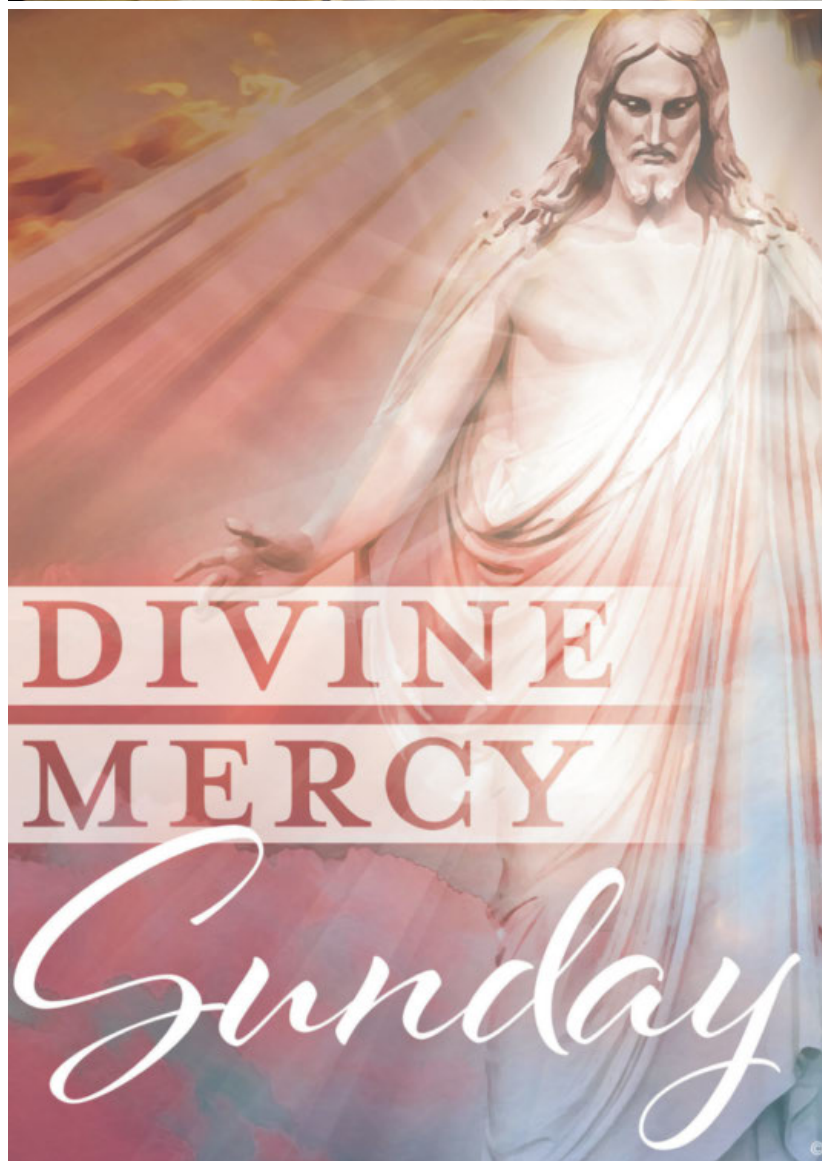


April 27th, 2025  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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## THIS WEEK:

**Monday, April 28th**

Nothing Scheduled

**Tuesday, April 29th**

NO DAILY MASS

**Wednesday, April 30th**

NO DAILY MASS

NO ADORATION OR ROSARY

6:00 p.m.: Youth Religious Education

NO CONFIRMATION

**Thursday, May 1st**

NO DAILY MASS

**Friday, May 2nd**

NO DAILY MASS

**Saturday, May 3rd**

9:00 a.m. First Saturday Devotion at St.

John's

4:30 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, May 4th**

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

DAILY MASS: TUES-FRI 8AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30PM

SUNDAY MASS: 8:30AM & 10AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: WEDNESDAYS 8:30AM-6:30PM

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# GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 27, 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
John 20:19-31

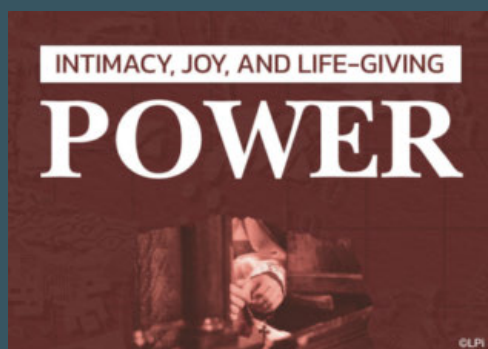
It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

— Father John Muir

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2025

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
Monday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest  
Tuesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
Wednesday: St. Pius V, Pope  
Thursday: St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer  
Friday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles  
Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## MASS INTENTIONS

### TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH

+Dorothea Howey by Debby Brothers

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH

+Dr. Steven Schoneberg by Kevin & Dione Bohl Family

### THURSDAY, MAY 1ST

+Harold & Kay Stroklund by Your Family

### FRIDAY, MAY 2ND

+Ed & Marlys Piatz by JoAnn & Rick Randall

### SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

+Julie Gayzur by The Artz Family

### SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

8:30 a.m. +Roberta Douglass by Debby Brothers

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

+Indicates Deceased

*Father is at the Spring Clergy Conference this week. All Mass intentions will be said privately.*



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Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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## SUMMER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS



**STARTING MAY 7TH:**  
**8:30AM - 4:00PM**

## ONLINE GIVING FUNDS:

**Easter Flower Fund:** activation April 7 – April 30, 2025

**Good Friday – Holy Land Fund:** activation April 12 – April 27, 2025

## Mass Ministers:

Schedules are being assembled for June through August. Please contact the parish office with any dates you are not available.



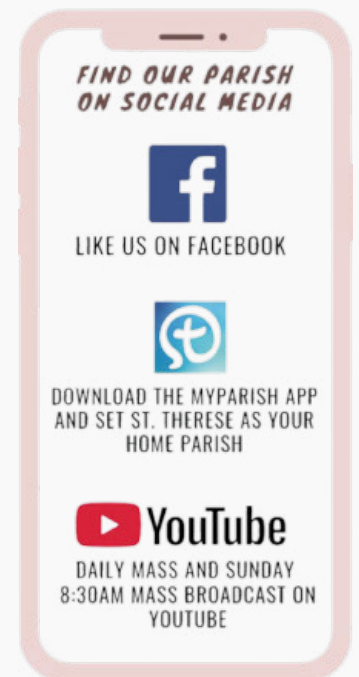
Congratulations **McKayla Hoffarth** & **Davian Cardoso** on being brought into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil Mass. Both were Baptized, Confirmed and received First Holy Eucharist.

*Thank you*

Thank you to Joyce Sand, who purchased the new Holy Water Font in honor of Roger Sand.

## MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
<b>Rosary</b>	Varden Lang	Volunteer Needed	Suzanne Watne
<b>Greeters</b>	Mike & Mary Sander	Gary Levi Jeff Murtaugh	Steve Bueschel
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer Needed	Calvin Olson Frances Olson	Julia Young Clare Young
<b>Lector</b>	Michelle Wright	Perry Olson	Grant Wentz
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Mike Sander	Jerry Aarseth	–
<b>In-Home Ministry</b>	Bob & Christine Greene		
<b>Scrip Sales</b>	Bob & Christine Greene	Melissa Olson	Kathy Wentz



## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If anyone is preparing for surgery or is hospitalized or wishing to receive the anointing of the sick, please call the parish office (701-838-1520) or rectory (701-837-5943) to set up an appointment. You can receive this sacrament more than once. Please notify Fr. Phillips upon admission of a family member to the hospital.

## CONFESSION TIMES

TUES-FRI: 7:30AM-7:50AM

SAT: 3:15PM-4:15PM

SUNDAY: 7:30AM-8:15AM; 9:30AM-9:50AM

Confession can be heard anytime outside of listed times by appointment: 837.5943

# BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

**Now Hiring!** Bishop Ryan Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year: High School Mathematics Teacher, High School Science Teacher, Middle School/High School Music Instructor, and Elementary Teacher. For more information on these positions, including how to apply, please visit [bishopryan.com/employment](http://bishopryan.com/employment).

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## JOB OPENING AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

NOW HIRING a Director of Faith Formation for grades K-12, including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. John the Apostle in Minot. The Director of Faith Formation will also lead Adult Faith Formation programs.

For more information contact the parish office at [drichter@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:drichter@bismarckdiocese.com) or 701-839-7076.

## CGS LEVEL I TRAINING

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I training will take place this summer and next summer at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Part A is July 14-19, 2025, and Part B is July 13-18, 2026.

For more information, contact Diane Huck at 701-204-7206 or [dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com).

## Norse Memories:

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Frank Keogh	Lorraine Schmitz
Thomas Clifford	Sharon Hulet
Mervyn Salo	Ronald Karnack
Clayton Johnson	Harold Hulet
Edith Fulkerson	Sharon Schlag
Timothy McGrath	Dorothy Fairweather
Edgar Boschert	Betty Colby
Joseph Gange	Carrie Anderson Schrepel
David Gorgenes	Stanley Skudlarek
Warren Digman	Leona Rubbelke
Amelia Bready	Peter Wentz
Harry Stoner	Kathryn Strokland
Sara Montgomery	Shirley Ahmann
Clementina Weber	Alice Gerle
John Wagner	Kirk Hansen
Joseph Filipek	Jacqueline Flagstad
Charles Byrne	Marie Saunders
John Simonieg	Kenneth Korgel
Leonard Murdock	Florence Vandal
Henry Kremer	Patrick Keller
Clara Locktowe	Dale Mellum
Simon Sattler	Howard Trudell
Mary McGinley	Mary Nowak
Anna Berg	Jeanne Curry
Peter McAleer	Loran Lux
Lena Marum	Christina Mattern
Raymond Rogers	Jenny Malsom
Susanna Stammen	Martin Gross
Verne Goddard	Raphael Hagel
Ralph Hemmesch	



# (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

## WONDER, DON'T WANDER

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so... unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It does sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

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## LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE PROJECT

Worldwide Marriage Longest Married Couple project highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages, in the United States and associated territories.

The project was started in 2011 with a purpose to celebrate marriage and bring attention to the WWME movement through news media coverage honoring national and state winners each year for their long marriages.

The first year the national winning couple was married 83 years and lived in Lordsburg, New Mexico. The presentation was carried live by CNN Radio News. Over the years all the major tv news networks, along with state and local news media, have highlighted the program. In the 5th year there was a segment about the Worldwide Marriage Encounter's Longest Married Couple on CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood.

Applications can be submitted between May 15 and September 1, 2025, by going to [www.wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/longest-married-couple](http://www.wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/longest-married-couple). The winning couple will be notified by a local WWME couple. For more information, contact Diane and Kennen Huck at 701-527-3265.

## MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5<sup>th</sup> Loretta Burbach
- 6<sup>th</sup> David & Melissa Stanley
- 8<sup>th</sup> Josh & Kylee Geer
- 12<sup>th</sup> Daniel & Mary Schaefer
- 14<sup>th</sup> Devin & Cala Schmitt
- 19<sup>th</sup> Michael & Helen Skalicky
- 20<sup>th</sup> Joyce Sand
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ed & Jenny Steckler
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dave & Barb Johnson
- 25<sup>th</sup> Veronica Gores
- 27<sup>th</sup> Gary Levi
- 29<sup>th</sup> Jackie Limke

*Please let the parish office know if we have missed any anniversaries.*

## PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry is in need of volunteers during our pantry hours which are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:45 pm to 4 pm. There are many different jobs to do such as inputting data into the computer, writing in our ledger and client cards, handing out breads/sweets, or handing out the frozen or items from the cooler. We also need volunteers to bag the groceries. If anyone has a pickup and has access to the MAFB, we need additional volunteers to go and pick the groceries up. Please call me at 701-340-4646.

Paulette Streitz, Pantry Coordinator

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus Council 9906 will have a breakfast on Sunday, May 4th. 8:30am-12:30 pm in the St. Leo's Church Basement. We will serve French toast, sausage, eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, Juice and Coffee. Free will offering will support RSVP (vocations program).

# MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 No Daily Mass	2 No Daily Mass	3 9:30AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotion at St. John the Apostle  4:30PM Mass
4 8:30AM & 10AM Mass	5	6 No Daily Mass  6:30PM KC Meeting & Rosary	7 No Daily Mass 8:30AM-4PM Eucharistic Adoration No Confirmation Class 6PM Religious Education 6:15PM Rosary	8 No Daily Mass	9 No Daily Mass	10 9AM Serra Club Mass & Meeting  4:30PM Mass
11 8:30AM & 10AM Mass  <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13 8AM Mass  5PM Environment Committee	14 8AM Mass 8:30AM-4PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:15PM Rosary	15 8AM Mass	16 8AM Mass	17  4:30PM Mass
18 8:30AM & 10AM Mass	19	20 8AM Mass	21 8AM Mass 8:30AM-4PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:15PM Rosary	22 8AM Mass	23 8AM Mass	24  4:30PM Mass
25 8:30AM & 10AM Mass	26 	27 8AM Mass  6PM Finance Council	28 8AM Mass 8:30AM-4PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:15PM Rosary	29 8AM Mass	30 8AM Mass	31  4:30PM Mass





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call or text Bev at 701-721-2788 with your name,  
phone number, email and the priest you are praying for.

Fr. Sattler will have his books available for sale for cash or check: 2025 book  
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