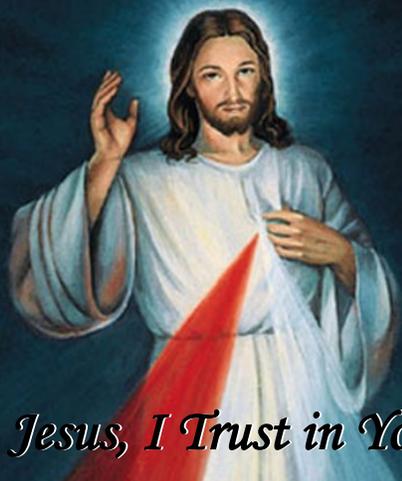


*Eternal Father, I offer you  
the Body and Blood, Soul  
and Divinity of Your Dearly  
Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus  
Christ, in atonement for our  
sins and those of the  
whole world.*



*For the sake of His  
sorrowful Passion,  
have mercy on us and  
on the whole world.*

*Jesus, I Trust in You!*

#### Scripture Reflection by Deacon Richard J. Quistorff

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

As wonderful as the news of the Resurrection was for all the disciples, it must have been unsettling as well. They really did not fully comprehend it yet. They were still emotionally traumatized by Jesus' death. They probably felt more than a little guilty for abandoning him in his final hours. Certainly, they feared that they could be next. They knew the tomb was empty and heard Mary Magdalene say that she saw him alive, but most of them are likely confused and anxious when they barricade themselves in the locked room. Jesus, knowing just what to say, greets them with "**Peace be with you**" (John 20:19). Even after they rejoiced with the confirmation that he was truly alive; Jesus repeats his words: "**Peace be with you**" (John 20:21). Soon Jesus will give them their mission, the power to forgive sins, and the Holy Spirit. But all that can wait. First, Jesus gives them peace.

Poor Thomas. Because he was not with the others the first time, he is singled out as unbelieving. Nearly two thousand years later he is still known as "Doubting Thomas." We are all Doubting Thomases. None of us have seen Jesus in the flesh. None of us can hold up a photograph or watch a movie clip of him. None of us have a sample of his DNA or some conclusive proof of his identity. Still, we believe. For belief is not the presence of indisputable proof; it is acceptance despite its absence.

In order to slow the spread of Covid-19, our church buildings are closed for public worship and even for private adoration or prayer. Nothing like this has happened since 1208. The reason then was power, not plague. King John had refused to accept Pope Innocent's appointee, Stephen Langton, as Archbishop of Canterbury. The pope responded by placing England under an injunction between March 1208 and May 1213, thus preventing the clergy from celebrating the sacraments.

It's not quite the same for us, and we hope our lockdown will not be for so long. People aren't able to come to Mass, however, Fr Matt is still presiding at Mass, we deacons are still serving, even though we are recording it, it gives us all the opportunity to share in it, by watching and participating in it. We are looking for spiritual help, but I imagine people are thinking where, in our enforced solitude, is it to be found?

We are going to have to learn how to be on our own, and that includes sustaining our spiritual life on our own. We are also going to discover some uncomfortable home truths. As I finish this reflection, Easter was yesterday, and my thoughts are still jumbled in my mind.

This past Holy Week we had to follow Jesus in his isolation. All that devout talk about walking the way of the cross has become a little too real. I think we found out what being a Catholic looks like when the trappings of church have been removed. As Fr. Matt reminds each of us, we can make what is known as a spiritual communion. This is a way of receiving Holy Communion for those who cannot come to church — which is all of us at the moment.

Did you know that April is "*The Month of the Holy Eucharist?*" The Eucharist simply is Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity under the appearance of bread and wine. It is not a symbol of Christ, but rather, it is truly and really Jesus Christ! The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the Eucharist the "*source and summit of our faith*" (CCC1324).

On Easter Day, a new reality was born. When this is over, may God spare us from "getting back to normal".

Christ has truly Risen! **May God Bless Us All .... Always!**

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Deacon Richard Quistorff

**Today's Readings:**

**Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31**

### St. Henry's Area School

Congratulations to this week's calendar raffle winner:  
April 17<sup>th</sup> – **Skyler Doebber \$100.**

Our annual Grandparents' Day on May 8, is cancelled.

We are looking to reschedule the Fun Fair *again* for a date in the summer. Please be patient as we try to figure out when we might be able to have this fundraiser. I will be in contact with the state gaming commission to see if it can be rescheduled again. If not, we will do the raffle drawing on May 17<sup>th</sup> as rescheduled. More information will be coming to you as we learn more about what we can do. Thanks for your patience. We count on this \$50,000+ fundraiser as part of our budgeted income, so we really need to have the event

The school has applied and been accepted to receive funds through the PPP program for payroll protection. This will allow us to continue paying our contracted staff throughout the distance learning period.

**Thank you for supporting St. Henry's Area School.**

**Mr. Jason Smith, Principal**  
**218-346-6190 or sthenryschool@arvig.net**

### Upcoming Baptism Class—Cancelled

**Requirements** for having your child baptized at the Church of St. Henry are: **registration** at St. Henry (or another parish) and **attendance at a pre-baptism class**. Parents are encouraged to take the class before their child is born. This class is normally offered every two months. However, due to COVID-19, **we are cancelling the April, 25th Baptismal class** and we will reschedule it once we hear from the governor and Bishop when we are allowed to have gatherings again. We will update you as we know more and find a new date. If you want your child baptized but have never attended the required class, please register through the Parish Office at 346-4240. Please note, this class is only required if this is your first child and you have not attended one previously. **Pre-registration for the class is required.**

### Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

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### Religious Education

A continued Happy Easter! May the joy and hope of this Easter Season radiate through your homes. Christ is truly Risen! Our prayers remain with all of you as we all anticipate seeing the faces of loved ones again once quarantine is over. Please let me know if there is anything I can get you to help assist you in educating your child/ children in the faith at home. The parish website Religious Education tab has a handful of materials and resources you can use – please check it out. The dates for RCIA and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion continue to remain the same and I will continue to keep everyone posted about any changes. **Lisa Hendrickx** [religioused@st-henrys.org](mailto:religioused@st-henrys.org)

### Liturgical Ministers

Please submit any dates that you are unavailable for the next schedule as soon as you can. The next schedule will be from May 22<sup>nd</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a 9:00 am Mass on August 15<sup>th</sup> for the Assumption, please let me know if you are available to help with this.

**Michael Mettler, Director of Music & Liturgy**  
**218-346-7030, [music@st-henrys.org](mailto:music@st-henrys.org)**

### From the Desk of Deacon Randy:

Happy Easter to everyone! Christ has Risen, Alleluia! It has been so strange to be in church working and not seeing anybody. We don't realize how much we need each other. I can't wait until we get back to normal and have Masses where everyone can attend. Thank you to all who have been mailing your envelopes in and who have been giving electronically. Our collections have been good, but not as good as when we all come together. So, I wanted to reach out and let all of our parishioners know that the Church and the School, have applied for a loan through the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) that the Federal Government has offered to small businesses, non-profits, and other organizations. The loan is to keep employees working during this time of uncertainty. If the loan is used properly, for the designated expenses (payroll expenses, health care benefits, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities), with the expenses other than payroll not to exceed 25%, the loan will be forgiven. This will be a wonderful program if we are accepted as a recipient of the benefit. The School and the Parish will be able to pay our employees at least for the next 8 weeks. May God bless all of you and keep you safe and healthy!

Dcn Randy

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### Please Pray For

**Those in need of healing in our parishes:** Joel Carlson, Harriet Daiker, Hudson Hendrickx, Helene Johnson, Margaret Kasowski, Oscar Kawlewski, Brandon McDonnell, John Ogroske, Lois Porath, Bob Riestenberg, Lowell Siebels, Anthony Thompson, JoAnn Tingelstad, Gertie Ulschmid, Larry Wankel & Larry Wegscheid

**All military personnel, especially:** Martin Ara, Jesus Guajardo, Ed Guck, Greg Hirschey, Sandra (Silbernagel) Lagnese, Tanner Neyens, Luke Potts, Zoe Potts, Jason Richter, Tanya Robison, Tommy Robison, Steven Sundberg and Tyler Van Watermulen

*To add a name to our prayer chain or if you would like to be added as a pray-er, contact Ardith at 346-5345 or ar-dith.altstadt@outlook.com, or call Sigrid at 346-7342.*

### 2021 Parish Calendar Sponsors

We are now signing up sponsors for the 2021 parish calendars. A donation of \$150.00 to the parish in the name of your business or in memory of a deceased loved one is requested. Please contact the parish office at 218-346-4240, if you are interested.

### Collection for April 11th & 12th

Adult	6,460.00	Plate	90.00
Easter Offering	4,610.00	Votive Monies	111.50
Easter Flowers	165.00	Donation	1,500.00
Elec. Transfers	2,408.00	Initial Offering	5.00
Copies	21.25	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,370.75</b>

### Deacon Randy Altstadt - Parish Administrator

*Average amount needed to meet weekly operation of St. Henry for the fiscal year is: **\$14,725.00***

### New School Capital Campaign Update

<b>Goal</b>	\$7,343,900.00
<b>Pledged</b>	\$4,619,209.00
<b>Needed</b>	\$2,724,691.00
<b>Received</b>	\$1,801,369.00
<b>Pledges Received 04-13</b>	\$140.00
<b>Households Contributing</b>	258

### Weekly Mass Intentions (4/19-4/26):

**Monday, April 20:** Fr. Jerry Nordick +  
**Tuesday, April 21:** Deloris Lachowitz +  
**Wednesday, April 22:** Grace Baumgart +  
**Thursday, April 23:** Living & deceased members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
**Friday, April 24:** Maggie Siebels +  
**Saturday, April 25:** Paul Riewer + & Bill Riewer +  
**Sunday, April 26:** for the people of our parishes

### Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 4:23-31	Jn 3:1-8
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 4:32-37	Jn 3:7-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 5:17-26	Jn 3:16-21
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 5:27-33	Jn 3:31-36
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 5:34-42	Jn 6:1-15
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Peter 5:5-14	Mk 16:15-20
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33	1 Pt 1:17-21
	Lk 24:13-35	

### Holy Father's April Prayer Intention

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## First Reading



## Pentecost Sunday: Mass during the Day

Acts 2:1-11

## A New Power

What could change fear into confidence? What power is strong enough to put fears to rest and bring confidence to life?

Our fears come from many sources. Failure, loneliness, and rejection can all make us afraid to try anything.

Confidence often comes from outside, especially when we cannot find it ourselves. Someone else notices a talent in us that we have overlooked. A friend helps us laugh at ourselves. Or by sheer gift, we receive a new power, a new opportunity that makes all the difference in the world.

What changed the disciples' fear into confidence? Something mighty must have happened. The same group that fled at the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, the same people who cowered in an upper room after his ascension—these people started proclaiming the message of salvation to large crowds in every language. How did it happen?

There is only one answer. The Holy Spirit made it happen. The Spirit, promised by Jesus, came in wind and fire to lift up the disciples and bolster their confidence.

No matter where your fear comes from, the Holy Spirit may find you and change your life forever. Will you cooperate? Are you ready to share the gifts of the Spirit?

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## Second Reading



## Pentecost Sunday: Mass during the Day

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

## The Reason for Gifts

Look around your church and you will see many gifts. You will see those who sing and those who read, those who preach and those who greet. You will see some who feed the hungry and others who serve on committees. You will see some who decorate and others who converse. Some have a gift for leading prayer, for parenting children, or for making people feel at home. Everybody has some gift.

Still, not all gifts are equal. Some people excel at their gifts. Others exercise them less capably. The quality of the gift is not that important. It is important to exercise the gift, whatever its extent may be. The use of our gifts releases the power of the Spirit.

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

God gives gifts for a reason. They are meant to be nurtured and used. The gifts manifest the Spirit. When used properly, they draw attention to God who gives, not to the person who has received.

The manifold gifts within one community show the marvels of the Holy Spirit. When people share their gifts, they create a spirit of selflessness and inspire others to service. They help everyone appreciate the goodness of God, who gives even before we ask.

When people look at you, they also see gifts. For which gifts are you most grateful? How do you share them?

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

*“Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.” (Acts 2:43)*

We seek God’s Divine Mercy to heal the brokenness of our lives and our world. We ask God for miracles, for wonders and signs to be done among us. We seek access to God’s power without often reflecting upon the gravity of such a request. Do we realize what will happen if God’s all-mighty power interferes in our lives? We seek God’s mercy, but do we acknowledge that mercy implies intervention—it implies surrender on our part to the Will of God.

In asking for mercy, we acknowledge our need for God. We fall to our knees, like Thomas, and cry out: “My Lord, and my God.” We recognize, that is “think again about,” our place in the universe relative to God, and God’s place relative to us. When we admit that He is truly in control in every way that matters, and that we are desperately in need of His love and care, then we have sufficient perspective to address the Almighty from a position of proper humility.

Jesus could have smitten Thomas for his unbelief; He could have withheld any miraculous power from Thomas for his lack of true faith. Yet, what we see instead is the benevolence of God. We hear Jesus say: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Jesus had faith that His Church would provide sufficient witness to inspire real faith in others, such that newcomers would be filled with awe, and miracles would occur among them. Now, two millennia later, we celebrate the Mercy of God with a special feast on the Octave day of Easter. We connect the Resurrection with God’s Mercy, showing that mercy is the natural outpouring of a love so great that it can move God to take on flesh and die for us, raise us with Him, and bring our purified souls and bodies into everlasting Life with Him. His Mercy endures forever!

Every act of good performed by God toward us mere mortals is an act of mercy. God has no essential need to help us, except that the nature of God’s love is so infinitely powerful that it pours forth from Him in the Divine Person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit of God is the very gift of God’s Mercy given by God to the Church. Every miracle that occurs here on Earth is the manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit at work through God’s Church for the salvation of souls and the sanctification of all creation in His Name. We haven’t earned any of these graces, yet God continues to bless us with His Mercy. This ought to inspire awe and wonder in us. This ought to lead us to greater trust in God’s Mercy, greater devotion in our prayers, and greater acts of faith and courage done in His Name.

So, what is it in your life that needs God’s Mercy poured out upon it? Is there an area of sin in your life that needs to be washed away? Is there a relationship in your life that needs to be baptized in the Blood and water that flow freely from the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Is there some problem or concern, perhaps a pandemic, that preoccupies your thoughts and actions? Give it to God. Ask for His Divine Mercy in return. Give God permission to truly mess with your life and say with confidence the words that define the Devotion to the Divine Mercy handed on to us by Saint Faustina: “Jesus, I trust in You!” Now is your chance. Today is the day. Perhaps the answer to your prayers will be the wonder or sign that inspires awe in your friends and neighbors, even if the miracle is simply the changing of our own hardened hearts. God worked great miracles and built His Church through the actions of fishermen, tax collectors, and zealots. Imagine what He can do today with the billions of us who proclaim Christ as our Lord and our God!

Peace in Christ,  
Father Matthew Kuhn