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# 2nd Sunday of Caster Sunday April 27, 2025



"This Week on Formed"

### **Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley**





### Divine Mercy | Trailer

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.





Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

The Knights of Columbus next meeting will be on Monday, May 12th, 2025, @ 7 pm in the Parish conference center. For more information, please get in touch with Chris Rubley at 563-594-9851 or Clemente Escalante at 563-554- 0787.



Mary's Angels Meeting will be MONDAY MAY 05, 2025 at 6:00pm

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We will be Cooking and Serving the
Churches United Meal
On Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets are in the
Gathering Area for Food and Workers. Thank
you for your help!!

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU!!

BICYCLE RODEO
SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025
12:00PM (NOON) - 1:30PM
ST ANDREW CHURCH PARKING LOT

BRING YOUR BICYCLES FOR A FUN RIDE AROUND TOWN ALONG
WITH AN OBSTACLE COURSE, REFRESHMENTS AND SAFETY STATIONS
FOR TIRES, BRAKES, CHAINS, ETC.

CASH DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BLUE GRASS FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS
THERE WILL ALSO BE RAFFLE ITEMS:
MOUNTAIN BIKE, 2 HELMETS, GIFT CARDS FOR TREK BICYCLE SHOP

### From the Desk of Deacon Matt

Throughout Holy Week and in this Sundays Gospel we may get the impression that the disciples were fearful of fellow Jews, and naturally we might presume that even within the Jewish culture there was a division of Jewish believers. If we were to take these words literally, we would almost imagine that was anti-Semitism between Jewish brethren. This, my sisters and brothers is terribly unfortunate. Israel, during the time of Jesus, was comprised of several regions that although they had identified as being Jewish, their cultural norms were very different. There were Jews from Judea, which were mainly located in Northern Israel including Jerusalem, and Galilee, where Jesus and His disciples were from. There are other regions including Samaria as well. Each had their own dialect, and their cultural norms. Much like in the United States, there is the North and the South with varying dialects and cultural norms. I come from New York and sound like a New Yorker. Lisa comes from Chicago and sounds Chicagoian. But we are both Americans from the United States. When the disciples are in the Upper room, and are fearful, it isn't because they are Jews, it is because they came from Galilee, considered by Judeans as a back water region. Imagine how it was for us in the 1960's to witness the racism and fearfulness of those in our own country. So, the term Jew is meant to describe those from a particular region, Judea, and not a particular religion. Jesus's followers, Galileans, were indeed frightened of the Judeans. And that is why the Holy Spirit fortifies them in their time of fear. Nearly two thousand years later we are perhaps feeling isolated and fearful for many of the same reasons that the disciples did, but we are all fortified with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to combat our isolation and fear. Our readings challenge us to recognize the risen Lord's presence. In Acts, people from all around Jerusalem recognize the Lord's healing powers working through Peter, the disciple he left as head of the early church. John, the author of Revelation, recognizes the Lord in his visions. Thomas only recognizes the risen Lord when he sees him in the flesh, but then believes at once. Let us marvel at the strong faith of these early Christians. Perhaps we may all be like Thomas, but that's okay, we have each other to see the Risen Lord. We have no reason to fear, I have no reason to fear, I see Jesus in all of you. Let us have the strong faith of the early Christians.

#### Shalom Shalom

Phyllis will be distributing GLUTEN FREE communion at Sunday Mass. Please step to her side of the Altar if you wish to receive the gluten free consecrated host.

## St. Andrew Calendar:

- > Sunday Apr 27th MASS at 10:30am. Rosary @ 10:00am RECEPTION for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders FOLLOWING MASS in Gathering Area
  - RE CLASSES -- Last Class
  - No Class for 2nd Graders
  - ➤ Mass Intention Carol Nyert
- Sunday May 04thMASS at 10:30am. Rosary @ 10:00amNO RE CLASSES
  - ➤ Mass Intention Tom Lowder

### **❖ BICYCLE RODEO AT 12:00PM NOON**

- Sunday May 11thMASS at 10:30am. Rosary @ 10:00amNO RE CLASSES
  - ➤ Mass Intention Judy Arnold
- > Sunday May 18th MASS at 10:30am with Bishop Walsh.
  Rosary @ 10:00am

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – Potluck following Mass

- NO RE CLASSES
- Mass Intention Sandy Remley
- Sunday May 25thMASS at 10:30am. Rosary @ 10:00amNO RE CLASSES
  - ➤ Mass Intention John Krebs

	APR 27th	MAY 04th
Cross Bearer	Anakin Lance	Anakin Lance
Eucharistic Ministers	Tina Gipple, Debi Herbers	Megan Kocal, Tina Gipple
Gift Bearers	Jill Halligan, Shirley Schmidt	Bob Brus & Wendy Schnack
Hospitality	Mark & Dawn Thompson, Mary Nelson, Jill Halligan	Teresa Manning, Linda Daufeldt, Kelly Friede (cookies)
Lectors	Lynn Rubley, Jay Matlock	Pat Becker, Mary Nelson
Altar Servers	Ella Herbers, Caiden Gosse, Phyllis Avesing	Ella Herbers, Carter Lucas, Phyllis Avesing
Cantor/Song Leader	Larry Ewers	Kamrin Varela
Ushers	Jay & Judy Matlock	Caldwell Family
Greeters	Kathy Schaefer, Shirley Schmidt	Jim & Teresa Manning
Sacristans	Deb Ehrecke	Phyllis Avesing
10:00AM Monday Money Counters	Deb Ehrecke, Tina Gipple	Deb Ehrecke, Debi Herbers
Homebound	05-01 Brenda Todd	05-08 Lynn Rubley



# Small Group Series: Divine Mercy The Second Createst Stony Eyes Told

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Come experience the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

#### Join us after Mass for a Small Group Study on Divine Mercy this Lent!

Starting on **Sunday, March 9th** after **Mass**, we will meet every Sunday of Lent in the Parish Center to watch the *Divine Mercy Series* and discuss it's meaning and how we might live it out in our own lives.

**Lunch, Water & Coffee provided! No homework required.** Just a comfy and casual way to build community, learn something new and grow in your faith! Come snack and learn with us!

Please shoot a quick text, email or call to Kelly Wernke at (563) 340-4838 or kflenker@gmail.com if you plan on joining us! (We want to make sure there's plenty of food.) Hope to see you there!

## Join us this Lent!

When: Sundays after Mass

Where: Parish Hall

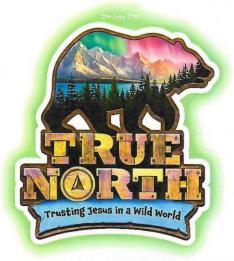
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\$20 if signed up Before June 1

\$25 if signed up June 1 or after

