

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE, READINGS & INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER;  
SUNDAY OF DIVINE  
MERCY

## April 7, 2024

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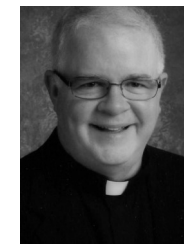
# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISHES

**St. Mary of Chatfield**  
**St. Columban of Preston**  
**St. Patrick Oratory of Lanesboro**  
**St. Olaf of Mabel**  
**Assumption of Canton**



### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ACTS 4:32-35  
PSALM 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 JOHN 5:1-6  
JOHN 20:19-31



"Let the house of Israel say, 'His mercy endures forever.'" Thus, with the Responsorial Psalm, 118, we celebrate the Octave Day of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. In these days following Easter now, just as in 33 A.D. more or less, we have the opportunity to deepen our faith in God's mercy through witness to the Risen Christ.

Jesus is the source of mercy as death has no hold on him. In him, death has no hold on us. And sin is death. The encounter with God's mercy does not change the nature of sin as rebellion and departure from God's will, but changes the sinner through repentance to a sincere acceptance of God's will and his way in this life as preparation for the next.

The way we reflect God's mercy into the world is fidelity. We can see in our lives moments in which we have been like Thomas, setting conditions on our assent, or like Mary Magdalene, overwhelmed with grief, or like Peter, silent and sad in guilt, or like the two on the road to Emmaus, hopeless and disillusioned, or like Paul, filled with zealous anger against Christians: but then the Lord intervenes. He knocks and our hearts open.

There is a cost for remaining faithful. Our care and concern ought never neglect our care and concern for those who persecute or reject the faith. God does not force the assent in faith. There are some atheists who are so close to faith, there are some Christians who are so far from the faith. Remember we are ambassadors for Christ, witnesses to his Resurrection who have not seen, yet believe. May our faith bring others to encounter the Risen Lord and experience the mercy of God through repentance.

Remember the prayer of the father of the epileptic child (Mark 9:24) "I do believe, help my unbelief." He was looking for something that only Jesus could give. What we seek to give the world is not ourselves, sinful, silly, error-prone, self-centered as even the holiest among us can be, we simply give witness to Christ. He is the way, the truth, and the life. He does not force; he does invite. He will give faith if asked. This is a faithless generation, Jesus once said, it seeks a sign. No sign will be given but the sign of Jonah. That may be one way of looking at the empty tomb. The Ninevites were worthy of repentance, so to are the mavens of malevolence in our day. Let them be brought to hope in God's mercy.

~Fr. McGrath

<b>MON</b> 4/8	Readings: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 • Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 • Heb 10:4-10 • Lk 1:26-38 • 8:30AM Rosary at Assumption • St. Mary Vision Group Meeting 6PM, Maddock Hall at St. Mary	<b>9AM St. Mary</b> † Patricia Loftus <b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord</b>
<b>TUES</b> 4/9	Readings: Acts 4:32-37 • Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 • Jn 3:7b-15 • Home Visits—Preston, Lanesboro, Fountain area • Bulletin & announcement deadline, 5PM • Knights of Columbus Meeting 7PM Rosary, 7:30PM Meeting, fellowship to follow at St.Columban	<b>9AM St. Columban</b> † Tom Seltz
<b>WED</b> 4/10	Readings: Acts 5:17-26 • Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 • Jn 3:16-21 • St. Mary: 5:30PM Supper, 6:30PM Youth Classes; Eucharistic Learning Centers; Adult Fellowship	<b>10AM Care Center</b> † Walter & Hazel LaPlante
<b>THU</b> 4/11	Readings: Acts 5:27-33 • Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 • Jn 3:31-36	
<b>FRI</b> 4/12	Readings: Acts 5:34-42 • Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 • Jn 6:1-15 • 8:30AM Rosary at Assumption	<b>9AM Assumption</b> † Nick & Dora Hafner
<b>SAT</b> 4/13	Readings: Acts 6:1-7 • Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 • Jn 6:16-21 • 3:40PM Rosary at Assumption • St. Mary 2nd Grade Retreat 10AM-1PM	<b>9AM St. Mary</b> † Lynn Dale Turner <b>4PM Assumption</b> Pro Populo
<b>SUN</b> 4/14	Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 • Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 • 1 Jn 2:1-5a • Lk 24:35-48 • 7:30AM Rosary at St. Mary • Celebration of First Holy Communion 8AM at St. Mary and 10AM at St. Columban • CCW Meeting after 10AM Mass at St. Columban • MCCL Roses available for order after 10AM Mass at St. Columban	<b>8AM St. Mary</b> † Gene Jack <b>10AM St. Columban</b> † Sharon Speer

### LITURGY VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL 14

**St. Columban—Reader:** Maureen G. **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** Bill G., Marily H., **Servers:** Joseph O., Rose O.

**St. Mary—Ushers:** Mike P., Tony L. **Reader:** Dan H., **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** Tim G., Sue K., Julie H. & **VOLUNTEER, Servers:** Priebe

### LITURGY VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL 21

**St. Columban—Reader:** Michael K., Sr., **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** Bill G., Rita W., **Servers:** Knox F., Jay F.

**St. Mary—Ushers:** Nick M., Zach S.

**Reader:** Peg H., **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** Carl S., Joe M., Betty J., & **VOLUNTEER Servers:** Ruskells

Bulletin & Mass announcements must be submitted **in writing, either via EMAIL or DELIVERY** to the Parish Center at St. Mary, by **5PM TUESDAY to be included in the weekend publication.** Items received after this deadline will be in the next week's bulletin. Due to space limitations, events & announcements for parishes within our cluster are prioritized. Email: parishcenter.hfc@gmail.com Mailing address: 405 SW Bench Street, Chatfield, MN 55923 Attn: Angela Larson



Religious Education

WE KEEP THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN IN OUR PRAYERS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 14:

- Paisley Kinneberg*
- Samuel Priebe*
- Lincoln Sackreiter*
- Everett Seckerson*
- Charlie Simpson*
- Ember Coon*
- Keagen Engle*
- Adelyn Heiden*
- Loukis Jones*



**CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
Sunday, April 14

8:00AM at St. Mary, Chatfield  
10:00AM at St. Columban, Preston



**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST. MARY**

During 8AM Mass on April 7 & April 21  
Children ages 3-5 are invited to follow their teacher to the classroom, when announced during Mass.

**ST. COLUMBAN**  
Sunday, April 7, 21, and 28  
Youth Classes after 10AM Mass  
**NO CLASS** Sunday, April 14

**CANCELLED:**  
Second Grade Retreat Day, April 6  
*at St. Columban Only*

**ST. MARY**  
Wednesday, April 10  
5:30PM Supper (BBQ, chips, fruit, dessert)  
6:30PM Youth classes; Adult fellowship

**Eucharist Learning Centers**  
April 10, 6:30PM  
in Maddock Hall

**Second Grade Retreat Day**  
Saturday, April 13, 10AM-1PM  
Make bread, Celebrate Reconciliation, Rehearsal, and share a meal.

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Events and Volunteer Opportunities



**Cluster Leadership Meeting**  
Sunday, April 7 at St. Olaf, Mabel  
Meeting will begin with a light meal at noon. Minutes and agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.



**St. Mary Vision Group Meeting**  
Monday, April 8 6PM in Maddock Hall  
All are welcome to attend to share ideas.



**Tuesday, April 9 at St. Columban**  
Rosary begins at 7PM, meeting begins at 7:30PM, treats & fellowship will follow the meeting.

**Tootsie Rolls Are Back!**  
The Knights of Columbus will conduct their annual Tootsie Roll Drive, supporting individuals with disabilities, this month. Stay tuned for details!



**CCW Meeting**  
Sunday, April 14 at St. Columban  
after 10AM Mass. All CCW members are welcome to attend.



**St. Mary Women's Group Meeting**  
Sunday, April 21 in Maddock Hall  
after 8AM Mass.

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Join us!

**Tune in to Mass**

Sunday 8AM watch LIVE from St. Mary on our Facebook page, or listen on 91.3FM (in close proximity to St. Mary)  
Sunday at 7PM & Tuesday at 3PM on CCTV, or anytime at cctv.chatfieldschools.com

**Pray the Rosary**

Pray the Rosary with us!  
**Sunday:** 7:30AM at St. Mary  
**Monday:** 8:30AM at Assumption  
**Friday:** 8:30AM at Assumption  
**Saturday:** 3:40PM at Assumption

**Adoration**

AT ST. MARY  
on the First Tuesday of the month  
9AM-10PM

AT ASSUMPTION  
on the First Friday of the month  
9:30AM-12:30PM

AT ST. COLUMBAN  
on the second Tuesday of the month,  
10AM-1PM

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**OFFICE HOURS**

**CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY 3/29 & EASTER MONDAY 4/1**  
Monday-Thursday 10AM-2PM  
Closed Fridays, Holidays, and Holy Days

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**Open Hearts Retreat Day**

An opportunity for young women to explore the beauty of religious life, meet religious women who are responding to God's loving invitation to total consecration, and encounter different religious communities.

**Saturday, April 13**  
**at St. Mary's University in Winona**  
Sponsored by the Vocations office of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and St. Mary's University.

Is the Lord calling you to religious vocation?  
Come and explore!  
Register at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org)



**Beautiful Eucharist Book Delivery--Almost Done!**

99% + of the books have been delivered. Extra copies are available in the office, at St. Mary, St. Columban, and Assumption. If you are a registered member of our parishes and have not received your copy, please call the office or email [assistant.hfc@gmail.com](mailto:assistant.hfc@gmail.com)

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

We are beginning the process of taking a cluster-wide census. If your information MAY have changed in the last 5 YEARS, please help by completing this form & placing it in the collection basket, or delivering it to the Parish Center at St. Mary. Thank you for your cooperation with this process!

Name

Address

Email

Phone

Parish of Registration

Do you wish to receive donation envelopes in the mail?

Names of spouse and/or other household members:

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**Mother's Day Roses**

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will be taking orders for Red Long Stemmed Roses for Mother's Day from **April 7-21, after 10AM Mass at St. Columban.** Suggested donation: \$2/single, \$12/half-dozen, \$24/dozen



**The Man of The Shroud**

The **Church of St. Pius X in Rochester** will be hosting a Shroud of Turin display **April 5-14 in Founders Hall.** This free exhibit includes a full length replica of the shroud. For details visit [www.piusx.org](http://www.piusx.org)



**Summer Mass Schedule**

When Saturday Vigil Mass resumes for the Summer season at St. Patrick (typically Memorial Day-Labor Day), the weekend Mass times will be:  
4PM Saturday at St. Patrick  
5:30PM Saturday at Assumption  
8AM Sunday at St. Mary  
10AM Sunday at St. Columban