

**April 11, 2010**

Solemnity of Divine Mercy Sunday

**CELEBRATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST**

**4/12 MON** Rectory Office Closed  
**7:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**  
\*Bernard & Grace Simon+

**4/13 TUES** Pope St. Martin I  
**5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**  
\*Geothermal Donors

**4/14 WED** **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**  
\*Fr. Lance Oser

**4/15 THURS** **7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**  
\*Dean Giese+

**5:30 PM - ONAKA - Mass**  
\*John & Eva Heier+

**4/16 FRI** **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**  
\*Urban Meyer+

**4/17 SAT** **11:00 AM - HOSP. - Rosary/Mass**  
\*Elise Helget

**3:30 - 4:30 PM Confessions**

**THE LORD'S DAY MASS**

**5:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass**  
\*Louie & Susan Huber+

**4/18 SUN** **7:30 - 7:55 AM - Confessions - Onaka**

**8:00 AM - ONAKA - Mass**  
\*People of our Parishes

**9:15 - 9:45 AM Confessions - Hoven**

**10:00 AM - HOVEN - Mass**  
\*Bernard & Grace Simon+

**This Sunday's Readings:**

Acts 5: 12-16; Psalm 118; Rv 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20: 19-31

**CATECHISM PARAGRAPHS FOR THIS SUNDAY:**

+ 153-165 - Faith as grace. A human act. Faith and understanding.

+ 166-175 - "We believe." The "faith of the Church." Formulations express the realities in which we believe. Only one faith.

+ 625-626 - Christ's body lay in death in the tomb. His true Resurrection.

+ 999 - The body of the risen Christ: pattern for our resurrected bodies.

+ 1987-1995 - Our justification, merited by the Passion of Christ and communicated through faith and baptism, is the greatest expression of God's Mercy.

**DAILY READINGS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE:**

**Monday:** Acts 4: 23-31; Jn 3: 1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4: 32-37; Jn 3: 7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5: 17-26; Jn 3: 16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5: 27-33; Jn 3: 31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5: 34-42; Jn 6: 1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6: 1-7; Jn 6: 16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Psalm 30; Rv 5: 11-14; Jn 21: 1-19

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS:**

**FROM HOVEN:** Fr. Lance Oser, Helen Glodt, LaVonne Schumacher, Dyt Rundall, Kenny Kaup, Kay Klocker, Rick Karst.

**FROM ONAKA:** St. John's Parishioners, Bertha Tuchscherer, Phil Heintzman, Leota Goetz.

**OTHER:** Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Paul Swain, priests, seminarians, Sisters of our Diocese, World Peace, sanctity of all human life, our military personnel, Jeff & Trish Simon, Laura Keller-Huber, Gene Ronke, Sandy Entringer, Dorothy Frost, Patrick Engel, Carmen Rausch+, Billy Hermann+, Gordon Harford+.

**Names will remain on our prayer list for four weeks. Please contact Linda in the office to request continued prayers.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 17-18, 2010**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - Saturday - 5:00 PM**

LECTOR: Pat Rausch  
EUCH. MIN: Elaine Seurer  
GREETERS: Darrel Rausch Family  
MARY'S HELPERS: Kalecia Hageman, Calie Kaiser  
USHERS: Please Volunteer  
SERVERS: Dana Hageman, Jeff Hageman, Isaac Kaiser

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - Sunday - 8:00 AM**

LECTOR: Darin & Nathan Vetch  
OFFERTORY: Ramona Goetz Family  
USHERS: Please Volunteer

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - Sunday - 10:00 AM**

LECTOR: Jerry Brickner  
EUCH. MIN: Kurt Rausch, Dr. Tom Garrity  
GREETERS: Roger Simon Family  
MARY'S HELPERS: Maria Rausch, Samantha Rausch  
USHERS: Please Volunteer  
SERVERS: Peter Rausch, Jacob Rausch, Michael Rausch, Andy Rausch

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Benedict, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, by Thy gift, he may always desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Please pray for Pope Benedict XVI's General & Mission Intentions for April:***

(G) General intention; (M) Mission intention

(G) **Fundamentalism and Extremism.** That every tendency to fundamentalism and extremism may be countered by respect, tolerance, and dialogue among believers.

(M) **Persecuted Christians.** That persecuted Christians may persevere, sustained by the Holy Spirit, in witnessing to the love of God for all, even for those who persecute them.

**FR. LANCE'S NOTE**

**Dear Family in Christ:**

**ALLELUIA! Resurrexit sicut dixit! (He has risen as He said)**

**Today is the Feast of Divine Mercy, the newest Solemnity in the Church's Calendar. It is a day of thanks for the Mercy God has shown us especially by forgiving our sins in the Sacrament of Penance. On this day, as our Lord revealed to St. Faustina, the floodgates of Divine Mercy are opened and an ocean of graces is released upon the world especially during the Hour of Mercy, the hour during which our Savior died for our salvation from 3pm to 4pm. In thanksgiving, reparation and petition, I will have a Holy Hour of Adoration beginning at 3pm today (Sunday) with special devotions to the Divine Mercy. This is the most efficacious time in the entire year to ask for special graces, conversions, vocations, world peace, healings both physical and spiritual, so I urge you to come and adore the Divine Mercy and thank Him.**

***Ad Jesum per Mariam!***

**COMING EVENTS - HOVEN**

Sunday, April 11th @ 3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions/Adoration/Confessions. Incense will be used.

Monday, April 19th @ 7:00 p.m. - Parish Council meeting in the Church basement.

Sunday, May 9th - Mother's Day Dinner at Hoven Legion Hall. Serving roast beef dinner & trimmings from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Free-will offering. Benefiting Holy Infant Hospital.

**NOTES**

Child's Prayer at First Eucharist - Dear God, I am celebrating your love again today. I am celebrating my First Eucharist. I believe Jesus is present to us in a special way under the veil of bread and wine. I believe you share your Divine Life with us in Jesus' Body and Blood. Thank you for so much love. Help us to love as you do. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thank You to St. Anthony's parishioners for your love and charity shown to others with your wonderful assortment of baby items from the Advent Baby Shower. We are so blessed to have people like your parishioners who come through to help others in need as we serve mothers and their babies. For each young woman and baby we serve, you have helped to make it possible. Thank you and God bless you! - **Birthright of Aberdeen**

Thank You to Circle 9 and the following individuals who cleaned Church on April 8th: Bev Schaefer, Lexie Vogel, Nina DeRouchey, Kayla Sautner, Agnes Duenwald, Mary Rausch, Gloria Duenwald, Ann Simon, Laurie DeRouchey, Autumn Simon, Shari, Troy & Trent Abler, Lori Sautner, Ruby Rausch and Shelly Simon. God bless you for your gifts of time and talent!

Our Parish Community Extends Prayerful Sympathy to the family of Angie (Brent) Rausch, whose father, Gordon Harford, died. May Gordon and all those who have gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith rest in peace.

2010 Respect Life Spiritual Retreat - The Respect Life Office is sponsoring a weekend retreat focusing on prayer and the role of the Blessed Mother Mary in respect life ministry at Broom Tree Farm June 4-6. Msgr. Charles Mangan, the Director of the diocesan Marian Apostolate, will lead this retreat and on Saturday morning, Bishop Paul J. Swain will join them to celebrate Mass and share his insights and thoughts. Visit [www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife](http://www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife) for a flyer and registration form, or call the Respect Life Office at 605-988-3755 for more information.

**ST. ANTHONY'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS**

- Next Funeral Luncheon:** Circle 1
- April Church Cleaning:** Circle 9
- Special Activity:** Circle 3
- Altar Society Meeting:** Monday, May 3rd @ 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement. **Note:** There will not be an April meeting.
- Job Opportunity:** Anyone interested in cleaning Church monthly, please contact Sheila Von Wald (948-2565) or Paula Schumacher (948-2556).

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING – ST. ANTHONY'S**

*April 3-4, 2010*

Amount collected for weekend.....\$1,590.78  
 Holy Land Collection.....\$473.08

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING – ST. JOHN'S**

*April 4, 2010*

Amount collected for weekend.....\$372.00  
 Holy Land Collection.....\$27.00

*God bless you for your continued support of our parishes*

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL 2010**

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Responding</u>
St. Anthony's	\$22,100	\$13,521	\$8,579	108/247 or 44%
St. Anthony's	\$1,788.48 - Seminarian Education Assessment			
St. John's	\$4,200	\$3,840	\$360	16/27 or 59%
St. John's	\$332.50 - Seminarian Education Assessment			

Please fill out your card soon regardless of whether you are participating or not. Any amount raised above the goal will stay in the parish. The average donation needed per family at St. Anthony's to reach our goal is \$96.00. To those who have returned their pledge card, thank you for your generous response! **Please pray for all the donors whose names have been posted on the vestibule bulletin board. This list will be update monthly.**

**Geothermal Update**

**Project Cost: \$495,000**  
**Pledge Goal: \$300,000**  
**Pledge Total: \$198,140.62**  
**Pledge Income Received: \$177,959.82**  
**Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$20,180.80**

**FAMILY CORNER**

To the tragic and widespread scourge of abortion we may well have to add in the future the systematic eugenic programming of births. At the other end of the spectrum, a pro-euthanasia mindset is making inroads as an equally damaging assertion of control over life that under certain circumstances is deemed no longer worth living. Underlying these scenarios are cultural viewpoints that deny human dignity. - Pope Benedict XVI. *Charity in Truth (Caritas in Veritate)*, 75. June 29, 2009

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, pray for us. St. Joseph, patron of the unborn, pray for us.**

Please use this weekly column to open a healthy discussion with your family. (Refer children who are away from home to it at [www.stanthonys-hoven.com](http://www.stanthonys-hoven.com))

**Divine Mercy**

**Origins and Significance:** Sister Faustina (Helena Kowalska, 1905-1938) was a Polish Sister of Our Lady of Mercy in the convent of Plock and received visions of Our Lord for seven years. Her diary records the first occasion, Feb. 22, 1931, when Our Lord appeared "clothed in a white garment, one hand raised in blessing, the other touching His white garment which was slightly open at the breast. From here emanated two large rays, one red, the other pale, symbolizing blood and water." Our Lord told her to "paint an image, according to the pattern you see, with the signature 'Jesus, I trust you'. I desire this image to be venerated, first in your chapel and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul who will venerate this image will not perish...I desire that there should be a solemn Feast of Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter, when the image will be blessed and the priest will preach about God's unfathomable mercy." According to Sister Faustina's diary, which reveals her conviction that devotion to God's mercy will inspire a renewal of the spiritual life, Our Lord desired that the Feast should be preceded by a Novena based upon the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and that the most suitable nine days would be the period from Good Friday to the Sunday after Easter.

The Novena Chaplet was to use the Rosary, the Our Father, Hail Mary and Apostles' Creed said on the introductory beads and then, on the large bead before each decade: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and the sins of the

world.” On each small bead of the decades is prayed; “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the world.” After five decades, a final doxology is said three times: “Holy God, Holy Might One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the world.” To offer Our Lord to His Father is to unite ourselves with the sacrifice He offered for our salvation. In union with Him, we acknowledge God’s love for all people demonstrated by Our Lord in His Passion which calls for our forgiveness of one another and our own compassion for all His children. The words “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion” reflect the love Our Lord showed for us in His death upon the Cross which is the strength of our prayer for Divine Mercy.

Sister Faustina worked tirelessly to fulfill our Lord’s wishes before her holy death in 1938 and the devotion she fostered was brought to England in the early years of the Second World War. Pope John Paul II looks on Divine Mercy as the image of his pontificate and its message as an antidote to the ills of the modern world. His appreciation recalls Pope John XXIII’s initiation of a new openness to the world, “aggiornamento”, using the “medicine of mercy” rather than condemnation. In his encyclical ‘Rich in Mercy’, 1980, the Pope wrote, “the more human conscience succumbs to secularization, loses its sense of the word ‘mercy’, moves away from God, and distances itself from the mystery of mercy, the more the Church has the right and duty to appeal to the God of mercy.” He canonized Sister Faustina on April 20, 2000, the first saint of the new millennium, and said her life was a gift of God for our time. A month later, he decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would, henceforth, be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Thanks to the international Divine Mercy movement, the devotion has blossomed throughout the Church, not least because Our Lord’s choice of date for the Feast has theological significance in that Divine Mercy is reflected in His Passion and Death. The liturgical theme of the Easter Triduum and Easter Octave is His suffering, death and resurrection in the mystery of Redemption, and it appropriately culminates on the Second Sunday of Easter with the worship of God and His endless mercy.

**From the Liturgy:** “God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ’s Resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings and renew your gift of life in us.” (*Opening Prayer*).

The Gospel of the Feast (*Jn. 20:19-31*) tells the story of Our Lord’s gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness. On the evening of the first Easter Sunday, the Apostles were daring to hope that Jesus had come back to life just as He had promised. Peter and John had inspected the empty tomb, Mary Magdalen had told them of her meeting with the Lord, and He had appeared to Peter. Then Clopas and, some say, Luke, had left Jerusalem for their homes in Emmaus six miles away in an attempt to cope with their grief and disappointment, and on the way they met a fellow traveler they did not at first recognize. He had walked with them as far as the village, had supper with them and, at last, revealed Himself in the breaking of bread. They rushed back with news too good to seem true to the Apostles who, apart from Thomas who was elsewhere, had taken refuge in the Cenacle. They were aware that rumors of the empty tomb and malicious reports that they had stolen Jesus’ body were circulating in Jerusalem, and they feared for their lives.

Suddenly, Our Lord was with them, His glorified body needing no open door. He greeted them with His peace and showed the

wounds of His hands and side to prove His identity. He told them that, as the Father had sent Him, the Incarnate Word, so now He was sending them to continue His mission. Like God breathing life into Adam at the Creation, He now breathed on them to communicate the Holy Spirit in anticipation of the gifts of Pentecost, and entrusted them with the power to forgive sin on His behalf. On history’s most glorious day, the Sacrament of Reconciliation was instituted as a sign of the peace He brings and the assurance of His Father’s mercy.

“Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us so that, in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will which is love and mercy itself.” (*Prayer of Sister Faustina*).

### **The Myth of Pedophile Priests**

As more pedophile priest scandals blow up across Europe we should be ashamed of the offenders and those who sheltered them and oppressed the victims. The guilty should be weeded out, removed from office and handed over to the civil authorities where they are guilty of crimes. Systems to avoid abuse must be established and rigorously maintained, and victims should be justly compensated for their suffering.

However, Penn State professor Philip Jenkins (who is not a Catholic) has written **the most objective book** on the subject, and he summarizes his arguments in **this excellent article**. In light of his work, we should remember some basic facts and principles:

Priestly celibacy is not the issue - married men are more likely to abuse children than unmarried.

Most child abuse takes place within the home.

All religious groups have pedophile scandals, and the Catholics (while the largest religious group) are at the bottom of the list statistically.

Child abuse is prevalent in all areas of society: schools, youth organizations, sports, etc.

Statistically, of all the professions, Christian clergy are least likely to offend. Doctors, Farmers and Teachers are the professions most likely to abuse children--not clergy.

Among clergy offenders Catholic priests are least likely to offend.

Catholic cases of pedophilia make more headlines because of anti Catholic prejudice and because the Catholic Church is bigger and more lucrative to sue.

Pedophilia and Euphebophilia are different problems. The former is sexual attraction to pre-pubescent children. The latter is attraction to teenagers. Most cases branded 'pedophilia' are actually 'euphebophila.'

Most of the cases of euphebophilia are homosexual in nature, however the politically correct do not want this problem to be associated with homosexuality.

The number of Catholic priests guilty of pedophilia is very small.

What we now call 'cover up' was often done in a different cultural context, when the problem was not fully understood and when all establishment organizations hushed scandals. They did so for what seemed good reasons at the time: protection of the victims and their families, opportunity for rehabilitation of the offender, the avoidance of scandal to others. It is unfair to judge events thirty years ago by today's standards.

When lawsuits are looming people smell money. We must be wary of false accusations.

The accused must be entitled to a fair hearing. The church should insist on hard proof of the abuse, and for the sake of justice, ensure that the innocent are not prosecuted.

When guilt is established the offender must be punished, not sheltered.

Distinctions must be made between types of abuse. Some offenses are worse than others. Verbal abuse or corporal punishment during a time when that was acceptable, while lamentable, is not the same as sexual abuse or extreme physical abuse.

Sexual abuse of an adult, or a sexually experienced older teenager is wrong, and damaging, and should be punished, but it is not the same as the sexual abuse of a younger, innocent child.

Number of offenses must be considered. One lapse is not of the same seriousness as repeated, persistent and premeditated offenses.

I am in no way wishing to be soft of pedophiles and those who covered for them, however justice and truth demand an objective analysis of the facts.

*Posted by Fr. Longenecker at Monday, March 22, 2010*

The Treasure Hut will be closed the week of April 12th to restock, most days 8:30am-3:30pm. Any help we can get would be greatly appreciated and you will be abundantly blessed for your gift of stewardship. Thank you! ~ Suzi & Noel ~

The Hut will reopen on Monday, April 19th at 9am.