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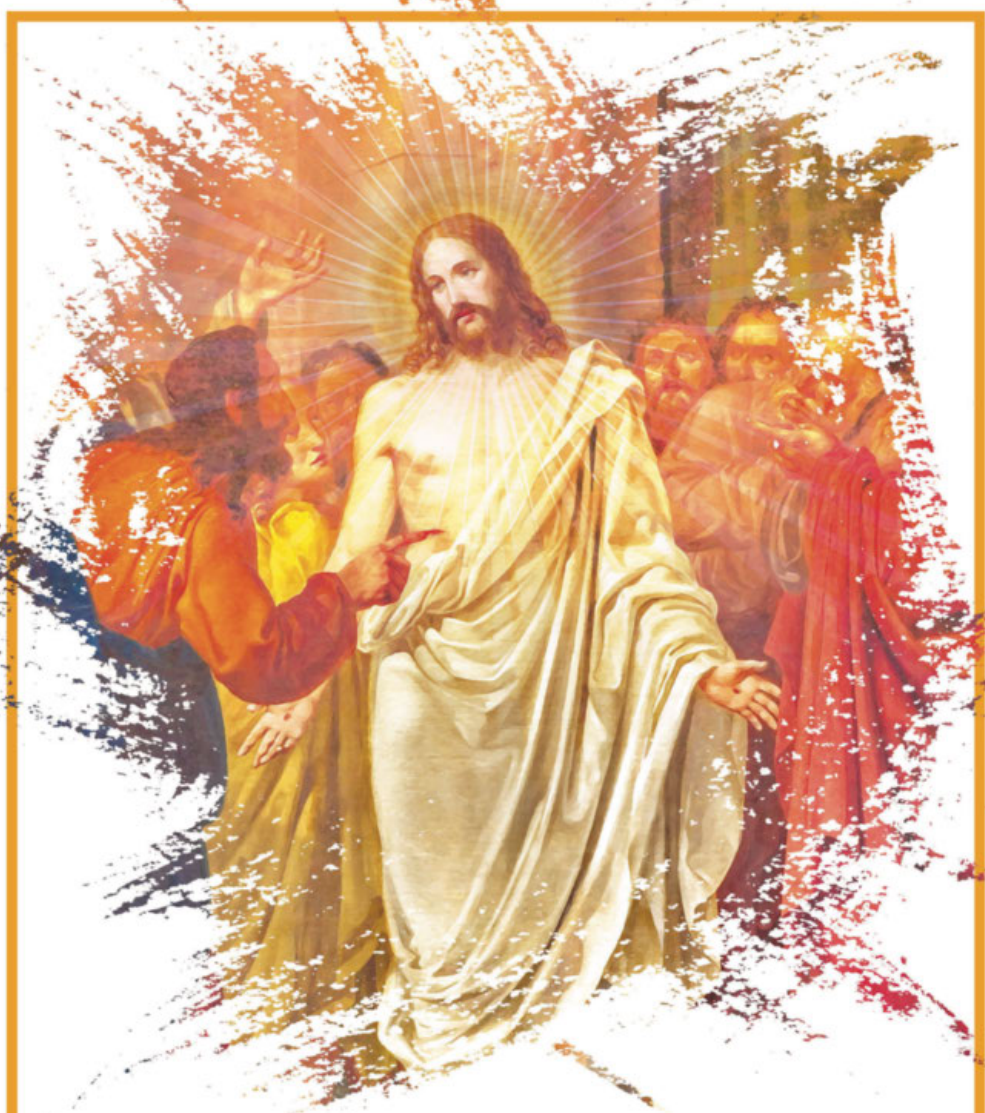
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**"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN  
AND HAVE BELIEVED." — JN 20:29**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday:  
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

*Deadline for content in the  
weekly bulletin is noon on  
Mondays*

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 4:30 p.m.**

(Confession 3:15 p.m. - 4:15  
p.m.)

**Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m. &  
10:00 a.m.**

(Confession 7:30 a.m.—8:15  
a.m. & 9:35 a.m.—9:50 a.m.)

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday—Friday: Mass 8:00  
a.m. (Confession 7:30 a.m. -  
7:50 a.m.)

*Confession can be heard  
anytime outside of listed times  
by appointment*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays after 8:00 a.m.  
Mass until 7:00 p.m.

**The Daily Mass and  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass are  
broadcast on our YouTube  
channel. Go to our parish  
website homepage to find  
the direct link.**

THIS WEEK

### Monday, April 8th

### Tuesday, April 9th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Harold & Kay Stroklund by Your Family  
5:00 p.m. **Environment Committee**

### Wednesday, April 10th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Pat Limke by Paul & Wanda Kalamaha  
8:30 a.m.—7 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**  
6:00 p.m. **Rosary Club**  
6:00 p.m. **Youth Religious Education**

### Thursday, April 11th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Pat Limke by William Christen

### Friday, April 12th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Pat McDonald by Carolyn Johnson

### Saturday, April 13th

9:00 a.m. **Serra Club Mass & Meeting**  
4:30 p.m. Mass: †Jay Hight by Memorials

### Sunday, April 14th

8:30 a.m. Mass: Lester & Ruth McDonald by Carolyn Johnson  
10:00 a.m. Mass: For the Parish  
**First Holy Communion**  
**8:30 a.m.—Noon Knights of Columbus Breakfast**  
†: Indicates deceased

## Gospel Meditation

April 7, 2024

### 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

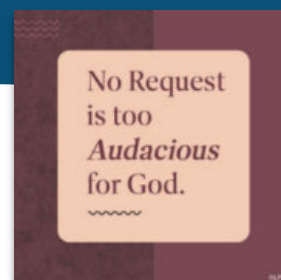
A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

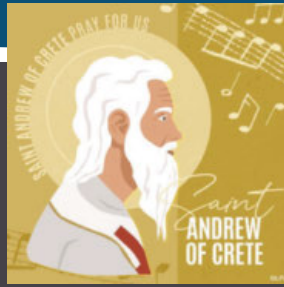
— Father John Muir ©LPi



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## Saint of the Week

St. Andrew of Crete (650-c.726) also known as St. Andrew of Jerusalem, was born in the Syrian city of Damascus to devout Christian parents. According to legend, he was mute until he was 7 years old and miraculously cured after he received his First Holy Communion.



As a young teenager, Andrew entered a monastery near Jerusalem. His exceptional qualities quickly caught the attention of his superiors, leading to his appointment as Archdeacon by Theodore, the Patriarch of Jerusalem at the time. The Patriarch of Jerusalem is the head bishop of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Theodore also sent Andrew to represent the Church at the Sixth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople called by Emperor Constantine, playing a role in addressing the heresy of Monothelitism. This Sixth Council was pivotal in establishing that Jesus had both divine and human nature.

St. Andrew of Crete would go on to become an influential theologian, bishop, and hymnographer. Around the year 700 he was appointed Archbishop of the city of Gortyn, on the island of Crete. His service to the Church included charitable work for the poor and orphaned and he is credited with introducing the canon, a new form of hymn, into the liturgy.

His most renowned work, the Great Canon, is a masterpiece that guides the faithful through repentance and a return to God. To this day, the Great Canon is chanted twice a year in Eastern Orthodox liturgies during Lent. It takes around three hours to complete and includes more than 200 full-body prostrations along with its many odes, litanies, and refrains.

While the exact date of Andrew's death remains uncertain, it is known that he passed away on the island of Mytilene while returning to Crete from Constantinople. St. Andrew of Crete, pray for us! © LPi

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
 Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
 Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr  
 Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr  
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

## Thank You!

The Little Flower staff would like to thank everyone who helped to make Holy Week run so smoothly. From décor to ministries and music, and everything in between, we could not have done it without your help. Have a blessed Easter season! - Little Flower Staff

### WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY:

Titus Clouse  
 Joseph Freeman Jr.  
 Jonah Thomas

### ONLINE GIVING FUNDS

#### *Easter Flowers:*

Active from March 18th through April 7th, 2024

#### *Good Friday – Holy Land Collection:*

Active from March 23rd through April 7th, 2024

To contribute to these funds, go to our website, [littleflowerminot.com](http://littleflowerminot.com) under the GIVING tab.

## Mass Ministry Schedule for April 13th & 14th

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Rose Bjelland	Debby Brothers	Alice Leonard
<b>Greeter</b>	Mike & Mary Sander	Clarence & Amy Aberle	Bonnie Brunner
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Emma Sander Michael Sander	David White Jeff Murtaugh	Kirstin Brunner Lizzie Mega
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Zander	Randall Cler	Jaimie Brunner
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Mike Sander	Carolyn Johnson	
<b>In-Home Ministry</b>	Carolyn Johnson		
<b>Scrip Sales</b>	Tracy Christen	Diane Wittmayer	Jaimie Brunner

Ministry schedules can be found on our parish website under the **Office/Ministries** tab. If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and contact the parish office.

We always welcome new Mass Ministry volunteers! Contact Jill in the parish office or fill out the form on our website by clicking the sign-up form link above the ministry schedules.



**Family, Friends, & Brother Knights:**

I pray and hope that your Lenten season was fruitful in the faith, with so many opportunities to participate in, from going to stations every week, to the sacrament of reconciliation, and Holy Week where you can have a true spiritual Lenten journey by attending all the Masses during the Triduum. Then finally leading up to Easter, as we rejoice and celebrate the Lord rising from the dead and its glories.

We want to thank all who attended our last fundraiser that benefitted the Home on the Range and were truly blessed with all who visited and donated. We hope that you can attend our next fundraiser breakfast on April 14th that will be benefitting the Little Flower parish, where we will be serving eggs, sausage, French toast, biscuits & gravy, juice, and coffee starting at 8:30 till noon. We hope you can make it!

Also, I hope and encourage that you attend the KC convention that will be in Minot this year, April 19th-21st at the Sleep Inn. If you have some time on your hands, they will be looking for help setting up for the convention and also having attending a convention myself, I can say it is a great opportunity and fun time to meet other brother knights and men of faith.

**Knight of the Month:** Joseph Palkovick, is a long time member of our parish and council. You will often see him in the church reading at the Mass and he is enjoyable to have at our KC meetings and events, always having a story and a joke to tell you to brighten up your day.

**Family of the Month:** Grant & Kathy Wentz, a great couple in our parish. Grant is a member of our council and alongside him is his wife Kathy who is also our accounts manager at the parish. It is a joy to see them in Mass, especially when the whole family is there and they are always helping out after the Mass and around the parish lending a hand.

**Server of the Month:** The holy boys, Dan Christen, Dakota Johnson, Jeff Murtaugh, & Paul Phillips, for all their dynamite help during Holy Week. These great men of our parish and council have always been a big help in our church and serving Christ in the Mass!

Our knights want to thank those for all that they do. We are truly blessed that they are part of our parish family and we will be praying for them.

Thank You, God bless, & Happy Easter Season!

**Knights of Columbus Council #9839, Grand Knight, Luke Audet**



*Breakfast at*  
**LITTLE FLOWER**  
 SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH  
 8:30 A.M. - NOON

*Menu: French toast, scrambled eggs, muffins, biscuits & gravy, sausage, coffee, and orange juice*

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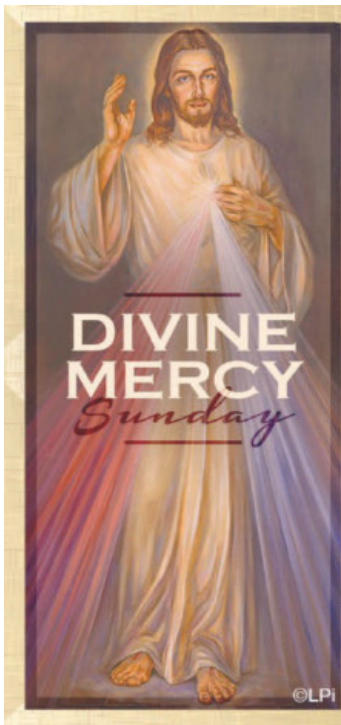
Be a hero and give blood at the KC Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 23rd. The blood drive will be held in the basement of St. Leo's from 1pm-6pm. To sign up, call Jim at (701) 837-6200.



**OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND STAR OF THE NORTH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS MAY 17 & 18, 2024**

A small group from Little Flower parish is traveling to this event in Bemidji, MN and has room for a few others to join them. The event, co-hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens (Diocese of Crookston) and Bishop Daniel J. Felton (Diocese of Duluth), will lead up to the main Eucharistic Congress scheduled for July in Indianapolis, and is a great opportunity to hear the same presenters including Bishop Robert Barron (Winona-Rochester) and Father Mike Schmitz (Duluth) as well as attending Sunday Mass at Itasca State Park. For the complete schedule and information on how to register go to <https://crookstoneucharist.org>.

The cost to attend the 2-day event is \$40 plus Ticketmaster fees. There is limited space in one of the vehicles and two double-occupancy rooms available at the Country Inn & Suites (at the event center) with this group. For more information, please contact Linda Aleshire at [lindamaleshire@gmail.com](mailto:lindamaleshire@gmail.com).



# DIVINE MERCY SERVICE

at Little Flower

Sunday, April 7th

**2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.:**  
Confession & Adoration

**3:00 p.m.:**  
Divine Mercy Chaplet



Please pray for our children of the Atrium as they prepare for First Communion this Divine Mercy Sunday at Little Flower:

- Lincoln
- Jackson
- Kaylin
- Mason
- Norbert
- Von
- Charlotte
- Crosby
- Everly
- Jaren
- Janessa
- Frances
- Dane

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains that the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us. Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? SVdP meetings are held in St. Leo's Catholic Church basement on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning with a rosary at 5:10 PM followed by the meeting at 5:30 PM. (701)833-1269



## Bishop Ryan Catholic School News

**Get Your BR Fund Raffle Tickets Now!** This year's Bishop Ryan Fund Raffle features 22 great prizes including cash and a grand prize 2023 CFMoto CForce 4x4! Tickets are \$20 each and the drawing will take place during SpringFest in the Den on April 12th. Get your tickets from any Bishop Ryan family or after weekend Masses!



**Get Ready for SpringFest!** Spring fever is ramping up and we're getting ready to celebrate a change in season with an evening centered around Lion fun and friendship! Get your tickets now for our annual MANE Event: SpringFest in the Den coming up on Friday, April 12th at Bishop Ryan Catholic School. This 21-and-older event includes delicious food and drink, fun silent auctions and raffles, and live music from Chloe Marie! Tickets are \$60 each, and corporate tables are also available for groups of eight who'd like to dress down and let their manes loose, but those tickets are limited... For more information, contact the Katelyn Denne at (701) 838-3355.

**Now Hiring!** Bishop Ryan Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year: **Elementary Teacher, Middle School Mathematics Teacher, and a High School English Teacher, High School Physical Education Teacher and a Varsity Football Coach.** For more information on these positions, including how to apply, please visit [bishopyryan.com/employment](http://bishopyryan.com/employment).

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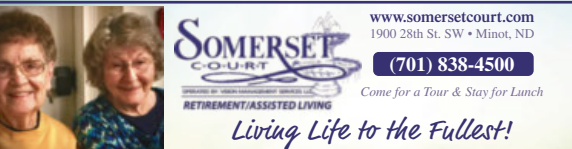
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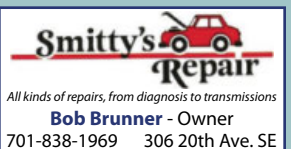


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