APRIL 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Saturday Apr. 11- 5:00pm
◊ Mass for the People
Sunday Apr. 12- 9:00am
† James Rodek Jr.
Monday Apr. 13 - 8:30am
† Margaret Townsend
Tuesday Apr. 14 - 8:30am
† Patricia DiAntonio
Friday Apr. 17 - 8:30am
† Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Saturday Apr. 18- 5:00pm
† Helen Dudlek
Sunday Apr. 19 - 9:00am
◊ Mass for the People

Sanctuary Candle
Frank & Hilda Pyne

From the Pastor

What a wonderful celebration we had last week at our Easter Vigil Mass and our Easter Sunday Mass. It was very moving to see so many people in our church for Mass. The six people who were brought into the Catholic Faith are now called Neophytes. They are a great addition to our parish family. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

This Sunday is also known as Diving Mercy Sunday. During this Easter Season we give thanks for the gift of Mercy that is given to us from God.

Fr. Dave

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Items are needed for the Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, April 25th. Now is the time for you to start collecting your unwanted treasures for this sale. **The church hall will be open to drop off contributions on Monday, April 13th to Thursday, April 16th from 10:00am to 2:00pm No clothing, please!** You may also call Joann 302.421.1291 or Rosina 302.328.0364 to schedule a drop-off time.

Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to lead not just with strength, but with gentleness. Not just with clarity, but with warmth. The Risen Christ stands among us and says, "Peace be with you." Easter is not over. Mercy is still flowing. And through every Responsorial Psalm, every Easter Alleluia, every carefully chosen hymn, Christ continues to breathe on His Church.

Dear Padre

April 12, 2026

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

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