



I Can't Believe It!

This sentence can mean two very contradictory things. It might express skepticism, similar to: "You've got to be kidding!" It means that what we are asked to accept as fact is just too far-fetched. Or we might marvel at something we think is magnificent, far beyond our expectations. Here it means: "I'm speechless!"

Lest we think that the empty tomb alone is proof of Jesus' resurrection, today's Gospel shows us that even his closest friends had initial problems with the idea. When Mary of Magdala found the tomb empty, she did not immediately conclude Jesus had risen. By itself, an empty tomb proves nothing. She thought his body had been taken. In the first reading, Peter describes how later several of Jesus' followers experienced him alive. This experience certainly changed their thinking. Like Peter, they then went out and proclaimed the truth of the resurrection. However, only those who had the experience were sure.

Neither empty tomb nor someone else's personal experience are by themselves certain evidence of the resurrection. Then what is? We find the beginning of an answer in the even-later writing of Paul. Speaking to the Colossians he says: "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (3:3). In other words, the real proof of the resurrection is the faith of centuries of Christians whose lives have been changed by that faith. In other words, the way you and I live proclaims whether Jesus is alive and well in us.

I can hardly believe it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✱ *We may have to wait for our own resurrection to get insight into the resurrection of Jesus. Pray for a deepened faith.*
- ✱ *What might you do to make your own life a stronger witness of Jesus' resurrection?*

*[Mary of Magdala]
told them,
"They have taken the
Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know
where they put him."
JOHN 20:2*



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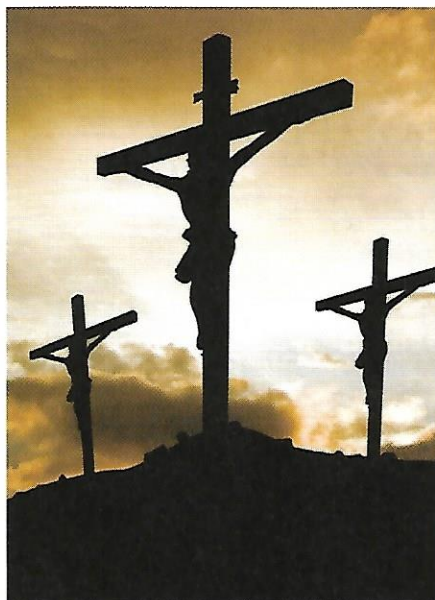
Dear Padre,

The Church says unless you're baptized, you will not enter heaven. So how was the unbaptized good thief able to enter paradise?

Jesus was crucified with two thieves. One taunted Jesus, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, rebuking him, said Jesus had done nothing criminal adding, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, saying, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:39-40, 42-43).

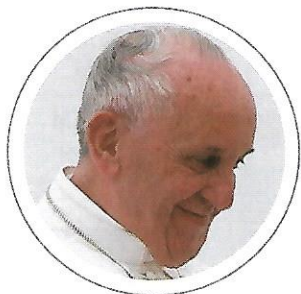
When the good thief rebuked the other, how did he know Jesus had done nothing wrong or that Jesus was going to his kingdom when he died? Scripture provides no background on the good thief to suggest he was baptized, but he's evidently familiar with Jesus' reputation before the crucifixion.

Regardless, even to his dying breath, Jesus desired for all a conversion experience with our compassionate God. God desires salvation for everyone. However, "God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257). So while the typical way of salvation is through baptism, our merciful God can also give baptismal grace without the sacrament being conferred! For example, when unbaptized infants die, we have "hope that God will save [them] when we have not been able to do for them what we would have wished to do, namely, to baptize them" (2007 Vatican Commission, "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized," 103).



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus' answer does not leave [the good thief] waiting; he speaks of the present. He says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." In the hour of the cross, the salvation of Christ reaches its height; and his promise to the good thief reveals the fulfillment of his mission: that is, to save sinners.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 18

Easter Weekday
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

APRIL 19

Easter Weekday
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Friday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

APRIL 24

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 5:12-16
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Jn 20:19-31

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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APRIL 17, 2022 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 18th
Tuesday, April 19th

NO Mass - Montgomery City
5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City -Angela
(Witthaus) Keller

Wednesday, April 20th
Thursday, April 21st
Friday, April 22nd

8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Pat Eno
8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Howard &
Madeline Benney

Saturday, April 23rd
Sunday, April 24th

5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Kenneth
Devlin



July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Church & School Financial Report:

March 2022

Fiscal Year July-March 2021-22

Needed Weekly - \$ 12,995.00

April 3rd - \$13,399.75

April 10th - \$10,642.75

April 17th - \$

April 24th - \$

Income	Expenses	Difference
\$58,446.56	\$43,417.50	\$15,029.06
\$542,924.08	\$468,972.36	\$73,951.72

Last Week's Envelopes: 56 of 189

Thank you!! With God all things are possible!

(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office at least six months prior to the date you would like to get married to make arrangements and set a date.

To Become a Catholic: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Call for details.

Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exist in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Registered in the parish
- Regularly participates in Mass and the sacraments
- Supports the parish financially
- Annually completes a stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form and fulfills that commitment

Liturgical Ministers for April 24th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	NO MASS	Amanda Arens
Children's Liturgy	NO MASS	None at this time
Communion Minister	NO MASS	Dennis Cobb
Ministers of Hospitality	NO MASS	Charlie & Pat Korman Dana Schneider & Brady Craven
Servers	NO MASS	Chase Queathem Kendra Rakers
Gift Bearers	NO MASS	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	NO MASS	Cathy McCormack Pam Schwartz

Bishop McKnight's April prayer intention for our Local Church is:

For the opening of hearts and minds closed to the Good News of Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, April 18th	NO MASS
Tuesday, April 19th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, April 20th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, April 21st	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, April 22nd	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, April 23rd	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Sunday, April 24th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, April 18th	7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, April 19th	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration 6:00 PM - Catholic Education Mtg
Wednesday, April 20th	7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Mtg
Thursday, April 21st	
Friday, April 22nd	8:00 AM - Rosary @ ICS
Saturday, April 23rd	
Sunday, April 24th	8:30 AM - 3rd/4th/5th Grade PSR 6:00 PM - 6th/7th/8th Grade PSR

Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!

Brian & Rachel Rakers - 14 years of marriage on April 19th
Justin & Jill Dunlap - 15 years of marriage on April 21st
Paul & Angela Schaffrin - 33 years of marriage on April 21st
Jerry & Sue Beck - 44 years of marriage on April 22nd
Jim & Linda Krattli - 45 years of marriage on April 23rd

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements \$ 246.00

Special Collections:

Infirm Priests Fund \$ 0.00
 Catholic Home Missions \$ 40.00
 Mass Intention \$ 10.00

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



We are going to start the daily Masses with the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. Fr. Ernest will ring the bell for Mass and then start the prayer as he is walking up to the altar. At weekend Masses, we will recite the prayer after Communion during reflection time. The prayer can be found on the inside of the back cover in the missalettes.

Our Condolences

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marjorie (Margie) Lotton, mother of Randy (Eileen) Lotton and grandmother of Jacob & Shane Lotton, and sister-in-law of Richard and Shirley Arens of our parish. We offer our prayers and condolences to Mrs. Lotton's family during this difficult time. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace, Amen.

God's Love Has Triumphed

Easter Sunday

1 Peter 1:21-23

Jesus, you are risen, so there is hope for me. You are no longer in the power of sin, of evil! Love has triumphed, mercy has been victorious! God's mercy always triumphs because God's love is stronger than evil and death itself. God's love can transform our lives too. God's love can do this!

New Mass Schedule

Following is the new Mass schedule for all three parishes:

Monday - NO MASS
 Tuesday - 5:30 PM in Montgomery City
 Wednesday - 8:30 AM in Jonesburg
 Thursday - 8:00 AM in Montgomery City
 Friday - 8:00 AM in Montgomery City
 Saturday - 5:30 PM in Wellsville
 Sunday - 8:00 AM in Jonesburg
 - 10:00 AM in Montgomery City

Spring BBQ & Bingo Event *(New Information!)*



IC Church and the ICS Home & School Association have partnered together to host the Spring BBQ & Bingo event on April 30. This event will include a vendor fair. IC will have a country store booth in the vendor fair. If you have any unique, new, homemade items you'd like to donate to the booth and fit within the country store theme, please drop them off at ICS. We would love to showcase some of our parish talent. Please include your name and a suggested price range for the item when you drop it off. For questions, please contact Pat Korman (636-359-0001) or Misty Dothage (573-220-8068).



**Immaculate Conception School
News**



April 13th - April 19th - Easter Break
April 20th - ICS Family Fun Night @ 5pm
April 22nd - Sketch Day for 6-8th grade in Hannibal
April 29th - ICS Spring Special @ 6pm KC Hall

The students of ICS would like to THANK those who came to watch and pray with them during their presentation of The Living Stations.

IC Scrip Program



Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. The percentage will vary from one company to another but there is no extra charge to you. A \$25 card costs you \$25. Why not let some of your money that you would spend anyway go to a good cause? There are a few ways to obtain the cards. You may purchase physical cards at the school or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. **You may also go online to www.ShopWithScrip.com to create an account to purchase e-cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for physical cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**

**COMING SOON
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
5TH ANNUAL Spaghetti Benefit Luncheon
April 29, 2022**

Knights of Columbus Hall - Montgomery City
Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



PRICE: \$10.00 PER PERSON- Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Drink and Homemade Cookies.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**Events Around the Community
(See Flyers if available in the church vestibule.)**

April 24th - Spring Dinner and Craft Show at Holy Rosary in Warrenton from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. More Information at holyrosarywm.com.

**Immaculate Conception School
"Spring Special"**



All are invited to this year's "Spring Special" on Friday, April 29th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This year's "Special", beginning at 6:00 PM, features Immaculate Conception students dancing, singing, playing keyboard and chimes, performing humorous skits and ending their performance with a show of patriotism. Hope to see you there! (Afternoon dress rehearsal/matinee at the KC Hall at 1:30 PM)

Catholic Home Missions Appeal



Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of the dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Thank you for your contribution to the CSA! Our parish's final contribution was \$4,505.00. If you made a pledge there is still time to send it in to the diocese.

Please keep in your prayers the following people:

Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care Center, Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 - Susan Ryan

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Troy McCown, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al Barger, Christine Barger, Barb Kliethermes, Marla Daniels, and Lindsey (Dryden) O'Bryan.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Steve (Hip) Hill, and Noah Richard.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!

HAPPY EASTER





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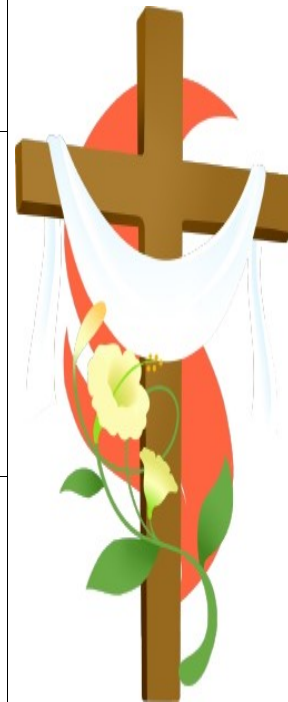
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Ladies Auxiliary*

Spaghetti Luncheon

Friday, April 29, 2022

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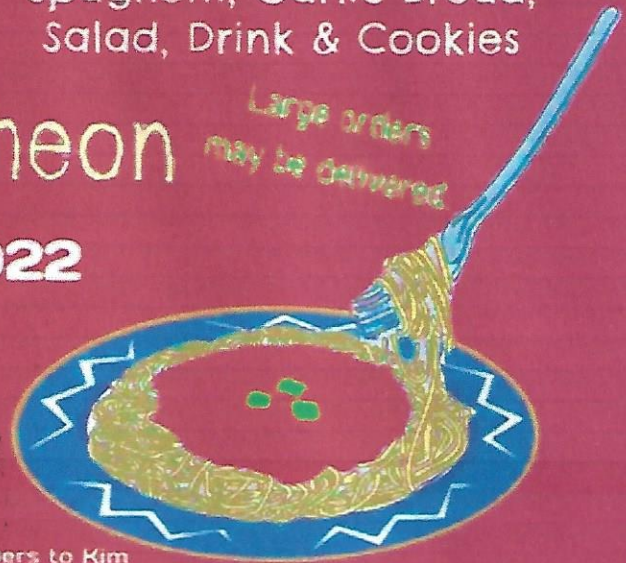
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