepared for Passover, the greatest of their feasts, which required the slaughtering of over a quarter million lambs. This was the picture of Jerusalem as Jesus, and His disciples ate their Passover meal in the upper room. This would have been the image of Jerusalem as Jesus made His way to Cavalry along the Via Dolorosa. The noise of bleating sheep and the commotion by such a vast multitude, must have been overwhelming.

By contrast, the 'Way of the Cross' through the aisles of Holy Rosary was peaceful during the Lenten season. After a busy day, all was calm as we went from one station to the next. There was time to reflect on the tremendous suffering that Jesus had already had after the scourging at the pillar and the crowning of thorns and realize that He must have been close to exsanguination as He shouldered the cross through the streets. We had time to contemplate and even meditate on the gravity of each torture that Jesus endured as He was condemned, and then fell so many times under the weight of the cross and of our sins, of the pain that He suffered when he was stripped of garments that were adhered to his bleeding flesh. We had time to consider the tremendous significance of the words that He was able to utter in spite of the excruciating pain of the nails in His hands and feet, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". There was time to realize that we were part of that multitude who He was able to forgive, even though we continued to yell, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him."

Jerusalem must have looked a bit different just a few hours later, when darkness covered the land, the earth shook, bricks tumbled off buildings, graves were opened, and dead were raised. It would seem that the soldier who pierced Jesus' side with a lance would not have been the only one to say, "Surely this man was the Son of God"! At what point might I have come to that same realization. The town was bursting at the seams. Not all were proud and arrogant Pharisees. Some were street vendors, inn keepers, contractors, construction workers, housewives, and school kids. Might they have been the ones who were not too proud to say, "Jesus, my Lord"! When would I have been able to join in a rising tide of people who had their eyes opened and now could recognize that He was who He had said He was all along? For me, would it have taken observing the curtain in the temple being torn from top to bottom? Or would I need to be the first to come to the tomb on Sunday morning and find His grave empty?

Of course, the saga goes on. By Sunday evening the streets must have been broiling with the news of an empty tomb. The liberal news outlets no doubt capitalized on this and posted the claims that His followers stole His body. I might have been like Thomas who may have listened too closely to the Nay-sayers and doubted.

The Triduum, the three-day Mass that starts on Holy Thursday, gives us plenty of time to contemplate these questions. We can

place ourselves in the upper room and wonder which character reflects our view of Jesus. Would we betray Him like Judas, deny Him like Peter, or be the one to be ever at His side like His mother Mary. I would like to think that it would not have taken a week for me to realize Jesus as Savior and Lord only after I placed my fingers in the wounds of His hands and side.

Today is Mercy Sunday. Wherever we were in the crowd on Friday, today we can contemplate that Jesus' mercy satisfies every time that with our sins we were one of the ones yelling 'Crucify Him, crucify Him.' He is still there for us, now seated at the right hand of God the Father, saying, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"! So let us pray: *'You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.'*

**Collection Totals for April 16th & 17th**

OF Masses:	\$4,233.00
EF Masses:	<u>\$1,327.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,560.00</b>

**Easter Collection**

OF Masses:	\$3,005.00
EF Masses:	<u>\$ 645.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,650.00</b>

**Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion**

Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will be on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the 8am Mass. Bishop Walsh will be presiding. All are welcome to celebrate this wonderful event. A reception will follow.

**Celebration of our Graduates**

The 2022 Senior recognition mass is June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Please contact Kathleen Hughes at 231-228-6991 if you have a child who is graduating this year so they can be a participant at the recognition mass.

**Rachel's Vineyard**

A retreat has been scheduled for May 13-15<sup>th</sup> at the Augustine Retreat Center in Conway for those who are healing from the pain of abortion. Cost is \$160 per participant. Please contact Jane O'Brien at (231) 675-1715 or [jobrien4611@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jobrien4611@sbcglobal.net) to register, or if you have any questions.

**Basement Sale**

WANTED: New or used items for the chicken dinner garage sale. Donations can be dropped off during regular parish office hours. Please no bulky items, Christmas decorations, paint, electronics, or clothing. Donations should be clean, intact, and in working order. We're also in search of an organized able-body to run this event. If you're interested contact Kristen Rethoret at (231) 360-1338. Thank you!

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