# **April 8th, 2018**

**Sunday of Divine Mercy** 

An ever-growing Eucharistic community boldly serving others through God's love



# **Today is Feast of Mercy**

1:00 ~ 5:00 PM

Learn about the message of Divine Mercy, as revealed to St. Faustina, with a one hour video:



"The Face of Mercy"
1:00-2:00 pm in the
Zenk Hall

followed by a personal testimony to God's Mercy.

Celebration in the Sanctuary from 2:30-5:00 PM will include:

- · Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
- · Devotional prayers, including the sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- · Confessions
- · Rosary
- · Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and St. Faustina Relic

Refreshments served and Divine Mercy materials will be available

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# Weekly Words from The Rock

In this week's column, I would like to catch up on some of the questions addressed by Msgr. Charles Pope in <u>Our Sunday</u> Visitor.

Question dated April 19, 2015: On the cross, Jesus said, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). But if we don't know what we do, how can we ever sin or be blameworthy for it?

Answer: Jesus is speaking to a particular situation, and we ought not generalize what he says here. The ignorance he refers to is that they do not know or understand his true identity. Do they really know that they were killing their Lord and Messiah? Likely not. While it is true that the Lord gave many proofs of his identity by fulfilling Scripture and working miracles, along with the testimony of John the Baptist and the Father's testimony in their heart, many of his accusers and condemners still did not understand or come to faith.

Many considered Jesus a blasphemer and felt quite justified in their condemnation. Now this does not mean that they are without any sin at all, and as Jesus said earlier, "If you do not come to believe that I AM, you will die in your sins" (John 8:24).

Hence, while those who killed him may be acting in some ignorance at the moment of the crucifixion, the Lord is still calling them to receive strong faith and come out of their woeful ignorance. Ignorance and its relationship to culpability speaks to what a person could reasonably know and understand given their history, the condition of their heart and so forth.

Vincible ignorance is ignorance we could reasonably overcome at the time of the sin. Invincible ignorance is an ignorance a person could not have reasonably overcome at the time of the sin. And while the Church makes these distinctions, only God can know the true inner condition of a person and make the judgment. That is why the Church does not formally teach that specific people are in hell. Only God can see into the heart of a person to make that judgment.

Question dated October 28, 2012: I am aware that when we say in the Apostles Creed, Jesus descended into hell, we do not mean the hell of the damned, but merely the place of the dead. But do we have any idea what that place was like? Also, were the justified and condemned in that place together?

Answer: You are correct in your distinction between the hell of the damned and the "hell" that refers to the place where all the dead were until the Messiah came. It is an

unfortunate fact, that in English, "hell" is used to refer to both places. But the Jewish people clearly distinguished between *Sheol*, where all who had died were detained, and the hell of the damned, which Jesus often called *Gehenna*. As for what *Sheol* was like, we are left to a great deal of conjecture. Scripture describes it as a place of darkness, as the pit (Job 17:13-16).

The state of the deceased there is described as a place of utter inactivity. The souls there would seem to be in a sleeplike, semi-comatose state. No one there is able to thank the Lord, or praise him (Isaiah 38:18), there is no work, no thought, no knowledge, no wisdom expressed (Ezekiel 9:10). It is a place from which no one emerges and is sometimes conceived as a fortress (Isaiah 38:10). It would seem that both the just and the wicked went there before the coming of Christ, though some are said to go down there "in peace" (1 Kings 2:6; etc.) and some go down there "in sorrow" (Genesis 37:35; etc.).

Further, in this sort of suspended state, there does not seem to be any mention of punishment of the wicked, or reward of the just. Rather, it would seem that all waited until the Lord, who alone can deliver from *Sheol*, would come (1 Samuel 2:6). Mysteriously, God is present to those there (Psalm 139:8) but how the dead might experience that presence is not described.

It is to this place that the Lord descended. As Scripture implies, he awoke the dead (Ephesians 5:14) and preached to these "souls in prison" (1 Peter 3:19-20). And while we have no complete biblical description of what took place, we can reasonably speculate that some among them, in particular the just, rejoiced in him and accepted him, while others rejected him even in death, and from there descended to the hell of the damned.

Question dated April 26, 2015: I am 87 and have prayed the Lord's Prayer all my life. I was surprised to notice in certain forms among non-Catholics they say "forgive us our debts," where we say "forgive us our trespasses." What does it mean to have debts forgiven and for us to forgive our debtors?

Answer: There is no essential difference at work. Rather, "debts" is an older English translation that has fallen away in favor of "trespasses." Both are references to sin. The Greek word in question is "opheilemata," which most literally refers to having debts.

But debts are not understood as financial here. Rather, we have incurred a debt of sin. St. Jerome, who translated the most widely used Latin translation (the Vulgate) used the Latin word "debitoribus," which most naturally came into English as "debts." Later, because of the tendency of "debt" to refer more exclusively to financial matters, the term "trespasses" became a more common translation in English. However, "trespasses" has its problems, too, since, it tends to now mean being on someone's property illegally.

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Currently, there are those who want to simply say, "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." But this loses some of what the original Greek, and likely the Lord, conveyed. For what is said here is not merely that we sinned (in some abstract sense) but that we have incurred an enormous debt, and that we have strayed into places we have no business being. Indeed, our debt is huge. The Lord is summoning us to forgive one another as we have been forgiven speaks of a man who owed 10,000 talents (an almost unimaginable amount).

But that man is us. So sin is not an abstraction; it is a very heavy debt we cannot pay on our own. This is what the Greek work "opheilemata" (debts) is conveying.

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster pastor@rescathroch.org

Sunday homily are posted on our website, www.rescathroch.org

# **Parish News**

## **SERVICE NIGHT: OPERATION HOMETOWN GRATITUDE**

#### **WHAT: Operation Hometown**

**Gratitude** is a Rochester Public Schools program lead by student volunteers that supports our local troops who have been deployed. Supplies are collected and sent to our troops, along with letters and thank you cards.

WHEN: Sunday, May 6th, 4:30-5:30 pm

WHERE: Fr. Zenk Hall

WHAT: To pack boxes with items collected, to write letters & thank you cards, to personalize boxes and to create and color pictures. After the boxes are packed, we will have pizza.

**BUT FIRST WE NEED YOU! (Our Resurrection Faith Community)!** 

**HOW:** We need donations of requested items and monetary donations for shipping costs. There are containers for collecting donated items and the drop box for monetary donations available in the Gathering Space by the display board beginning the weekend of April 14th/15th, thru the weekend of May 5th/6th.

**MOST REQUESTED ITEMS:** High energy foods, granola & power bars, snack mix, peanuts & beef jerky, 5 Hour Energy shooters, and plain white socks.

**ALSO REQUESTED ITEMS: Non**perishable snacks, instant drink mixes, gum, hard candy, AA batteries, DVDs, CDs, ear buds, chapstick, powder laundry

detergent, baby wipes, razors, shaving cream, mouthwash, body wash, Q-tips, paperback books & magazines.

**OPTIONAL ITEMS:** Mac & Cheese (microwavable), cup of ramen noodles, sunscreen, tooth brushers, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant.

**IN ADDITION** to the listed donated items, we are asking for cookie donations. They may be Girl Scout cookies or if homemade, we welcome 3 dozen cookies tightly packed in plastic containers of 1 dozen/container. A sample container will be by the display.

FOR MORE INFO: Call Karen Reopelle at 289-8388 or email her at karenreo1221@aol.com.

#### Resurrection's Annual Rummage and

**Plant Sale** is being planned for May 2018. Please keep our sale in mind as you are doing your spring cleaning. More details to follow. We will not accept appliances, exercise equipment, computers, printers. Any questions, contact Kathy Meadows at 507-529-7689.

#### Thank you for considering a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Your gift supports ministries and services that carry forth Bishop Quinn's mission and vision, including adult and youth catechesis, support for clergy, sacramental marriage, life at all stages, robust Catholic schools, televised Mass and much more.

Parish Goal: \$80.370 Number of Donors: 162 *Total Pledged & Received:* \$65,930; (received: \$55,799) Percent of Goal: (received:69.43%) 82.03%

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00pm

**Mass Schedule** 

Saturday 8:00 pm Sunday 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am Daily Mass Mon-Fri 8:30 am Rosary Mon-Fri 8:10 am; Sat. 7:30 pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation** 

Saturday 6:45-7:45 pm

**Marriage** Please make arrangements with the parish at least six months prior.

Baptism Pre-Jordan class is held the second Tuesday of the month. Contact the Parish Office to register for the class or schedule a baptism.

**Communion for Homebound** Call the office for assistance.

**Hospital/Homebound** Please notify the parish office if you would like a visit from a priest.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those considering becoming Catholic, contact Joann Reier, 507-288-5528, ext. 109.

Calvary Cemetery Steve Flynn, Call 507-273-0140, or email: director@gmail.com.



Liturgy Notes from Joann,

Director of Liturgy & RCIA, dirliturgyrcia@rescathroch.org.

How do we baptize adults at Resurrection?

#### Christ is Risen!

The baptism of adults always takes place at the Easter Vigil. The journey begins with the question - how do I become Catholic? After a period of preparation, which can last up to a year or more, the person enters the baptismal pool and is either submerged or water is poured over their head.









Last Saturday, two young women rejected Satan, proclaimed the faith of the Church and were baptized at the Easter Vigil. These young women are Jackie and Sophia Klein. They entered the baptismal pool and Father poured water over them, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. If you attended the 8 PM Saturday evening Mass or the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass during Lent, you may have seen them, as we called them forward for special prayers and then sent them forth to prepare for their Baptism, Confirmation and first Holy Communion.

This past year, the mother of two young boys, Bobby Marines III and Devasi Johnson, asked for baptism for her children. Since these boys are not infants, and since we had the baptismal pool ready to go, they too, were baptized at the Easter Vigil. The parents and godparents of these two brothers rejected Satan and renewed their own profession of faith. After promising to bring Bobby and Devasi up in the faith of the Church, the two brothers were also baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Psalm Refrain for April 15 - Third Sunday of Easter (Psalm 4:7)

Lord, let your face shine upon us. **OR** Alleluia.

# **Liturgical Ministries**

**NOTE:** Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled. Thank you.

Apr 14th/15th

#### **Altar Servers**

8:00 pm	Cassie Schoenfelder, Kelton Schoenfelder			
8:30 am	Kyle Sanders, Ryan Sanders			
10:00 am	Cameron Vareberg, Eric Vareberg			
11:30 am	Jesse Hirvela, Sabrina Schroeder			
Eucharistia Ministora				

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

8:00 pm	Jane & Rick Haeflinger, Sophia Hyke, Debbie Olson, Judith Pelowski, Theresa Root, Patricia Schoenfelder, Kim Shimak-Hansen
8:30 am	John-Howard Carroll, Christine Dvorak, Ellen Harford, Nancy Hass, Denise Koster, Mary & Michael Lose, Christiane Lund, Dianne Plager, Deb Rowekamp, Patrice Steier
10:00 am	Diane Beiswanger, Margaret Beiswanger, Esther Connelly, Charles DeVos, Andrew Kowal, Abbey Mueller, Robert Techentin, Brenda & Gary Tschann, Shannon Weick, John Wurst
11:30 am	Marianne Aksamit, Lynette Lenoch, Daniel McCormick, Jackie O'Connell, Sheila Pelowski Karen Reopelle, Catherine Tiegs, Rebecca Woodcock

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Lectors	
8:00 pm	Therese Schoenfelder
8:30am	Martin Cormack, Richard Miller
10:00 am	Sharyn & Bob Voss
11:30 am	Mary Meine
Greeters	
8:00 pm	NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
8:30 am	Gretchen Cutshall, Duane & Fran Robb
10:00 am	Renee Kreter, Rae Ann Vigen
11:30 am	Jennifer Gehling, NOT FILLED
Ushers	
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8:00 pm	Greg Hansen, John Schoenfelder, Randall Schoenfelder
8:30 am	Tom Brown, Eric Ladin, Chuck Radloff, Clara Radloff
10:00 am	Jacob Maronde, Jim Sinn, William Sullivan, Will Weick
11:30 am 7:30 pm	Mick Garvey, <b>NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED</b>

#### **Weekly Calendar**

Monday, Apr. 9th Prayer Shawl 1:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Gr 1-5, 4:30/7:00 pm Heart of Trinity Prayer Group 7:00 pm Tuesday, Apr 10th Lumen Christi 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, Apr 11th

Food for Friends 4:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Gr 6/10 6:00/7:30 pm Well Read Mom Group 7:00 pm Thursday, Apr. 12th

Marketing & Communications Meeting 5:30 pm

Friday, Apr. 13th

Widow Prayer Group 9:15 am

#### Saturday, Apr 14th

Society of Divine Mercy Monastery Prayer Group 6:30 am Cantor Workshop 10:00 am

Sunday, Apr 15th

Sunday School 8:30 am/10:00 am Faith Sharing Groups 11:00 am Frye Teen Night 4:30 pm

#### **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now. Mother Teresa



Hours of Need call Tim Fague at 507-288-6578 to sign up. \* 2nd adorer

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 am	3 am*	12 am*	12 am*	11 am	3 am*	12 am
3 pm	11 am*	1 am*	10 am	1 pm*	10 am*	5 am*
	12 am*	3 am*	11 am*	3 pm	1 pm*	1 pm
		4 am*	1 pm	9 pm*	11 pm*	3 pm*
			3 pm*	11 pm*	12 pm*	4 pm*
						9 pm*
						10 pm*

**Institute of Lay Formation** is a diocesan program that includes process of prayer, study and reflection on the Catholic faith, on the life of discipleship and witness in the world and on service and ministry within the Church. The Institute is accepting applications to its next class, to begin this fall. Information Sessions on the Institute and the application process will be held in Rochester at the Church of the Resurrection on Thursday, April 12th from 5:00-6:00 pm or 7:00-8:00 pm in the Zenk Hall, Room C.

For more information, contact Todd Graff in the Diocesan Office of Lay Formation and RCIA, call 507-858-1270, or email tgraff@dow.org. Diocese of Winona website www.dow.org.



*Life in the Spirit Testimony* to be shared at Resurrection on Saturday, April 21st, 3:00 to 5:30 pm in the Zenk Hall. All are invited to come, hear their story and join in praise and worship.

Michael and Laura Kondratuk from Brookings, SD will share their story of experiencing a miraculous conversion brought on by two dreams. When he went to Medjugorje to investigate his dreams, he discovered God's love for him as Blessed Mother Mary led him into relationship with Jesus. Although they have grown in faith, life has not been easy. On September 13th 2009, their youngest son, died by suicide. Their family was devastated by this horrifying event and struggled to find their way into a new normal. God helped heal their broken hearts in many astounding ways, especially through the assistance of Blessed Mother Mary and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

They will join us in a time of healing, praise and worship then share their stories of God's grace. Additionally, Laura will sing songs she has written through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.



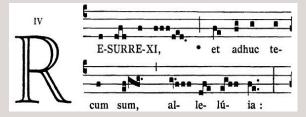
# Musical Musings from lov

Music and Choral Director, choirdirector@rescathroch.org.

After several weeks of working through the musical elements of the Mass, I'm going to take a different direction leading into summer and hopefully give you a break from all of the "scholarly" topics!

As I do at the beginning of each new liturgical season, I am going to take you through the musical changes that you've already started hearing in the Mass. Hopefully this uplifting time will help to raise your hearts and voices even more!

The most obvious change is the reintroduction of the "Alleluia" to our **Gospel Acclamation**. In fact, you'll likely be hearing quite a few *Alleluia*'s over the course of the season! Just take a look at the beginning of the Introit for Easter Sunday:



For this, and all of our Mass parts, we are using Curtis Stephan's Mass of Renewal, including a new musical setting of the **Memorial Acclamation** for our Congregation – "Save Us, Savior." This is to tie back into the words we used during Lent. Therefore, all you have to do is learn a new melody!

Our *Gloria in excelsis* has also returned, again from *Mass of* Renewal. This through-composed version means we don't have to go back to a common refrain, hopefully making it feel a little less long than other Gloria's!

Immediately preceding the *Gloria*, we also have the addition of the **Sprinkling Rite**. Another form of the Penitential Act during the Easter season, we are accompanying this rite with Tony Alonso's musical setting of the Sprinkling.

As we work through the **Acts of the Apostles** this season, you'll also find that, reflected in the music, are the values these first followers of Christ preached and embodied in those days and weeks following the Resurrection, all the way through his Ascension, to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them at Pentecost. Next week, I will introduce you to a very special sub-Ministry a few of our music ministers have been working on over this year!

Hymnal Scavenger Hunt How'd you do with last week's Hymnal Scavenger Hunt? It was *Jesus, Remember Me*, which can be found in your red hymnal at #422. Here's this week's clue: Now in this **Easter** time, we can go back to singing songs with **this word** in it. This song uses the word at the end of every *phrase.* Hint: This song is known as the **Easter Hymn!** 

## **Mass Intentions**

Mon.,	Apr.	9th	8:30 am	†Nancy Kelly
Tues.,	Apr.	10th	8:30 am	Rob Frisby (healing)
Wed.,	Apr.	11th	8:30 am	†James Medvec
Thurs.,	Apr.	12th	8:30 am	†Mai Buy & Ann Nguyen
Fri.,	Apr.	13th	8:30 am	†Lue Bien
Sat.,	Apr.	14th	8:00 pm	†James Theobald
Sun.,	Apr.	15th	8:30 am	For the Parish
			10:00 am	†Bernice Rabine
			11:30 am	†Jack & Lue Bien

#### **Dedication Candles** March 31st—April 6th

1. † Lue Bien



### St. Francis School News

School resumes on Monday, April 9.

The regular monthly meeting of the Home and School Association is scheduled for Monday, April 9 at 6:30 pm in the school library.

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 10 at 9:15 am.

There is No School on Thursday, April 12. It is a Professional Development Day.

Friday, April 13 is the first Friday of the month (that we are in school!) and will be a non-uniform day. We will celebrate all of the April birthdays with a special dessert at lunch.

The Home and School Association will sponsor a presentation form the Raptor center of Minnesota on Friday, April 13.

# **Community News**

Weekly Bulletin deadline is Monday before noon; email to communications@rescathroch.org.

The Women of Pax will host their 5th Annual Ladies Tea entitled "A Royal Chari-Tea" on Sunday, May 6th from 2:00-4:00pm in McCauley Hall, lower level of the church. Scones, savories and sweets will be served. There will be a program on the history of High Tea. The proceeds from the tea will benefit the Jeremiah Program. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased in the church office or after Masses on April 8th and 15th.

**Food for Friends**—we are in need for a driver to pick up food from Channel-One on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for months of April, May and June and bring back to Resurrection. Time is flexible. Please call Cindy at 507-398-6985.

#### **Faith Formation**



News from Sheila, Sunday School, Children's Ministry dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 101 Divine Mercy Sunday: Jesus I Trust In You!

Divine Mercy Sunday is the first Sunday after Easter Sunday. Pope John Paul II declared this feast day in his homily at the canonization of Sister Faustina on April 30.

Whoever celebrates this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and remission of punishment through God's unfathomable mercy! (Of course, we must continue to remain holy for this to remain in effect.)

Today, you can join our parish to celebrate this feast, by sincerely repenting of sins and by going to confession, receiving holy communion on the feast day, respect Jesus as represented by the divine mercy painting, completely trusting our Lord Jesus Christ, and by being merciful to others through actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

Here are two links to help you teach yourself and your children more about Divine Mercy. https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/easter/divine-mercy-sunday http://www.catholicicing.com/divine-mercy-and-st-faustina-crafts-printables-and-more/ NO Sunday School or Nursery today for Spring Break or Sunday, April 29th for 1st Communion. Classes resume Sunday, April 15th, 22nd with final class Sunday, May 6th. After the last class please come stay and enjoy refreshments and a short performance by our Sunday School children.





News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 108

**Grades 1-5:** We have had a really wonderful year faith filled with joy. Monday, April 9th is our last day of faith formation classes for this year. We will celebrate with a Pizza Party for all the children and their catechists. Each child will need to bring \$3 and a beverage.

First Communion: We are getting closer to the weekend of First Communion and it is an exciting time for the children. There is a First Communion Practice on Monday, April 16th at 6:30pm in the main church. One adult needs to stay with each child during this practice. On Monday, April 23rd at 6:30pm, we will have Dress Rehearsal and Group Photo. Once again, an adult will need to stay with each child during this practice and photo

time. Parents are encouraged to take their individual photos on this evening. If you have any questions regarding First Communion, please contact me by phone or email.

**Totus Tuus Summer Faith Program:** The Totus Tuus Team will be at Resurrection during the week of June 18-22. Registration forms are in the Gathering Space and on our website under Faith Formation grades 1-5 summer activities and Upcoming Events. Come and learn new things about our Catholic Faith in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. This year we'll be learning about the Apostle's Creed and The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Bring a friend!!

**Virtues in Practice:** The virtue for April is *justice* and the younger children are learning about St. Anthony of Padua. He joined the brothers who followed the example of St. Francis of Assisi, the Franciscans. He became very famous for his preaching. After his death, St. Anthony became well-known for his justice, because when a book of his was lost, he prayed that he would find it. The truth was, it had been stolen and when St. Anthony prayed, the thief brought it back! St. Anthony is the patron saint of lost articles. St. Anthony, help us to be fair to everyone and help us to find things when they are lost! St. Anthony, pray for us. Amen.



News from Rosemary, Grades 6-12, Youth Ministry, dre6to10ym@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 104 Wednesday classes resume this week: Middle School students will have a Spark Service Night. All middle school students and parishioners are welcome to join us April 11th at 6:00pm in the Fr. Zenk Hall. We will be decorating the boxes that will be filled at the Operation Hometown Gratitude Service Night on May 6th. First Year Confirmation (9th grade): April Faith Sharing groups are April **15th** (group A) [please note: the date was incorrect in



last week's bulletin] and April 29th (group B). All are at 11:00 am (following the 10 am

Second Year Confirmation (10th grade): Upcoming mandatory dates: Wed., April 18th—The Walk to Emmaus Night of Reflection, 6:30-9:30 pm; Fri. April 27th—Confirmation Practice with Sponsors, 6-8 pm; Sat. April 28th—Confirmation Mass, candidates arrive 9:30 am, sponsors arrive 10:40 am, Mass begins at 11:00 am.



April Unite Youth Night: April 14th, 4:30—8:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1114 3rd St SE, Rochester, MN 55904. The speaker and celebrant will be Monsignor Thomas Cook. The night begins with Mass and includes a meal, a talk by Msgr. Cook, and Adoration.