

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Fr. Matthias Sule

Today, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, completes the nine-day prayerful digestion of the crucifixion, commemorated on Good Friday. While hanging on the cross, Jesus prayed to his Father to forgive all those who, because of their sins, he was crucified. On the merit of Jesus Christ who died on the cross, you and I are granted God’s mercy. The experience of Christ’s disciple locked behind the door reminds us of the pandemic lockdown experience, in both cases, all were afraid.

We have all sinned and fallen short of God’s glory. As sinners, we deserve condemnation and punishment as guilty. Hence, in justice, we are condemned, but in Mercy, we are saved. As such, Pope Saint John Paul II in the year 2001 designated the second Sunday of Easter to be celebrated as “Divine Mercy Sunday of Easter”.

Mercy is an act of kindness and forgiveness shown to someone who should have been punished for his offences. It’s a kindness that one who has seen hurt shows to the one who hurt him. Mercy is the nature of God. God is mercy. The all merciful! And he demonstrates his mercy to the world when he sent his son in to the world, who died to save us from sin and death.

The first Reading speaks about the new life of the redeemed, who experience the Love and mercy of God through Jesus Christ. They became a family praying together and sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ. This new life, Peter said in the second reading is of the God’s mercy in the Gospel. Jesus invites all of us to become agents of Divine Mercy by preaching God’s forgiveness and forgiving one another.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us; save us and the whole world.

Holy Family Ranch is building a place for Catholics to renew and recharge. This will be near Scribner, NE. A representative will be at the Howells and Dodge Masses May 10/11 to share information. The website for more info: <https://www.holyfamilyranch.org>

Weekend Mass Schedule:	Saturday	Sunday
St. Boniface-Monterey	4:30pm	
SS Peter & Paul-Howells	5:00pm	
St. Mary’s-West Point	6:00pm	
St. Aloysius-Aloys		7:30am
Holy Cross-Beemer		8:30am
St. Wenceslaus-Dodge		9:00am
St. Joseph-Wisner		10:00am
St. Mary’s-West Point		10:00am
St. John-Howells		10:30am

St Joseph Family of Parishes (stjosephfamilyofparishes.org)
Pastor: Father James Weeder, Office phone 402-372-2188
Sr Associate Pastor: Father Walter Jong-A-Kiem, (Emergencies 402-410-2750)
Associate Pastor: Father Matthias Sule, Resides in WP 402-372-2188

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Howells Office:	
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SSPP Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$3,423.46
Received:	\$182.00
Easter	\$5,205.00
SJ Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$2,091.15
Received:	\$250.00
Easter	\$3,065.00

This Week’s Office Hours—Dodge
Mon Apr 28, Tues Apr 29, Thurs May 1
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Carol Ortmeier
clortmeier@archomaha.org
Weekly Budget Expenses: \$8,927.08
Weekly env: \$295 Maintenance: \$565
Children: \$46 Easter: \$7,630

Liturgists May 3/4			
Sat 5pm SJ		10:30am Dodge	9am SJ
Greeters:	Andy Cada family	students	Sen. Graduation Mass
Lector:	Tom Aschoff	Becky Stecher	Sen. Graduation Mass
Servers:	Isaiah Coufal	Issac Meyer	Sen. Graduation Mass
	Allie Dirkschnieder	Brody Throener	
Gifts:	Dave & Brenda Hegemann	students	Sen. Graduation Mass
EMHC	Justin Brester	Steve & Joan Ruskamp	Sen. Graduation Mass
	Lexie Brester Elisia Burenheide	Tim Ortmeier	

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Sat Apr 26	Francis Baumert and Bob D Ritzdorf	(5pm SJ)
Sun Apr 27	Mass of Perpetual Remembrance	(9am Dodge)
Sun Apr 27	Lynn Blum and Reynold Vering	(10:30am SJ)
Mon Apr 28	Carol Elbracht	(8:15am SSPP)
Tues Apr 29	Marie Belsky	(8:15am Dodge)
Wed Apr 30	Betty Elbrahct	(8:15am SSPP)
Thur May 1	Eugene & Marlyn Hunke	(8:15am Dodge)
Thur May 1	Arnold Jakubowski & Jacob Longacre and Lois Gall	(5:30pm SJ)
Sat May 3	Emil Roubal	(9:15am SJ)
Sat May 3	Living & dec'd members Howells Co of Catholic Women	(5pm SJ)
Sun May 4	Graduating Seniors	(9am SJ)
Sun May 4	Mary Ida Wisnieski	(10:30am Dodge)

Dodge Calendar

Sun Apr 27- COF breakfast in the church basement
Mon Apr 28 - Monday with Mary Rosary 5pm
Sun May 4- 1st Communion & Confirmation at 10:30am Mass
(NO Dodge 9am Mass)
Thur May 16-St Wenceslaus School—last day of school
Sun May 18–St Wenceslaus School—6th grade graduation at 9am Mass

BLESSED BONUS WINNER
Apr 27—\$50
Ronald Meiergerd

Clothing Drive: COF court #1737 is doing a spring/summer clothing drive for St Vincent de Paul ministries through May 1st. There are drop off boxes in the entrance of both Sacred Heart & St Wenceslaus.

Church mowing: We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to mow the church & rectory yard this year. For more info or to volunteer, contact Carol at the parish office.

Pancake Breakfast: Come help COF Court #863 celebrate COF 125 years! Pancake breakfast Sunday April 27th from 8am-noon in St Wenceslaus Church basement. Serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice & coffee, free will donation. Everyone invited!

Looking for a couple more people to help with our picture directory. Online scheduling will be available, but we will have a couple of weekends (to be determined) for people to sign up in person. Also, when picture days are here, (July 30-31 & Aug. 1-2 in Howells and Aug. 4-6 in Dodge) we can use help checking folks in. Please call Carol or Chris at the parish offices. Thank you

Howells Calendar

Mon Apr 28	No school for HCCS 2nd grade today
Mon Apr 28	HCCS Kindergarten Roundup
Mon Apr 28	6:30pm—Cemetery Mowing
Wed Apr 30	11:30 Confessions SJ
Wed Apr 30	7pm—Last P.R.E. classes
Thur May 1	5:30pm Mass at SJ
Fri May 2	First Friday Adoration SJ
Sat May 3	9:15am Mass SJ (unless a funeral)
Sat May 3	5pm Mass at SJ - <i>Children’s Choir</i>
Sun May 4	9am Mass at SJ and 10:30am Mass at Dodge
Sun May 4	(the 10:30 Mass in Dodge is First Communion & Confirmation)

Confessions:
Wed 11:30am-12:30pm SJ;
Thurs 5pm- SJ or Olean;
Sat 4pm—SJ;
Sun 8:30am—Dodge;
(or by appointment)

May Ushers: SSPP: Mark Ulrich, Gerald Vering, Keith Vering, Ken Vogel, Tony Vogel & Mark Wieman. SJ: Alex Steffensmeier, Austin Steffensmeier, Kevin Steffensmeier, Larry Strudl, Doug Svitak and Dwayne Svitak.

Little Angels Daycare Coca Cola Fundraiser: Going on now—Orders are due May 1. Contact Brent Coufal 402-649-7525. I have some order forms here at parish office.

P.R.E. classes: The last class for this year will be Wed. April 30. Teacher appreciation supper will be Sunday, May 4.

HCCS Kindergarten Roundup: Monday April 28. For questions, please call the school office at 402-986-1689. Thank you

Howells Council of Catholic Women: The salad supper and installation of officers will be Tues. May 6, at 6:30pm at the Social Hall. Please bring a salad or dessert. Meat and table service will be provided.

Cemetery Mowing: Mowing will be Monday April 28 at 6:30pm. (rain date is Tues. April 29) Please bring weed eaters too. **SSPP:** Paul Semerad, Jared Sindelar, Steve Steffensmeier, Jesse Svehla, Gary Svitak, Jeremy Svitak, Mark Ulrich, Gerald Vering, Keith Vering, Ken Vogel, Tony Vogel, Mark Wieman, Kevin Wragge, Tom Aschoff, Jerome Baumert, Randy Baumert, Ron Baumert, Ryan Baumert, Chad Bayer, Leonard Bayer, Michael Bayer, Rick Bayer, Russ Bayer, Scott Bayer, Clark Belina, Craig Belina, Roy Belina, Dave Blum, Ray Bourek & Vernon Bourek. **SJ:** Mark Burenheide, Don Cech, Austin Coufal, Brent Coufal, Brian Coufal, Chris Coufal, Craig Coufal, Derek Coufal, Don Coufal, Paul Coufal, Bud Coufal, Ron Coufal, Tanner Coufal, Luke Dobbins, Charles Dostal, Keith Dostal, Rod Dostal, Ron Dostal, Tyler Dostal, Dan Fiala, Dave Fiala, Bob Fiala, Dan Freed, Larry Gall, Norbert Harms, Larry Jakubowski, Garry Konsel, Randy Konsel & Mark Kratochvil. If anyone cannot mow due to age or disability, please let me know—thank you.

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