



The Thomas Dilemma

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Will is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they're good people, but he would like them to have faith. It's been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can't argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about "Doubting Thomas" experienced Will's dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus' wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

Sometimes that's true for us. We've heard the truth, but we haven't experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ●

Reflect

Have you ever surrendered to faith even when you were filled with doubt?

Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29





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Parish Giving

General Fund	\$4117.00
Loose	\$339.11
Votive Stand	\$13.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$100.00
Easter	\$2057.00
Easter Flowers	\$25.00

TOTAL \$6,651.11

72 General Offering envelopes collected, including children.

Retired Priests	\$775.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$512.00
Rice Bowl	\$191.38

Cemetery Flower Clean Up

Please remove any flowers ASAP from the Cemetery unless attached to a headstone.

Thank you from the Cemetery Committee

Mass Schedule

St Ignatius ~ St Vincent Immaculate Conception

Saturday	5:00pm SI
Sunday	8:00am IC
	10:30am SV
Monday	8:00am IC
Tuesday	8:00am SI
Wednesday	8:00am SV
Thursday	8:00am SI
Friday	8:00am SV
First Saturday	8:00am IC

Holy Days—Please check the bulletin and/or website for Holy Day schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm SI

Sunday 10:00am SV, before

Sunday Mass

First Saturday of the Month

8:30am IC (following 8am

Mass) Any other time by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 8:30am-7pm

Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotions Tuesdays after

Morning Mass at SI

Marriages arranged at least 6 months in advance with Fr. Doyle

Baptisms arranged with Fr. Doyle in the Parish Office

School Employment Opportunity

After school childcare worker needed for the 2024-2025 school year. Must comply with the Safe Environment Program. Please contact Lesa Leopold if interested, 636-932-4444 or lleopold@saintig.com.

Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

04/08	Church Cleaning Team 5-Carleen Glosemeyer
04/08	Parish Office Closed
04/09	Rosary & Litany after Mass
04/11	Rectory Cleaning
04/11	First Communion Retreat
04/12	Lock-In 5:30-8:00 pm
04/13	First Communion 5 pm Mass
04/16	Rosary & Litany after Mass
04/18	Spring Concert 7 pm
04/18	Home Economics 8am-3pm
04/19	NO School; Regional Day of Prayer
04/20	Confirmation Practice 3 pm-Church
04/20	Hecktor Wedding Shower 11am-4pm-Lobby/Cafeteria
04/22	Confirmation 7 pm; Reception after in Gym
04/23	Rosary & Litany after Mass
04/23	Finance Council Mtg 6 pm
04/25	School Board Mtg. 6:30 pm
04/26	Grandparents Day; 11:30 am Dismissal

Jonah Team meets are 5 pm Mass on 4/6/24.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the Church look beautiful for Easter!!

Social Group will be meeting for lunch on Friday, April 19, at 12 noon, at St Vincent Cafeteria. Fried chicken will be provided by K & R Market. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish to accompany the meal. Cost will be \$3.50 per person. RSVP by Thursday, April 15 is mandatory. Following lunch we will play an easy game called "Left, Right, Center." if you wish to join in playing bring your nickels or you can purchase a roll of nickels at the social for \$2.00. Everyone is welcome to join us, especially our friends from St Ignatius and Immaculate Conception. Hope to see you then.

For reservations call
Sandy Mueller 636-433-5400
Leanne Moellering 636-433-2377 or text 636-359-6712

Choir Practice for upcoming 3 Parish Confirmation Mass will be held at St. Ignatius Loyola Church on Tuesday April 16 at 7 P.M. We extend our invitation to St. Vincent's and Immaculate Conception choirs to join us as we prepare for this combined special liturgy.



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 6, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Norbie Engemann, Christopher Engemann,
Danielle Gratza, Jeanette Marquart

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Norbie/ Joan Engemann

Servers: Josie Liermann, Christine Marquart

Saturday, April 13, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Payy Mebruer, Stacy Kloeppel, Debbie Hawkins,
Lesa Leopold

Lector: Vincent Leopold

Ushers: Ryan / Mike Kloeppel

Servers: Dane/Drew Hecktor, Jared Meyer

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6 Robert & Leona Gratza
5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9 Ewald & Enid Lierman
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 11 Ted & Rita Meyer
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 13 Robert & Leona Gratza
5:00 p.m.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO
8/2/2024 - 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO
9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO

Upcoming Events

April 13—Scavenger Hunt sponsored by St Joseph Neier. 1 vehicle and 6 team members (max). Meet at Union KC Hall at 1 pm. Competition starts 1:30-4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 pm. \$25 person to register. Call 636-583-2806 for more information.

April 13—Women's Silent Retreat with the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine House of Jesus. This retreat is for Women 18+ who desire a day of silence and adoration. For more info visit: www.carmelitedcj.org.

April 21—St Francis Borgia Breakfast. 7:30 am to 11:00 am. Adults \$10, Children 6-11 \$5, Under 6: FREE.

April 25—The Truth Within. JMJ Sacred Family Bookstore, 121 W. Main St. Washington. 6 pm. Appreciating the Gift of your Fertility. Please RSVP Joanne Mercer: 636-352-8672.

April 30—Ladies Night Out at St. Patrick's Church in Wentzville. An evening of prayer, fellowship, praise, and worship for ages 14+ starting at 7pm with a reception to follow in the Social Hall. Worship leader: Kyle Huelsing. Guest Speaker: Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM.

May 17-19—St Louis Marian Conference at the Renaissance Hotel St Louis Airport on Natural Bridge Rd. This is a 3-day event of inspiration, faith, and fellowship. \$60/person for: Holy/Mass/Confession daily, Exposition & 24 hr. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, large and diverse selection of vendors, large display of relics, many speakers, several musicians as well. To register visit: www.stlmc.org or call 314-850-7718. Mention SLM when you book your hotel room.

Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Connie Buenemann	Joan Meyer	Jacqueline Heggemann
Jerome Heggemann	Theodore Meyer	Jean Jaeger
Andrew Hellebusch	Tom Meyer	Marilyn Heady
Betty Hellebusch	Richard Preis	Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Carl Jacquin	Jim Smith	Rick Thiel
Carol Jacquin	Matt Struckhoff	Amy Brakemeyer
Judith Liermann	Natalie Ulett	Eric Wiemert
Jeffrey Lierman	Audrey Wagener	Mary Ann Heggemann
	Marc Wagener	

Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

4/1/20 Taylor Kuenzel	4/21/20 Gerald "Buddy" Molitor
4/15/95 Mathilda Glosemeyer	4/11/88 Francis Glastetter
4/29/14 Jim Klinkhardt	04/11/92 Sharon Tillman
4/4/14 Francis Liermann	4/23/15 Melvin Glastetter
4/20/86 Fred Trippe	4/12/83 Johanna Heggemann
4/30/01 Mamie Heggemann	4/24/05 Leonard Volkerding
4/8/82 Benjamin Borges	4/13/81 Ellen Volkerding
4/21/96 Richard Hellebusch	4/25/82 Kevin Gratza
4/30/07 Marilyn Olds	4/03 Verna Hellebusch
4/10/08 Enid Liermann	4/29/92 Eugenia Hellebusch
4/21/97 Lorraine Hallemann	
4/09/19 Harold "Pete" Rietz	
4/11/92 Sharon Tillmann	



He is Risen! Alleluia!

Easter Flowers donated by and in memory of the following people at St. Ignatius Parish.

In Memory/Honor of:

**Ralph & Katie Marquart
Robert Gratza Family
Father Terry Borgerding**

**Allison Koch
Walter & Lorraine Volkerding**

Jerome & Eileen Ruether

**Al Wiese
Eileen Wiese
Monroe Hawkins
Erma Hawkins**

**Gregory & Eleanor Bocklage
Mike Bocklage**

Donated by:

Ronald & Jeanette Marquart

Robert & Patricia Koch

Bruce & Jeanne Dothage

Rick & Debbie Hawkins

Paul & Suzanne Hecktor

Additional Donations were received from:

**Donald & Faye Barringhaus
Hubie & Alice Kluesner
John & Mary Jo Ulett
Norman & Barbara Schwoeppe
Norbert & Joan Engemann
David & Sheila Shortt**

This list includes all memorials that were received by April 1, 2024.

Every effort was made to record your intentions accurately. Please forgive any typographical errors.

Dear Padre,

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina Kowalska a saint of the Church on April 30, 2000, and in a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that “throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that [we] will experience in the years to come.”

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 and spent most of her life in Poland, in the Congregation of the Virgin Mary of Mercy. She experienced an extraordinary union with God. She received exceptional graces, revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, the ability to read souls, and the gift of prophecy.

One of the images that was revealed to Faustina was that of the merciful Jesus, touching his Sacred Heart, from which beams of red and white light came forth. This image and her devotion to the divine mercies gathered thousands of supporters throughout the world. We still see the traditional image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many of our churches today. In some churches, we might see the newer image, inspired by the saint. Saint Faustina Kowalska died in 1938 at the age of thirty-three, leaving an impressive mystical legacy. She is a disciple of God’s divine mercy for the twenty-first century. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Acts 4:32-37	Acts 5:17-26	Acts 5:27-33	Acts 5:34-42	Acts 6:1-7	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Heb 10:4-10	Jn 3:7b-15	Jn 3:16-21	Jn 3:31-36	Jn 6:1-15	Jn 6:16-21	1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 1:26-38						Lk 24:35-48



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The story of Thomas is in fact the story of every believer. There are times of difficulty when life seems to belie faith, moments of crisis when we need to touch and see. Like Thomas, it is precisely in those moments that we rediscover the heart of Christ, the Lord’s mercy.

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