

APRIL 14, 2024
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 Superior Diocese Web Site - www.catholicdos.org
 In the event of an **Emergency after Business Hours**
 Call Fr. Andrew at 715-392-8511

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024
8:30 A.M. – Joanne Gidley-M
 Gene McGillis

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024
8:30 A.M. – James Bosman-M
 Stephen Peterson

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024
8:30 A.M. – Joe Rosman-M
 His sister, Barbara DeLonjay

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024
8:30 A.M. – Robert LaGesse-M
 Luz Lao



WEEKEND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
4:00 P.M. – Betty Peterson-M
 Gerri Anderson

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024
7:30 A.M. – The Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of
 Cathedral Parishioners
10:30 A.M. – Dolly Cosgrove-M
 Her Family



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE for the week of April 14th

Will burn in Loving Memory of
 USAF MAJ Richard Halvorson
 By: Bill & Donna Durand



VOCATIONS... *Peace be with you.* The Lord gives us his
 Easter peace. Share that peace with someone who needs
 it. (Luke 24:34-48)

Cathedral Church Calendar

Sun. Apr. 14 – 2:00pm First Holy Communion
 Mon. Apr. 15 – 6:30pm Prayer Group Meeting KH
 Tues. Apr. 16 – 4:00-8:00pm Leadership Meetings
 Wed. Apr. 17 – 5:30-6:30pm – Religious Ed. Gr. K-6
 (Pizza Party)
 – 7:00-8:00pm – Religious Ed. Gr. 7-11
 Thur. Apr. 18 – 1:00-3:00pm – Adoration
 – 6:30pm RCIA
 Sat/Sun. Apr. 20/21 – Food Collection Weekend



PRAYER MINISTRY –

There are people in the parish willing to share
 your needs and prayers. Please call Mary Jo
218-341-2606 if you or a loved one is in need.



LITURGICAL ROLES for April 20 & 21

READERS:

4:00 Ryan Bayless & Tom Unterberger
7:30 Sandy Frazier & RA
10:30 Erica Milliken & Kent Phillips



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 Tom Unterberger (F) & Jill Unterberger (B)
Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup
7:30 Louise Pope (F) & Susan Collins (B)
Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup
10:30 Kent Phillips (F) & Erica Milliken (B)
Cup: Bonnie Thom & Tim Thom



SERVERS:

4:00
7:30
10:30 Lily & Lauren Milliken



USHERS:

4:00 Eric Williams (Lead)
 Bruce Mataczynski
 Need 2
7:30 Bob Ahlborg (Lead)
 Jim Crawford
 Bruce Haraldson
 Kevin Peterson
10:30 Walt Tafelski (Lead)
 John Berchild
 Sandy & Tom Henning



GREETERS:

4:00
7:30 Mavis Moran
10:30 Bonnie Thom



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the
 breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with
 those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our
 midst.

	Apr. 6/7	Last Year
Envelopes:	143	110
Collection:	\$7,848.00	\$6,172.00
On-Line Giving (64)	\$5,004.00	\$5,346.00
Loose:	\$ 627.00	\$ 377.00



Thank you for your generosity!

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

RCIA

Welcome to our newest members of our Church and
 Parish Family through the Rite of Christian Initiation ~

Renee Rose DeMoure
Gabrielle Elizabeth Eastman
Lauren Elizabeth Ketola
Morgan Leigh Morris
Patricia Kathleen Olson
Benjamin Patrick Simonson
John Gordon Simonson



"Rejoice in the Lord; again I say, rejoice in the Lord."

MASSES AT ST. MARY HOSPITAL-SUPERIOR

Masses are celebrated at St. Mary's Hospital, Superior, on Wednesdays at 11:15 A.M.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MASS AND DINNER

Wednesday, May 8th ~ Mass at 5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow. The dinner is for anyone who volunteers at Cathedral Parish & Cathedral School. If you are a Choir Member, Altar Server, Reader, Communion Minister, Usher, Greeter, Cantor, Teacher, Assistant, on any Committee, Funeral Luncheon Worker, Hospitality Worker, Parish office Volunteer, Gardener, Decorator, Parish Visitor, or any other volunteer, this is for you! **Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 1st to the Parish Office at 715-392-8511.**

GIVE THANKS! GOOD FOOD! GOOD COMPANY

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Here are some of the themes that we see in the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19

- Peter cites salvation history, showing how God has glorified Jesus as the Holy and Righteous One.
- The people are then called to repent and be converted, so that their sins may be wiped away.

Psalm - 4:2,4,7-9

- "Lord, let your face shine on us."
- We call upon God for strength in times of distress.

2nd Reading - 1st Letter of John 2:1-5a

- Jesus Christ is the expiation for our sins.
- When we keep Christ's word, the love of God is perfected in us.

Gospel - Luke 24:35-48

- Jesus appears to the disciples, showing them his hands and feet while eating among them.
- The Lord then opens the minds of the disciples, helping them understand how he has fulfilled the Scriptures through his saving death and resurrection.

Fr. Andrew



Question for Children: Name some times when you know Jesus is with you.

Question for Youth: What are some ways that you know that God is with you? Who are the people, where are the place, and what are the occasions when you feel closest to God?


Question for Adults: When have you had an "Aha" moment, when you suddenly realized that God was with you?

Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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

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

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

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,
29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

CATHEDRAL NEWS



PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Monday, April 15th

6:30 PM Cathedral Kress Hall

All are welcome!

Any questions please call Anna Marie ~ 715-392-1673

Bible study! Immediately following the 8:30am daily Mass on Thursday mornings at the Cathedral, we will gather in Room 2 in Kress Hall for about one hour of time to read, discuss, and prepare our hearts for the upcoming Sunday Gospel. **(No Bible Study on Thursday, April 18th)**



MENS PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Monday, April 22nd

7:00pm in Kress Hall

CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sunday, May 5, 9:30am

2023-2024 Cathedral Book Club

We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral Parish Office. All are welcome to attend.

May 8th – Sunflower Sisters – Martha Hall Kelly



CATHEDRAL CHICKEN DINNER

*****61st ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER*****

*****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*****

Hello everyone! Our Cathedral of Christ the King Annual Chicken Dinner will be held Sunday, April 28, 2024. As always, we'd love to see lots of action on the sign-up sheets in the coming weeks where folks can volunteer some of their time & talents into making this event a great experience for all who attend. You are invited to sign up for one of our many shifts, either Saturday morning the 27th or throughout the day on Sunday the 28th. The sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church after every weekend Mass. If you can donate a couple of hours to this event, it will be greatly appreciated!

Please don't hesitate to sign up early to get the time slot & task you prefer.

Contact the Parish Office with any questions
(715) 392-8511.



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

CATHEDRAL 61st ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

APRIL 28, 2024

Hello to all from the Chicken Dinner Committee! Preparations for our 61st Annual Chicken Dinner are well underway. If you would like to sponsor or make a contribution to help cover the cost of any items needed for the dinner, please contact the parish office (715-392-8511) or place your contribution in the collection box at a weekend Mass, marked "Chicken Dinner" indicating what item(s) you would like your contribution to be applied towards. Please consider sponsoring any items listed below. Once again – thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

Chicken (SPONSORED)	\$00
Stuffing (NEW ITEM!) (SPONSORED)	\$00
Cabbage (SPONSORED)	\$00
Pickles (SPONSORED)	\$00
Cranberry sauce (SPONSORED)	\$00
Vegetable (SPONSORED)	\$00
Potatoes (SPONSORED)	\$00
Milk, butter, coffee (SPONSORED)	\$00
Coleslaw dressing	\$60
Gravy mix (SPONSORED)	\$00
Dinner Rolls (SPONSORED)	\$00
Seasoning for chicken (SPONSORED)	\$00
Facility chg. for cooking chicken (\$330 SPONSORED)	\$310
Carryout containers	\$80
Desserts & Plates (SPONSORED)	\$00
8 oz. foam cups	\$25
Dinner plates	\$75
Napkins, placemats (SPONSORED)	\$00
Angel Tickets	\$12 EACH



Purchasing "Angel" tickets (\$12 each) is also an option to make meals available for those who are in need. This may be done the same way as sponsorship of expenses. Please simply include a note to apply to your donation that specifies "Angel Tickets".

CATHEDRAL'S 61st ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

Fun, Fellowship & Food!
Cathedral's Annual Chicken Dinner
Will be held in Kress Hall



Sunday April 28th 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM or until sold out.
We'd love to see you dine in but take-outs and delivery will also be available.

Call 715-392-1661 Sunday 4/28 by 2 PM for delivery within Superior city limits.

Baked Chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable medley, Coleslaw, cranberries, dinner roll, beverages and desserts.

Dinner Price: Adults, Take-outs & Deliveries - \$12.00;
ages 12 & under \$5.00
Kids 5 & under eat for free.

Purchase Tickets at the Door or upon Delivery
Hope to see you there!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wednesday, April 17th in Kress Hall
5:30-6:30pm for grades K-6 (Pizza Party)
7:00-8:00pm for grades 7-11



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, April 14, 2024
2:00 PM at Cathedral



CONFIRMATION

Friday, May 3, 2024
7:00 PM at Cathedral



CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS



Cathedral School Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year ~ for Preschool through 8th grade. **Cathedral School** continues our tradition of **3 year-old and 4 year-old Preschool**. Preschool classes are 5 days a week with half-day or full day options available. Before and after school care is available for Preschool students through our Extended Care program. To schedule a tour please contact us at 715-392-2976.

RUMMAGE SALE

MAY 4th ~ 9AM – 2PM, Cathedral School Gym
*** Free Will Offering ***

Item Collection will be April 15th - May 3rd

Please save the date! On Saturday, May 4th in the school gym, our middle school students will be hosting a rummage sale. Proceeds will support the Angel Fund, an assistance program for our Cathedral families in crisis situations. Items may be dropped off in the front entryway of the school, brought to student classrooms or brought to afternoon latchkey. *Volunteer opportunities are available May 3rd, 11:45am-2:50pm, and May 4th from 8:30am-3:30pm. Please email Mrs. Farchmin at mrs.rfarchmin@superiorcs.org to volunteer!*

- Items/Categories NOT being collected -

- General clothing: pants, shirts, shorts, undergarments, socks, swimwear
- Large furniture items (cannot easily fit in the backseat of a car)
- Car Seats
- Strollers
- Anything with a cord

YOUTH GROUP

Save the Date!!! April 20th, the Youth Group will have a family game night from 4-7:30pm at St Anthony's in Superior. Games, snacks and appetizers will be served. But please feel free to bring a treat to share and a game to play!

Volunteer Opportunities - for all Youth Group/Religious Ed Students - have a volunteer opportunity? Please send it to Virginia to promote with our Youth programs!

April

Annual Chicken Dinner, Kress Hall, April 28th, 11:30am - 3:30pm

May

Knights of Columbus #499 Pasty Sale, St Anthony - Superior, May 3-4th - 9am-4pm

Spring Tea, St. Anthony - Superior, May 18th from 11am-2:30pm. Must be 13yrs and older to serve.



SCYG provides dinner to Religious Ed classes every THIRD Wednesday of the month. Please check the updated Event Calendar at superiorcatholics.org. To RSVP to any events or if you have any questions about our Youth Group, please contact Virginia Kovaleski at 952.300.1671 or viriniak@superiorcatholics.org.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

A GREAT CELEBRATION!

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our 23rd anniversary this past weekend! We were able to serve a delicious free breakfast to 330 individuals. Great music, an 80 item silent auction and door prizes were highlights. We are grateful to those who donated the food and items and to those who volunteered their time - and most importantly to those who came to celebrate with us!

At the event, our president, Liz Gaynor accepted the Organizational Culture of Life Award. This award was presented by Pat Larson, board member of Together for Life Northland. The award was presented to honor the volunteers of SVDP who are dedicated to serving women and babies in the Northland. Over the years, our Society has assisted homeless pregnant moms with shelter until they are able to enter a maternity home or other housing. Families who choose life are able to reach out to our Society for support as they raise their precious children. In those we serve, we see the face of Christ. Our volunteers are honored to receive this award.

715-398-4039

CLUSTER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR CLUSTER:

Cathedral – every Thursday from 1-3pm
St. Anthony, L.N – every Thursday from 9-10am
St. William – 1st Saturday from 5:30-6pm
Holy Assumption – 1st Friday from 7:30-8:00am
St. Anthony, Sup. – 1st Tuesday from 8-8:30am



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 499 SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus Council 499 in Superior is now offering post-secondary scholarship to all Superior and Northwestern High School seniors. There will be a \$500 scholarship given to one student in each school. The application forms are available at all local parishes and at Northwestern High School. The deadline to apply is April 28, 2024.

PASTY SALE - The Knights of Columbus, Superior Council 499 will hold a Pasty Sale on Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4. The cost is \$5.00 for a 12 oz. pasty (filling: beef, potatoes, carrots, onions & rutabagas). Pasties will be available for pick-up between 12:00 Noon & 4:00 PM on Friday & 12:00 Noon & 4:00 PM on Saturday at St. Anthony Church in Superior. Pre-ordered pasties not picked up by 2:00 PM will be sold on a first come/first serve basis until 4:00 PM. On-line orders can be made by using the address below or by calling as follows: Darryl at 218-349-9165, Tom at 715-392-2061, or Al at 715-364-2664. Leave a message if you get no answer.
<https://superiorcatholics.org/knights-of-columbus-pasty-order/>

St. Anthony-Superior Spring Tea

Saturday, May 18, 2024 ~ 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per person

(A delicious five-course selection of scones, soups, classic tea sandwiches, a hot course, pots of coffee and tea, with an array of delicate miniature desserts.)



Reserve your seats at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2024SAS-Spring-Tea>

Reserved seating deadline: May 13, 2024

Totus Tuus, Latin for "Totally Yours", will be in our parish cluster June 9-14!

This summer Catholic youth program is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. We are in need of many volunteers to make this program as fruitful as possible for our youth. If you are interested in sharing your time, talent, or resources, big or little, please consider attending our volunteer meeting that is to be held on **Tuesday, April 30 in Kress Hall of the Cathedral, Room 4, from 6-7pm**. No registration is required to attend, please share with anyone who may be interested, we look forward to seeing you then!

Any questions can be directed to Jessica Pearson:
jessicapearson@superiorcatholics.org – 715.817.0333

The Catholic Church is working diligently to prevent sexual abuse by parish employees, volunteers, deacons, and priests. If you have been sexually abused by someone associated with the Church and would like to report or discuss the experience, please contact:

Bonnie Thom 715-718-1110.

The Diocese of Superior welcomes your call and understands how difficult it may be to reach out in this situation. The phone number provided is confidential and dedicated solely to these calls. Know that your call will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion. The Diocese of Superior is bound by civil and canon law to report sexual abuse of a minor to civil authorities. Anyone who believes that they have been sexually abused is strongly encouraged to report as well.

OTHER NEWS

PART TIME OFFICE/ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Finance Department at St. Scholastica Monastery is seeking a part time Office/Accounting Assistant. Duties include: Bi-weekly Payroll, Weekly Accounts Payable, and misc. office duties. Good verbal and written communication skills, ability to maintain confidentiality with all levels of personnel, dependable, attention to detail, ability to file correctly, multi-task, and professional phone etiquette. Office experience and accounts payable and payroll processing helpful. Computer proficient, including Microsoft Word and Excel. Experience with QuickBooks Online and 10-Key skills. Experience with ADP Payroll Service a plus 20 hours week, \$20.00/Hour, Resumes and references can be emailed to: theresawills@duluthosb.org



CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING

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April 2024

Dear Friends:

I am excited to invite you to our 14th Annual Lumen Christi Award Dinner for Cathedral School. This award is presented to a member of our community who lives the values that our School strives to instill in our students. The award is called "Lumen Christi" which means "the Light of Christ," and it refers to Christ as the source of truth, faith, knowledge, and character.

The recipient of the **Lumen Christi Award** this year is **Robert 'Bob' Ahlborg**. Bob is a graduate of Cathedral School, Class of 1966. His dedication to the Buildings & Grounds Committee for Cathedral School and Cathedral Parish makes him deserving of the Lumen Christi Award. Bob continues to help people all over the City of Superior and inspires others to volunteer and help out their fellow-man. He truly shines with the Light of Christ. I am excited that Bob is receiving this award. His full bio can be found on the reverse side of this letter.

The cost for the event is \$100 per person, and all proceeds directly benefit Cathedral School. Please join us if you can.

Open seating will be at round tables and a cash bar available. A professional photographer will be on hand for group photos and you will then be given a photo release for your printing as desired.

The Lumen Christi Award Dinner will be Friday, May 24th in the UWS YellowJacket Union Great Room.

5:30-Social Hour 7:00-Formal Dinner 8:00-Dessert & Lumen Christi Award Presentation

If you would like to attend this event, please complete and return the form below marked "Lumen Christi Award Dinner" to the School Office with your contribution before May 14th. (You may place it in the offertory box or drop it off at the rectory office, also.)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Andrew P. Ricci

Rector

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Please detach and return to Cathedral School Office by Tuesday, May 14th

Name(s) _____ Address _____

Will attend (\$100 per person is enclosed)

Cannot attend, but please accept this contribution

"We unite our hearts to Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and service."



The 2024 Recipient Robert Ahlborg

Robert 'Bob' Ahlborg was born to Edmond and Sophie Ahlborg in Superior on October 8, 1948. The oldest of four, he attended Cathedral School from 2nd Grade through graduation in 1966. His church service started at an early age, as he began serving as an altar boy in the sixth grade at 5:30 AM mass with Monsignor Kress. Later on as an adult, he began serving the church as a morning sacristan when Cathedral Church was shut down in 2000 for construction. Bob is still a sacristan and lead usher for the 7:30 AM Sunday mass.

After high school, he joined the Navy and did 4 active years as an aviation electrician in squadron VS-37 (Air Anti-Submarine Warfare Squadron) stationed at North Island in San Diego, CA. During the Vietnam conflict, he departed San Diego on the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet CVS-12, and served in Vietnam and the Far East during tours in 1967 – 1969.

After his military experience, he returned home and reacquainted himself with the area, to which his father said, "You party too much and it's time to get a real job." Subsequently, he got hired on at the railroad, with Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range, now Canadian National Railroad. He worked hard and diligently as a machinist, retiring in 2002.

Bob found true love in a Lutheran girl from Solon Springs. As they courted and planned their lives together, Fr. Meulemans was the chaplain at St. Joe's Hospital in Billings Park and they went for marriage classes in his 'broom closet' office. On October 27, 1973 he married Mary Beth Polzin at Pilgrim Lutheran Church with both a Lutheran pastor and Catholic Priest presiding. Fr. Meulemans says Bob and Mary Beth were one of his greatest marriage successes, culminating in the celebration of 50 years of marriage in 2023.

Bob and Mary Beth settled in Billings Park, building the home they still live in today, and started their family. Drew was born in 1977, Taylor in 1979 and Garrett in 1980. Drew married Carissa; they live in Superior and have two children, Hadley and Dawson. Taylor married Ewa, from Poland and they currently reside in Monterey, CA and have two children, Amelia and Franek. Garrett is married to Paige; they live in St. Paul, MN.

Throughout Bob's life, he has had a passion for gardening and says he 'always wanted to be a farmer'. His gardening skills are legendary and every resident in Billings Park has probably had something from his beautiful garden over the years. Once fully retired, Bob became everyone's handy man, and he polished his 'jack of all trades' reputation with plowing, shoveling, plumbing, painting, building, siding, etc. He is a friend to all those in need and, regardless of that need, he'll happily step up to the challenge to ease theirs.

Bob has been on Cathedral's Building & Grounds Committee for over 15 years and has played key roles in the School Exterior Project during the Faith In Our Future Campaign, new exterior doors at the church, the installation of the new pipe organ, upgrade of the baptismal font, classroom remodels, upgrades to the priests' duplex, our current Centennial Campaign adventure, and so many other repairs and upgrades all over the Cathedral Campus. His knowledge, advice and elbow grease have been priceless to our Cathedral Family.





Totus Tuus is back!

Save the Date:

June 9-14, 2024
Cathedral of Christ the King

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS!**

For more information contact:

Jessica Pearson
jessicapearson@superiorcatholics.org
715-817-0333

What's Totus Tuus? ----->





DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Mission Dioceses span every corner of the United States and its territories, serving small Catholic populations scattered across vast geographical regions with limited clergy. The Diocese of Superior, nestled in northern Wisconsin, embodies this scenario. Often overlooked, it's crucial to recognize that the Diocese of Superior operates as a Catholic Home Mission Diocese, reliant on external assistance to fulfill basic pastoral needs. These necessities encompass Mass, sacraments, religious education, and the formation of clergy, including priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay leaders.

The upcoming Catholic Home Missions Collection, scheduled for the weekend of April 28, 2024, serves as a vital avenue for providing financial support to missionary endeavors that bolster the Catholic Church both nationally and locally, particularly in northern Wisconsin.


I implore you to contemplate participating in the Catholic Home Missions Collection by either mailing your designated donation envelope, provided by your parish, to the parish office or contributing through your parish's online portal, if available. Through your generosity, countless churches have maintained their vibrancy over the years.

Thanks to our community's generous response to last year's collection, the United States Bishops' Committee on Home Missions allocated \$90,000 to the Diocese of Superior. These funds supported Lay Formation and Leadership Development, Seminary Education, Priestly Education, Diaconate Formation, and the Eucharistic Revival. With your continued support, the Catholic Home Missions Collection will sustain crucial pastoral outreach initiatives within our Diocesan parishes.

I urge you to reflect on how you can further aid your parish and the Catholic Home Missions Collection this year through prayerful consideration.

Thank you, and may God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

Gratefully yours in the Lord,


Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior

IMPACT

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

OPEN YOURSELF TO NEW LIFE

Doubt. Is doubt a bad thing? Not necessarily. Our doubts show us the aspects of faith and discipleship we need to bring to prayer, explore, and grow beyond. We can learn from Thomas (whose story we hear this month and who is forever remembered as “doubting”). Thomas expressed his doubts to the people whom he trusted and listened to their expressions of faith; he took his doubts to Christ, who showed him the way to faith; he moved from doubt to belief, later spreading the Gospel as a missionary.

Confusion. The disciples had experienced Jesus’ arrest, witnessed his passion and crucifixion; knew he had died. Jesus had been brutally killed and he had been in the tomb for three days. Their faith was shaken; they were confused and perplexed. We are sometimes confused as well. Life is not always black and white; complex situations with no easy answers may leave us feeling unmoored, uncertain; we may question our faith or wonder about God and God’s ways.

Longing. Most of us have moments in which we go through the motions. We get up, go to work or school, work out, go out with friends, or enjoy quiet at home, and start the next day no different than the one before. Then, occasionally, something happens. We have a flash of insight, hear from a friend we haven’t seen in a long time, are struck by a moment of beauty, a difficult circumstance arises, or we simply find ourselves longing for more, aching for meaning, purpose, and impact.

Amazement. It is easy to understand the astonishment of the disciples when they encountered the risen Jesus. He appeared before them offering his hands and his side - flesh and blood - as proof that it was really him and he was really alive. This month at Sunday Mass, we hear the stories of the early communities of believers and what took place after Jesus’ resurrection. The lives of the apostles and those who gathered with them were turned upside down by all that took

place in Jesus’ ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. They had to look at their lives differently as a result.

Peace. Jesus’ message to the disciples is more than a nice greeting. He understands their confusion and uneasiness. The peace of Christ does not mean our lives will be absent of fear, confusion, grief, or dismay. Rather, the gift of the Lord’s peace is the assurance that God holds us closely in

love and mercy in the midst of the most perplexing of times. With Christ’s peace in their hearts, Jesus entrusted his mission of forgiveness and love to disciples then and now.

New life. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples opened their hearts and minds to the love of God in unexpected and powerful ways. In response, they shared with others: they told the stories of Jesus, gave their time and resources in care of those in need, and came together as people in community with one another. The same thing can happen to us: let us take this Easter season to open our minds and hearts to the love of God, and respond to this love by sharing: faith, time, prayer, talents, and resources, as Christ’s people together. How will you open yourself to new life this Easter season?

Our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves, in sadness and bitterness...and that is where death is. That is not the place to look for the one who is alive!

- Pope Francis



The Corporal Works of Mercy

- ✦ Feed the Hungry ✦ Give Drink to the Thirsty
- ✦ Clothe the Naked ✦ Shelter the Homeless
- ✦ Visit the Sick ✦ Visit the Imprisoned
- ✦ Bury the Dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ✦ Counsel the Doubtful
- ✦ Instruct the Ignorant ✦ Admonish Sinners
- ✦ Comfort the Afflicted ✦ Forgive Offenses
- ✦ Bear Wrongs Patiently
- ✦ Pray for the Living and the Dead

Stewards of God's mercy

When we think of stewardship, we often use the phrase, "**time, talent and treasure**" to express the understanding that we are called to be good stewards of all we are, have, and will be. Stewardship is more than checking things off a list, however. It is a way of life in which we learn to be grateful for our many blessings, and as a result, to be generous in giving to the point of sacrifice, as a reflection of the sacrificial love of Christ.

In applying this understanding of stewardship to mercy, let us think about the people who may only know God's love through us. We may show mercy to someone who is lonely or feels neglected by paying attention to him or her, "spending time" in order to express the love of God through our actions. This is good stewardship. We might be called to give of our talents in organizing or participating in a time of service, outreach, or care for others. This is good stewardship as well. Perhaps our material resources or money are needed to meet the needs of those who are in need. This, too, is good stewardship!

Go out of your way to be a good steward of God's mercy through the ways in which you offer your time, talent and treasure. Keep a journal or make a list of the ways you and all in your household show and share God's mercy. Become more attentive to the needs of others, and focus less on what you want. Be mindful instead of the many ways you are blessed. In doing so, your stewardship will impact your life and the life of all you touch, now and into the future.

Receive and give mercy this month

Think about the most powerful experience you have had of the love of God. Perhaps it was at Mass or the celebration of a sacrament, such as Confirmation or Baptism, your own or that of another. Maybe it was a particularly intimate moment with a spouse or good friend. Perhaps you were in a crisis, or you reached out to another in a time of need. Whatever the experience, at the heart of it all, was God's mercy. Let us reflect on this for a few moments: during the Mass, we tell the story of and celebrate God's mercy in many ways, from the readings we hear, to the prayers we pray, to the act of receiving Christ's Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Our sacraments draw us nearer to God in specific ways, through God's merciful action working through simple, earthly material such as water, oil, and human touch, not leaving us to our own devices, but declaring God's love for us, often in spite of our human weakness and failing. When we know the love of others, or when we reach out to those in need, we know and share God's mercy. The extent to which our human relationships mirror the love and mercy of God has direct bearing on the depth of love we experience with family, friends, in our parish communities, and in our service to others.

In this Easter season, we are reminded of a powerful aspect of our faith in Jesus Christ: God's love and mercy never fail! Whatever kind of death we experience — physical death, spiritual or emotional turmoil, grief over the death of a loved one, the loss of job or meaningful work, the breakup of a relationship — death does not have the last word. This is cause for us to say and sing "Alleluia!" Mercy is a sign of God's enduring love. Take time this month to notice and reflect upon the power of God's mercy, received and given.

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