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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon

Tues, Wed, and Fri: 8am

Thurs: 5:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

Sunday 7:00-7:45am

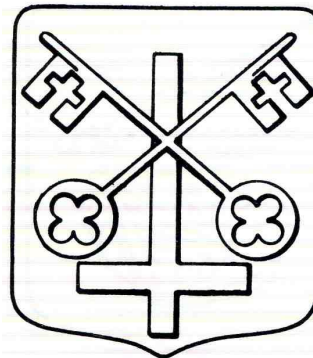
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Save the Date!

Sunday, April 27	Easter Egg Hunt	St Albert's, 11:30am
Sunday, April 27	Divine Mercy prayer service	St Patrick's, 2—4pm
Monday, April 28	Mass for Pope Francis	Church, 5:30 pm
Monday, April 28	Knights of Columbus meeting	Social Hall, 6pm
Thursday, May 1	Altar and Rosary Society	Social Hall, 6pm

27 APRIL, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

From Father Jacob

Divine Mercy

Today we celebrate the “octave day” of Easter, the echo feast of the greatest feast of the year! We call today Divine Mercy Sunday. It’s true that St John Paul II dedicated the second Sunday of Easter to the Divine Mercy in response to St Faustina’s petition, but you don’t have to love St Faustina to love Divine Mercy Sunday!

This is such an appropriate name for our feast day today, because it is the reason for everything!

Why did God make the universe in the first place? Because He wanted to love it and is so good that He created *you* to be good towards. In other words: Divine Mercy!

Why did God save people over and over again through all of history? Divine Mercy!

Why did God come as Jesus Christ to save us? Divine Mercy!

Why did he go to the cross? Divine Mercy!

Why did he lay in the tomb? Divine Mercy!

Why did he rise again? Why did he appear to the Apostles? Why did he come to Thomas today? Why did he send them out to preach? Why did he ascend into heaven? Why did he send the Holy Spirit? Divine Mercy!

Everything God does in the world is because he is good to us, even when we haven’t earned it. In other words, because He is merciful. What a beautiful way to close our Easter week: thank you Father for your Divine Mercy!

Easter thank you

We had such a lovely celebration of Easter here at the parish. A great big thank you to the many people who decorated, served in Mass ministries, cleaned, ushered, and sang for all of the services. What a beautiful few days it was!

Pope Francis

Pope Francis’s funeral was on Saturday. Now the Church begins nine days of mourning for the pope. During this time please make a special effort to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. I especially hope that our parish, being dedicated to the first Pope, will make it our mission to pray for the Pope. We will have a special Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis on Monday, April 28th, at 5:30pm. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Fr Berner

This past week we had the funeral for Fr Michael Berner, a priest of the Diocese of Des Moines. I didn’t realize until I attended his funeral that Fr Berner grew up in St Francis Xavier Parish, which means he belongs to us as the successor parish of St Francis. Please join me in praying for the repose of the soul of Fr Berner.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Annual Diocesan Appeal so far! As of last Friday our parish is \$42,900 *short* of our goal of \$62,600. This goal is lower than some prior years, so I hope we will be able to reach it. The parish will have to cover any shortfall out of our operating budget. If you haven’t given yet please do consider supporting the appeal. You can give through the QR code below, by taking one of the pledge cards at the exits, or by writing a check to the parish with “Diocesan Appeal” in the memo. Thank you.



27 APRIL, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

READINGS FOR: May 4, 2025
1ST READING: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
2ND READING: Revelation 5:11-14
GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	4/29	8:00 am	Ivan & Susie Duff
Wed	4/30	8:00 am	Private Intention
Thurs	5/1	5:30 pm	Oliver Moser
Fri	5/2	8:00 am	Posted Prayer Intentions
Sat	5/3	4:00 pm	Rosanne Doran-RIP
Sun	5/4	8:00 am	Kenneth Finnegan-RIP
		10:00 am	St. Peter's Parish
		Noon	In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

SATURDAY, 4PM May 3, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: John Duitsman, Evelyn Duitsman, Jack Limp
LECTORS: Jim Beck, Christina Beck
EUCH MINISTERS: Wayne Stangl
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, William Stoshal

SUNDAY, 8 AM, May 4, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Dawson Smith, Evan Veit, Jack Veit
LECTORS: Nicole Juranek, Joan Goesser
EUCH MINISTERS: Patti Ford, Roger Harvey
USHERS: Oliver Juranek, Dennis Coughlin, Russ Goesser, Andy Juranek

SUNDAY, 10 AM May 4, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Ali Hamilton, Savannah Murray, Thomas Biederman
LECTORS: Nathaniel Biederman, Kyla Brockelsby
EUCH MINISTERS: Jeromy Brockelsby, Jill Clevenger, Mary Brockelsby
USHERS: Nate Noon, Olivia Ausdemore, Mike Nielsen, Bryan Carolus

SUNDAY, NOON May 4, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Payton Johnsen, Ben Johnsen, Grace Burroughs
LECTORS: Mary Bratton, Andrea Barnes
EUCH MINISTERS: Cindy Bussey
USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, Emry Honkomp

Father's Thought for the Week

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

This is the "punchline" of the whole Gospel. The entire time Jesus has been on earth since his birth people have been asking: "who is this man?" Today Thomas gives us the answer. My Lord and my God, that's who he is! Blessed are we who have not seen, and yet believe!

St Anne Altar Society will be praying the rosary before each mass in the month of May. Please come early and join.

CHI Mercy Hospital Volunteers Annual Memorial Day Flower Sale will be May 14, 15, and 16 and May 21 & 22 from 8am to 3pm.

May 18-Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Brunch will be Sunday, May 18.

Social Concerns is collecting clothing for Bethlehem House. They are in need of clothing for young women during their pregnancy, for post partem pregnancy, office attire to help with job searches, and baby and toddler clothing. Please put in the boxes at the entrance of church.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be Sunday, April 27 at St. Patrick's Church from 2-4pm. Adoration and Reconciliation will be for the entire 2 hours, Chaplet pray at 3pm and rosary sometime during the 2 hours. Come and go as you wish.

Fully Alive Youth Group Sunday, May 4th at St Patrick's 7pm

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- When I drive, the GPS doesn't speak: it prays.
- Chocolate is God's apology for brussels sprouts.
- Me driving at night: "I hope this the road."
- At times I think to myself, "Drop the book and get stuff down!" Then I laugh and turn the page.
- The reason I don't like Facebook's "Memories" feature is because it shows me 6 years ago wearing the same shift I have on right now.
- Don't invite Mike anywhere with complicated parking because he's going to circle the parking lot then go home!
- If your house is a mess, go outside. It won't bother you out there. Follow me for more housekeeping tips.
- When people give me directions and say, "you can't miss it" they have no idea what I'm capable of.
- I don't have grey hair...I have wisdom highlights.
- I heard the more colorful your salad is, the better it is for you. So I swapped my croutons for M & M's.
- NAPS-Necessary Adult Peace Session.
- Never underestimate the power of a hug, or a slap upside the head. Whatever works.
- There's an unwritten rule: If you need something and it's available at your mom's house, it's yours.
- Chocolate: If it makes you happy eat it. If it doesn't, give it to me.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, April 28th—Knights of Columbus meeting 6pm

Thursday, May 1—Altar Society Meeting 6pm

Sunday, May 4—First Communion 2pm

Sunday, May 18—Mother's Day Brunch

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