



St. Augustine Catholic Church

601 NW 2nd Avenue
Cohasset, MN 55721

St. Joseph Catholic Church

315 SW 21st Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27 & MAY 4, 2025

WELCOME!

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Open Position

School Office: 218-326-6232

Principal: Nellie Goshey

Secretary: Carmen Watland

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:00PM—St. Joseph*

Sunday 8:30AM—St. Augustine

Sunday 10:30AM—St. Joseph

*4:00PM Saturday evening Mass
begins, Oct. 4

(through March 31, 2026)

Weekday Mass Times

Monday 9:00AM—St. Joseph

Tuesday 8:30AM—St. Augustine

Wednesday 5:30PM—St. Joseph

Thursday 9:00AM—St. Joseph

Friday 7:30AM—St. Joseph

1st Saturday 9:00AM—St. Joseph

Reconciliation

Saturday 11:00AM—St. Joseph

Sunday 7:45AM—St. Augustine

Wednesday 4:30PM—St. Joseph

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON STEVE SCHULER

May the peace of the Lord be with you always



Dcn. Steve

ON SUNDAY APRIL 27TH WE WILL BE CELEBRATING
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY?

Beginning in 1931, Jesus appeared and spoke to a Polish nun named St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina wrote a diary, recording Jesus' conversations with her.

The important message that God wants to give to us through St. Faustina is simple. He wants to remind us of His desire to pour out great graces and mercy on sinners.

God's Divine Mercy is love that seeks to forgive, console, assist, and care for others in time of need. Divine Mercy is where God's love meets our pain, our fear, and helps us in the midst of our sufferings and sin. God is a "God of everlasting Mercy."

We are called to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus, spreading His merciful love and the message of Divine Mercy.

From St. Faustina's Diary paragraph 1158 Jesus says, "For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: The merciful word, by forgiving, and by comforting; Secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray - that too is mercy; and Thirdly, deeds of mercy."

There are also the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy which are actions that we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

O Lord, give us the courage to ask for Your Mercy and strength to be merciful to others. Help us become a beacon of light, guiding others in an unsettled and troubled world back to You, who are Love and Mercy itself.

We will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Coleraine on Sunday April 27th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, where there will be Confessions, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, adoration, and venerating the Image Jesus of the Divine Mercy. Please come and rest in the peace of God's merciful love!!

Another important date is May 4th at 1:00pm, where we will be celebrating First Communion Mass with our children. I'm really excited because I have a granddaughter who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Jesus' body & blood for the first time. She's so excited as I'm sure all the children are, and their families too!

First Communion is a time to celebrate our faith and our love of divine communion with God!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the Holy Eucharist is the "Source and Summit of the Christian Life" (CCC 1324). Catholics believe that only through the Eucharist can one experience the complete love and fullness of Jesus or be in complete union with the Catholic Church and her teachings. In addition, in John 6:53, Jesus said that, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you."

In receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, we receive graces that have the power to transform us, helping us grow in holiness to become disciples of Christ.

God bless,
Deacon Steve Schuler

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MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, April 27

8:30am—SA | Marilyn Reis
10:30am—SJ | John & Helen Ovsak

Monday, April 28

No Mass | Daniel Gielen*

Tuesday, April 29

8:30am—SA | George Berbee

Wednesday, April 30

5:30pm—SJ | Leo Pulskamp

Thursday, May 1

9:00am—SJ | Mary Lou Patnaude

Friday, May 2

7:30am—SJ | James McCluskey

Saturday, May 3

9:00am—SJ | Deceased Carmelites
4:30pm—SJ | Herbert & Terry Cusey

Sunday, May 4

8:30am—SA | Our Parishioners
10:30am—SJ | Burl Ives
1:00pm—SJ | First Communicants

Monday, May 5

9:00am—SJ | Antonnette Erickson

Tuesday, May 6

8:30am—SA | Fred Stangler

Wednesday, May 7

5:30pm—SJ | Colleen Smith

Thursday, May 8

9:00am—SJ | Mike Ives

Friday, May 9

7:30am—SJ | Achille Lanari

Saturday, May 10

5:00pm—SJ | Clementine Ward

Sunday, May 11

8:30am—SA | Marilyn & Daniel Reis
10:30am—SJ | Our Parishioners

*Mass Intention prayed privately by
Fr. Blake when local Mass is cancelled.

THIRD ORDER CARMELITE

Third order Carmelite community meets the first Saturday each month at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

8:30AM | Rosary

9:00AM | Mass

10:00AM–11:30AM | Meeting

NEXT GATHERING: SATURDAY, MAY 3

For more information on the Carmelite community,

Please contact: Marie Gibeau 218-999-7168

or Carolyn Kaczor 218-398-0727

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

PRAYER Requests

ST. AUGUSTINE

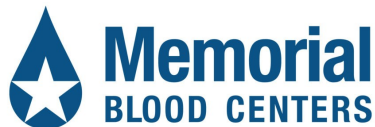
Marlene Cole | 218-244-2828

ST. JOSEPH

Arylce Perrault | 218-326-6983

Maryann Clifton | 218-326-5968

Marge Petermeier | 218-244-9100



Monday, June 2

Mobile Unit | St. Joseph parking lot

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FISCAL YEAR:

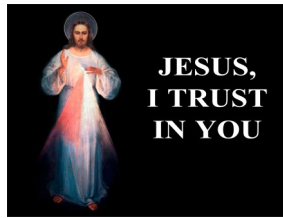
JULY 1, 2024—JUNE 30, 2025

ST. AUGUSTINE

Ordinary Income—Mar.	\$12,592
Total Fiscal YTD '24—'25	\$134,805
Total Fiscal YTD '23—'24	\$131,840
Ministries Appeal Goal '25	\$26,627
Collected YTD	\$4,993
Left to Collect	\$21,634

ST. JOSEPH

Ordinary Income—Mar.	\$40,262
Total Fiscal YTD '24—'25	\$550,904
Total Fiscal YTD '23—'24	\$496,476
Ministries Appeal Goal '25	\$111,546
Collected YTD	\$40,806
Left to Collect	\$70,740



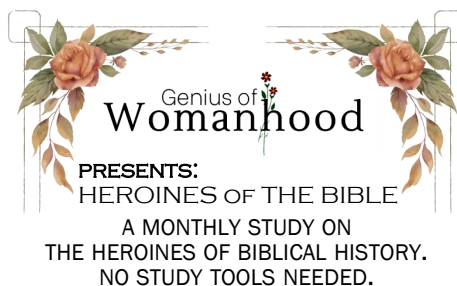
DIVINE MERCY YARD SIGN

Divine Mercy yard signs are available again (in a limited quantity), just in time for celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27). To purchase one or more yard signs for yourself, family or friends, stop by the Parish Office on weekdays during office hours: Monday—Friday | 8:30AM—1:00PM

This is an effort to announce with joy the love of Christ to our mission field. It is not a cause for fundraising.

"Every soul believing and trusting in my mercy will obtain it." (Jesus' words to St. Faustina, No. 420)

\$10 each | cost includes: 18"x24" sign with wire H—stake



MONDAY, MAY 12

ST. AUGUSTINE | 6:00PM—7:30PM

THE WORTH OF A WOMAN:
Guest Speaker—Lisa Neary
(For Audience 18yrs+)

Questions, please contact:

Amy Pautsch | 218-999-6456
amy.pautsch@duluthcatholic.org

<https://www.itascacatholic.org/geniusofwomanhood>

DAILY MASS READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 27, 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 27:

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

MONDAY, APRIL 28:

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY, APRIL 29:

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30:

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY, MAY 1:

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY, MAY 2:

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY, MAY 3:

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
MAY 4, 2025

SUNDAY, MAY 4:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

MONDAY, MAY 5:

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY, MAY 6:

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7:

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY, MAY 8:

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY, MAY 9:

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY, MAY 10:

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69



ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A GIFT FOR EVERYONE!
(Mother's Day, Father's Day,
Teacher Appreciation,
and simply Just Because.)

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL HAS AN
ASSORTMENT OF GIFT CARDS FOR SALE

Businesses generously donate
A percentage of gift card sales to
St. Joseph's Catholic School.

**Gift cards are a way to support
the school and local businesses.**
If you would like to purchase gift cards
please contact the School Office:
218-326-6232 | secretary@sjsgr.org

Gift Card Sales
After Mass | St. Joseph
Sunday, May 4



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Habitat for Humanity

HOSTED BY: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE WILL OFFERING

Sunday, May 18
8:30AM–12:30PM | St. Joseph

Proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity



ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LIMITED CLASSROOM OPENINGS

Grades Pre-K–6 | 25/26 school year

To inquire, or for more information on
our school, including preschool and
kindergarten classes, please contact:

Principal Nellie Goshey
principal@sjsgr.org | 218-326-6232

2025 MONTHLY MISSION CHALLENGE

TO ACCOMPANY A PERSON OR PERSONS
NOT ACTIVE OR OUTSIDE OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
WITH INTENTIONAL ACTIONS, TO ATTAIN HEAVEN
TOGETHER, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.

**CHALLENGES HAVE THEIR ROOTS IN
SPIRITUAL AND CORPORAL
WORKS OF MERCY.**

*May Monthly Challenge
for Adults & Kids*



**GIVE FOOD
TO THE
HUNGRY**

CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY

For complete details of the Monthly
Mission Challenge, flyers are available at
each parish respective gathering space.
Kids Monthly Mission Challenge, too.



new beginnings
pregnancy + family support

Walk for Life

SATURDAY, MAY 3
10:00AM–12:00PM (noon)
FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Walking Scavenger Hunt
(3.1 mile route—start and finish at First
Evangelical Lutheran)
Finish Line Lunch Provided

RSVP to New Beginnings:
[https://newbeginningspregnancy.com/
general-2](https://newbeginningspregnancy.com/general-2)
email:
events@newbeginningspregnancy.com
Phone: 218-326-0404



CONGRATULATIONS

To those men and women
who, through the Order of
Christian Initiation of Adults,
were received into full communion with the
Catholic Church at Easter Vigil on
April 19, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church

*Baptism not only purifies from all sins,
but also makes the neophyte "a new
creature," an adopted son of God, who has
become a "partaker of the divine nature,"
member of Christ and co-heir with him, and
a temple of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1265).*

*Anointed at Confirmation, we are
further strengthened to live lives that
give off "the aroma of Christ" as did the
holy saints (CCC, no. 1294).*



Catholic Parish Summer League
Fun & Competitive

Co-Ed

Softball

PARISH VS PARISH

15 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

NOW RECRUITING

JOIN THE
ST. AUGUSTINE & ST. JOSEPH TEAMS
MORE DETAILS, CONTACT:
DEACON RON GUERTIN | 218-244-1260

GAME DAYS | SUNDAYS | 2:00PM
JUNE 15—COHASSET
JULY 13—PEQUOT LAKES
AUGUST 17—WALKER

ST. JOE'S YOUTH PRESENTS

5k Fun
Run/Walk:
\$30/person
Kids Dash:
\$15/person



All proceeds
go to
St. Joe's
Youth

Caramel Roll Run 2025

Saturday, June 7 | St. Joseph
Check-in begins at 7:30AM

Registration by Friday, May 23
guarantees a t-shirt

<https://tinyurl.com/Run4Rolls2025>
Thank you for your support!



ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Open to St. Joseph's graduating seniors: Application available at the
Message Center in Gathering Space and on our website
<https://www.itascacatholic.org/stjosephccw>

Submit applications to: linda.stimac@gmail.com or place in parish
secure mailbox addressed to Linda Stimac by Wednesday, May 14.



First Holy Communion is taking place on Sunday, May 4 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. We have thirty-seven young people from both St. Augustine and St. Joseph parishes. To prepare for this day, the parents of these children first came together in September 2024. It was here that an overview of the program and needed information was provided to the parents.

Our Faith Formation program then began the first week of October with the second graders split into two classes. We were blessed to have Deacon Ron and Rachael Guertin along with Kari Endres teach one class and Monica Swanson and Tiffany Vogl teach the other class.

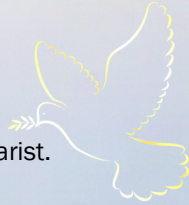
The Sacrament of Reconciliation was taught in the first half of the Faith Formation year. Father Blake taught the last class with both the children and their parents present to learn many things including that communion means one with God and that God desires a relationship with each of us forever. First Reconciliation was held on Saturday, December 14, 2024. We had three priests here to hear confessions for both the children and their parents. The sanctuary was filled with meditative music provided by Jason Langenecker and his cello.

It was a joy-filled day!

First Holy Communion Faith Formation classes began on January 8. During these classes, the children learned about transubstantiation, parts of the Mass, proper gestures, and most importantly that Jesus is truly present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. The last three classes were held in the church with Father Blake teaching both the children and their parents.

Let us praise God and give thanks for these thirty-seven young people. May this First Holy Communion Day be the first step towards a life-long love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

God bless,
Amy Pautsch, Faith Formation Coordinator



First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 4 | 1:00PM | St. Joseph

*"I am the bread of life," Jesus told them.
"Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35*

Respect Life and Honor Mom

Mother's Day Plants
available for purchase

May 10 & 11
After all Masses
St. Augustine & St. Joseph

PROCEEDS SUPPORT
MCCL

*(Minnesota Citizens
Concerned for Life)*



ST. AUGUSTINE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



SPRING GATHERING | TUESDAY, MAY 6

Please meet at Grace House at 4:00PM.
(We have been invited for a tour.)

Our gathering will resume at 5:30PM
St. Augustine Catholic Church | Social Hall

Light dinner provided.
Business meeting to follow.

Signup sheet located in Social Hall.
All women of the parish invited.

Questions—contact:

Lisa Neururer ~ 218-326-3759

Leona Barten ~ 218-328-5520



TOTUS TUUS | JULY 13—18 | 9:00AM—2:00PM | DAYTIME PROGRAM: ELEMENTARY KIDS ENTERING INTO GRADES 1ST—6TH

Attn: Parents—There will be no supervision prior or after the times stated below.

Please drop-off your children no earlier than 8:45AM. Please pickup your children no later than 2:15PM.

More details to come.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—April 27

From St. Faustina Kowalska's Diary, entry 687
[Jesus words appear in bold type]...

Once, as I was going down the hall to the kitchen, I heard these words in my soul: **Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.**

At the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the Image of Divine Mercy.

She wrote in her diary that He said: **"I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it..."**



HOW TO PRAY THE Chaplet of Divine Mercy



● FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD.

● 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.

● APOSTLES CREED
● HAIL MARY
● OUR FATHER



Start

Finish

● HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY ONE, HOLY IMMORTAL ONE, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD. (REPEAT 3 TIMES)



At the Canonization Mass, Pope John Paul II said:

"From that Heart [of Christ]...two rays of light shining from that heart and illuminating the world. "The two rays", Jesus Himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water" (Diary, entry 299). Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (Jn 19:34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (Jn 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39)."

Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy (Diary, 699).

Jesus
I Trust in You!

