

April 11th, 2021 - Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

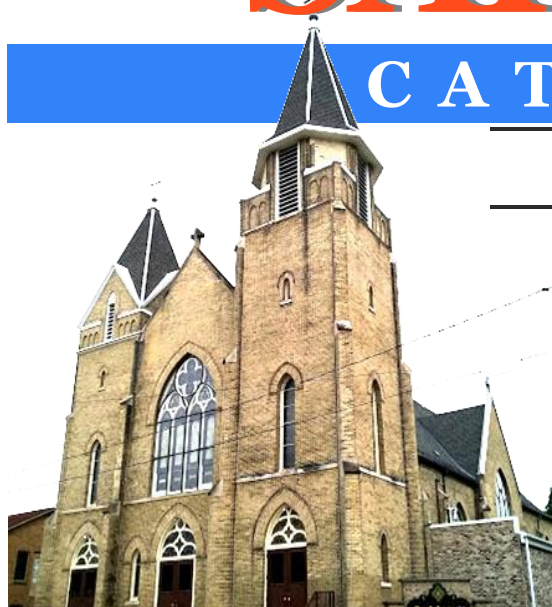
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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

#### Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

#### Adoration

Friday 8:00 - 8:30 am

#### Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

#### Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am

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Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

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

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, April 13**

No Mass

**Wednesday, April 14**

8:30 am Word & Communion  
with Deacon Tom; No Mass

**Thursday, April 15**

8:30 am Word & Communion  
with Deacon Tom; No Mass

**Friday, April 16**

8:30 am Word & Communion  
with Deacon Tom; No Mass

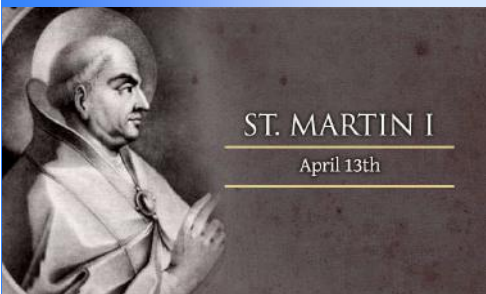
**Saturday, April 17**

7:00 pm † Karen & Julie Senzig  
By: Senzig Family

**Sunday, April 18**

9:00 am Parishioner Mass

1:00 pm † Yvonne & Clarence  
Feldman  
By: Lee & Mary Feldman



## Upcoming Events

**Parish Finance Council**

April 13th @ 6:30 pm

**Cemetery Committee**

April 15th @ 6:30 pm  
Church Basement

**First Holy Communion**

May 2nd @ 9:00 am Mass

**Parish Pastoral Council**

May 11th @ 6:30 pm



## **Doubting Thomas, Justice & Divine Mercy**

The Gospels tell an incredible story. A virginal conception. Miraculous healings. Even people coming back from the dead. How are we to know that it's not all just a fanciful fabrication?

### **STRONG EVIDENCE FOR THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPELS**

There is much evidence for the reliability of the Gospels, but here is one of the strongest bits of evidence I know. Think for a minute. If you were part of a group who decided to perpetrate an elaborate hoax, what would be your motive? Wouldn't you want to gain some significant benefits from such a risky business? Maybe fortune, fame, and privilege? And if you were to be prominent figures in this tall tale, wouldn't you at least want the story to make you look good?

But in the story told by the apostles, virtually all of them look real bad. During Jesus' public ministry they repeatedly fail to "get it." In fact Jesus wears himself out trying to hammer the truth through their thick skulls. After witnessing three years of miracles, one of them betrays Jesus and the leader of the group denies him. All but one run away when he's crucified, and no one believes Mary Magdalene when she brings them the news of his resurrection.

### **DOUBTING THOMAS**

But the episode recounted in John 20:19-31 takes the cake. The Risen Christ appears to the twelve on Easter Sunday evening. Or rather, I should say he appeared to the ten. Judas, the traitor, had taken his own life. And Thomas, the twin, missed the occasion. When Thomas returns to the group, he refuses to believe them. He demands empirical proof submitted personally to his lordship: "Unless I put my finger in the nail marks in his hands and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." This sounds more like a pouting of a child than the words of an apostle.

### **JUSTICE & DIVINE MERCY**

In justice, Jesus could have just said "enough." Thomas had already seen so much. Acts 1 tells us that Judas was replaced by Matthias. This ungrateful skeptic could easily have been replaced as well.

But Jesus does not deal with us by virtue of strict justice. God forbid! No, he comes to us in mercy, giving us what we do not deserve. And that's how he dealt with this doubter. A week later, he gives him what he asked for. Imagine how badly Thomas yearned to eat his words as he put his hand into the sacred side of the New Adam.

### **SEEING IS NOT BELIEVING**

Thomas can't be said to come to true "faith" in the resurrection through all this. Because faith is about believing what you can't see. Walking by faith means NOT walking by sight. In heaven, we'll see God face to face, so "faith" will be no more. Blessed, says Jesus, are those who have not seen, and yet believe.

But Thomas does come to faith in something else that he can't quite see. He saw Lazarus, the son of the widow of Nain, plus the daughter of Jairus, all raised from the dead.

Thomas now looks at yet another risen human being before him and says what he did not say to the prior three: "My Lord and My God." Thomas here professes what can only be seen by the eye of faith. The resurrection of Jesus is not just a marvel for Ripley's Believe it or Not. Jesus is not just some first century Houdini. No, his resurrection is a sign that he is the Messiah, the King, even the Eternal God, come in the flesh.

### **THE APOSTLES & DIVINE MERCY**

So this man, humbled by Christ's mercy, is content to be known for all generations as "Doubting Thomas." Thomas the Doubter and the other apostles spread a story in which they look real bad. And for it they receive not privilege but persecution and death.

So why do they spread the story?

Because it's the truth. And because it's a proclamation of the Divine Mercy of God who does not reject the thick-headed, the weak, and the doubting but instead gives them the power to become strong, loving, and wise. "Behold," says Jesus, "I make all things new." (Rev 21:5)

-Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

### **ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS!**

All 3rd graders and older (including adults!) who have received their first holy Communion are able to serve at the altar. If you're interested in helping out during weekend Masses, please contact the parish office @ 608-666-2421 or email [stmaryparishlyndon@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryparishlyndon@gmail.com) to be put on the schedule. **Thank you!**





## Women of Tomah Deanery to Gather May 1 for Spring Assembly

With a theme of "Time to Get Re-acquainted and Re-activated," Women of the Tomah Deanery will gather on May 1 for their Spring Assembly. The tri-parish Catholic Community of Sacred Heart-Cashton, St. Augustine-Norwalk, and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin-St. Mary's Ridge will host the Saturday morning gathering that will be held at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin-St. Mary's Ridge 26400 County Hwy U, Cashton, WI. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., with the program to begin at 9:30 and conclude at 11:30 a.m.

### ST. MARY'S PRAYER LIST

Vinnie Bellock, Kathy McGowan Bermeo, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Karen DeLange, Jamie Donnelly, Joan, Henry, Bill, William, Clayton, & John Elmhurst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Elizabeth Hall, Casey Jakacki, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Mary Claire Marshall, Courtney Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Lucille Ryczek, Charlotte Rybicki, Marjorie Senzig, Jeri Smith, Jane Torgerson, Rosalee Verette, William & Jackie Zenk, Nancy Zingsheim, Bob Walsh, those who are sick, unemployed, in need & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, anxieties & for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic; Families & Friends please...PRAY THE ROSARY!!!

### **Marriage Prep Retreat - Saturday, April 24th**



Attending a diocesan approved sacramental marriage preparation retreat is a very important and enjoyable step in your full preparation. It will help you grow as a couple, especially in your understanding of the promises you will make to each on the day that you are wed.

**St. Patrick's in Mauston is hosting the event. To register, contact Jennifer at [jenniferlaursen@stpatrickismauston.com](mailto:jenniferlaursen@stpatrickismauston.com)**

### *Easter Flower Memorials*

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Hall & Novak Families	Lynn Novak
John Hall; Deceased Martin & Mary Mitchell Family; Deceased Clarence & Rose Hall Family	Rita Hall Family
Rhyner & Rogge Deceased Family Members	Jay & Wendy Rhyner
Wesley & Frances Bonny and Herman & Ada Rogge Families	Jerry & Barbara Rogge
For Fr. Clayton's Health	Gruszka Family

## ***Financial Stewardship***

**April 1-4, 2021**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1892.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$11.25
Offertory.....	\$778.00
Votive Candles.....	\$55.00
Easter Envelopes.....	\$1860.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,596.25</b>

**Weekly Budget \$2,548.07**

(159 registered families)

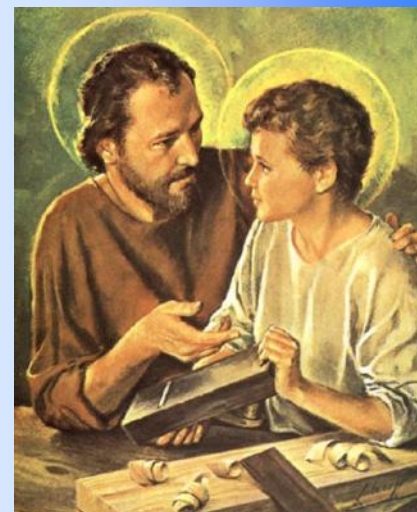
### Year-to-date\*

Budgeted	\$101,922.80
Contributed	\$116,308.82

### Time to go to St. Joseph

St. Joseph protected the Holy Family & we can trust ourselves, to him at a time when fatherhood is so needed. We can ask him to help strengthen our families – as well as the bonds of our parish during this time of hardship.

**-St. Joseph, Pray for us!**



### St. Mary's Floor Project

Parishioners' Goal: \$75,000  
Total Received: \$72,850.00  
Percent of Goal Received: 97.13%

### 2020-21 Annual Appeal

Goal: \$15,810  
Total Pledged & Received: \$11,040.00  
Percent of Goal Pledged: 69.83%



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