



April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2:1–5a

Lk 24:35–48

What Will It Take?

What will it take for the early followers of Jesus to recognize him in their midst?

Today's Gospel recounts yet another episode of confusion and unbelief. They had an extraordinary experience that startled and terrified them. Even though other disciples reported having come upon the risen Lord, they didn't realize that it was also he they were encountering. Such an unusual experience might have left them doubtful about the Lord's presence, but the reports of others should have thrown light on the reality of their own experiences. Are they like Thomas, who was unwilling to take the word of others but demanded his own tangible experience of the risen Lord?

However, every account of the risen Lord's appearance reports that his identity is initially hidden. They only knew that it was him when he revealed himself. Mary recognized him when he called her

name (John 20:16); the couple in Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:31); even Paul on the road to Damascus only understood who the Lord was when he revealed his name (Acts 9:3).

And what about us? What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst? Do we also need concrete evidence? Will it only happen if we have a meal with him? But isn't that exactly what the Eucharist is—a meal with the risen Lord?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ✱ *Our faith tells us that the risen Lord is in our midst. Pray that you might recognize him in your family members or in your workplace.*
- ✱ *What can you do for the needy in your society with whom Christ identifies?*



[Jesus] asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41–43

Dear Padre,

I thought detraction was a sin only if what you're saying about someone isn't true, but my priest says it's a sin even if it is true. What do you say?

We commit the sin of *detraction* when we, "without objectively valid reason, disclose another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2477).

Part of respecting human dignity is to recognize that others have a right to their good name and reputation. We ought not to damage those goods carelessly, which is what happens when we engage in detraction.

We *slander* or commit *calumny* when we speak or spread negative falsehoods about someone (see CCC 2479). But detraction can happen even when we speak the truth.

Sometimes it's objectively necessary to speak harsh truths about another person. For example, when we observe an adult engaged in inappropriate behavior with a child, we report it to the authorities because protection of vulnerable children outweighs concern over any adult's reputation.

So truth-telling when clear communication of the truth is necessary is not detraction, even if it does damage another's reputation. However, carelessly sharing a true story or detail that doesn't need telling is detraction, and it's sinful.



Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We know that slander always kills. This "diabolical cancer" that arises from the desire to destroy the reputation of a person also attacks the ecclesial body and seriously damages it when, as a result of malicious interests or to cover up one's own inadequacies, people unite to denigrate someone.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019



Calendar

Monday

APRIL 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8–15

Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51–8:1a

Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b–8

Jn 6:35–40

Thursday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26–40

Jn 6:44–51

Friday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1–20

Jn 6:52–59

Saturday

APRIL 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31–42

Jn 6:60–69

Sunday

APRIL 25

Fourth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 4:8–12

1 Jn 3:1–2

Jn 10:11–18



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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb-President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Secretary-Mary Pottebaum, Laura Yelton, & Vicki Parker

APRIL 18, 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 19th	NO MASS - Montgomery City
Tuesday, April 20th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Claire Benney
Wednesday, April 21st	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, April 22nd	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill & Dione Auchly
Friday, April 23rd	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Roger Richard
Saturday, April 24th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Deceased of the Schipper & Purler Family
Sunday, April 25th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
March 2021	\$24,640.45	\$49,890.29	-\$25,249.84
Fiscal Year July-March 2020-21	\$426,449.29	\$443,150.75	-\$16,701.46
Needed Weekly	- \$ 11,835.50		
March 28th -	\$13,072.00 (2 weeks)		
April 4th -	\$11,076.67		
April 11th -	\$ 9,462.00		
April 18th -	\$		
April 25th -	\$		

Last Week's Envelopes: 66 of 179

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

With God all things are possible

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 to 4:50 PM Saturday or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Hartley.

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 & 25th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Gary Hoette	Jerry Witthaus
Children's Liturgy	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Communion Minister	Dennis Cobb	Megan Hans
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb	Charlie & Pat Korman
Servers	Beckham Cothren Kendra Rakers	Malorie Schulte Elizabeth Schierhoff
Gift Bearers	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Money Counters	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberg	Megan Hans Judy Cobb

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

Let us pray for a renewed understanding of our baptismal dignity as sons and daughters of God the Father, and a commitment to living in peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Weekly Mass Schedule

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Thursday, April 22nd	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, April 23rd	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, April 24th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 4:30 PM)
Sunday, April 25th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, April 19th	7:00 PM - RCIA 7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, April 20th	
Wednesday, April 21st	7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, April 22nd	
Friday, April 23rd	
Saturday, April 24th	
Sunday, April 25th	8:30 AM - 3rd/4th PSR Class 6:00 PM - 5th/6th PSR Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

*Brian & Rachel Rakers - 13 years of marriage on April 19th
Justin & Jill Dunlap - 14 years of marriage on April 21st
Paul & Angela Schaffrin - 32 years of marriage on April 21st
Jerry & Sue Beck - 43 years of marriage on April 22nd
Jim & Linda Krattli - 44 years of marriage on April 23rd
Rich & Beth Boschert - 29 years of marriage on April 25th*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$ 227.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 1,050.00
Special Collections:	
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 30.00
Infirm Priest Fund	\$ 230.00
3 in 1 Collection	\$ 100.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Feast of Ascension	\$ 10.00

Congratulations/Welcome

Welcome to Madeline Elouise Hans who was baptized last Sunday. She is the daughter of Jacob & Megan Hans and granddaughter of Dennis & Judy Cobb, all of our parish.



Congratulations



Congratulations to Steele Anderson, Mylie Beck, Mercer Cothren, Emelia Hans, Keagan Rakers, and Adler See who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday during Mass. What an exciting day for these children and their families!



Liturgical Minister Assignments



In last week's bulletin, we began assigning Liturgical Ministers. If you do not feel comfortable serving yet, or would like to be put on the list, please let Janet Cobb know. The office phone is (573) 564-2375 or by email: imm-con@sbcglobal.net.

If you cannot serve when assigned, please contact either the Parish Office or Dennis Cobb (573) 253-9257 so we can find a substitute.

Thank you for your "time and talent" serving in these ministries.



Dear parishioners,

We are very thankful that the Montgomery Standard chose to do an article on the Capital Campaign. We did not ask them to write it and we appreciate the coverage! However, we want to correct a few errors that were part of the article. First and foremost, the Capital Campaign was NOT the idea of Amanda Arens. She is trying to think what she could have said that would make the author think that. It is not the case. The Parish Council, Finance Committee, and Father Austin hosted the Townhall meeting in July of 2019 where they announced there would be a Capital Campaign and that all money raised would go directly to that cause – not to the church in general. Once that announcement was made, Amanda Arens volunteered to be the chair of the committee.

Two other misconceptions in the article were (1) it said the crowds at church made it hard to share the message. What was meant is that the lack of people attending church because of the pandemic made it hard to get the message out. So the LACK of crowds, not the crowds. And (2) it should have said we have NOT been overly comfortable asking our parishioners for money during the last year as we knew things were different for many during the pandemic. But now we are trying to get back to it.

Again, we are thankful for the article, but wanted to clear up any mistakes.

Our balance in donation and pledges remains at \$209,600. There are pledge cards and brightly colored envelopes in the vestibule for your pledges or donation. We are grateful for both and ask for your prayerful consideration in helping us get to our goal of \$850,000.

Immaculate Conception School News



Apr. 16- Noon Dismissal
Apr. 17- Confirmation @ 5pm Mass
Apr. 19- Dr. Vader Visiting ICS
Consolidated Electric presentation
Apr. 28- Federal Spring Evaluation and Planning Meeting
May 5- Vocations Day
May 6- Spring Concert at Church 6pm

Congratulations to Mylie, Keagan, Steele and Adler on making their Holy First Communion!

ECLC Happenings

ECLC is in desperate need of daycare substitutes. If you would be willing to help out occasionally please contact Peggy at the school.

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.**

Part/Time Teaching Position Available

Immaculate Conception School is seeking a Part-Time Art/Music Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. This past year, our students have been learning instrumental music with keyboards, guitars, recorders, etc. ICS is a kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic School located in Montgomery City, with approximately 50 students. ICS runs on a 4-day school week (Tuesday-Friday). A successful candidate is a practicing Catholic in good standing who can minister to students regardless of subject area or a teacher who, consistent with the Mission of Immaculate Conception School, promotes and teaches the Catholic faith as reasonably determined by the principal. Applicants should hold the appropriate Missouri teaching certification, or its equivalent.

Hanging Basket Fundraiser

Immaculate Conception Home and School is sponsoring a Hanging Basket Fundraiser through May 31, 2021. Tickets for these baskets are \$19.00 can be purchased at IC School and A'la mode Salon and Boutique here in Montgomery City. These would make really nice Mother's Day gifts! If you have questions, please call (573) 564-2679.

Title I, II, & IV Annual Evaluation Meeting

The Montgomery Co. R-II School District receives federal funds each year through Title I, II, and IV. These funds are used in a variety of ways to support students and instructional programs. As a nonpublic school in the district's attendance area, Immaculate Conception School receives a portion of the federal funds. Each spring a committee of staff members, parents, and community members evaluate those Title services based on survey responses, student achievement information, and other data sources. It is time for that annual spring evaluation meeting. Parents and community members are invited to join this meeting at the KC Hall on April 28 at 6:00 p.m.

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

April 16, 2021 - 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM - KOC Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti Luncheon, Knights of Columbus Hall
April 25, 2021 - 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM - All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast at KC Hall in Martinsburg

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 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.

Volunteer Mowers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help mow grass at the school. The Knights of Columbus usually takes care of it, but they could use some help! Please contact Dennis Cobb (573) 253-9257 if you are willing to "give us a hand".



Cursillo

What is life all about? What's really important? How life-changing the COVID pandemic has been for all of us this past year. It has challenged us to grow in unexpected ways. Active Catholics are invited to use this as a rare opportunity to explore the deepest meaning and purpose of human life by making a Cursillo (pronounced ker-SEE-yo), a Spanish word meaning a short course. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that starts on a Thursday evening. You will be guided step by step thru the weekend by a priest, deacon and a team of cursillistas (those who have already completed a Cursillo); in a place of seclusion and peace; with all of your needs taken care of; in order to explore the deepest meaning and purpose of life. Many Catholics finish their Cursillo weekend inspired to make changes, tweak their priorities and journey deeper into the mystery of life. So, if you are ready for a meaningful encounter with yourself, with others, and with God, then contact Susan Stolwyk at 573-607-0435 or your Cursillo parish contact for more information and an application. **Mark your calendar for: MEN's Weekend: Sept. 30 – Oct. 3 WOMEN's Weekend: Nov. 4-7, both to be held in Moberly, MO at St. Pius X Parish.**

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: Karen Clark, Alex Clark (granddaughter of Karen Clark), Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Pat (Cobb) Hunn, Susan Schipper, and Charlee Kate (niece of Sue Beck).

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, Michel James, and Daniel Lohmann.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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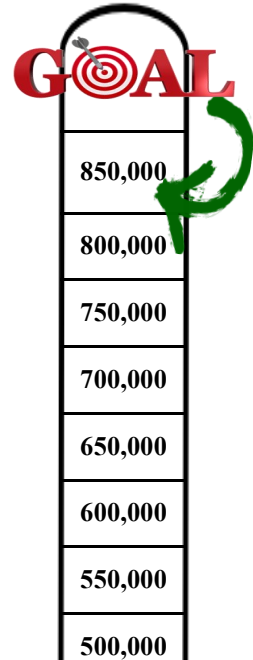
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In their 2000 pastoral letter *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration*,* the bishops of the United States called the faithful to embrace an approach to criminal justice that takes into account the dignity of crime victims and their families, communities, and offenders.

The Catholic Home Missions—funded Diocese of Santa Rosa is answering this call for an approach that upholds justice and healing in its six counties of northwestern California, stretching from Napa in the south along the coastline to the Oregon border. The diocese's Catholic Restorative Justice Ministries program (www.restorejusticesantarosa.org) works to fulfill the bishops' vision through a variety of activities that include support for inmates reentering society, as

well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families, justice system personnel, and inmates. The program's broad range of goals are being implemented, expanded, and refined yearly with financial assistance from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. When you participate in the appeal, you join in the Church's healing mission of mercy to all.

* To read this letter online, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/crime-and-criminal-justice.cfm.

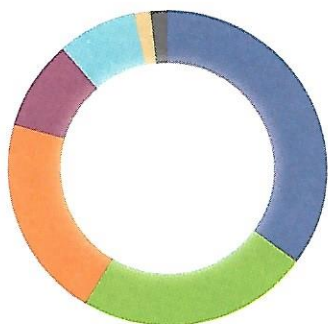
Support CHMA and strengthen the Church at home.

For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

CHMA FINANCIALS 2019



Totals by Program Area

• Diocesan and Parish Assistance:	\$3,615,000
• Faith Formation:	\$2,430,000
• Priestly and Religious Vocations:	\$2,125,000
• Cultural Ministries	\$940,000
• Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	\$840,000
• Professional Development for Mission Dioceses	\$163,150
• New Bishop Installation Support	\$156,000

Total Expenses Including Internal Grants:

\$11,261,121

• Grants and Donations:	92.46%
• Program Costs:	3.96%
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses:	2.73%
• Administrative Expenses (Including Internal Grants):	0.86%



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The IC Conference meets at least twice a month as a group and other activities may include some or all of the members. We meet as brothers and sisters in Christ for prayer and action.

We are inviting all reading this to consider serving with us. Charitable service encourages steady personal growth through a ministry that goes to the heart of Christ's teachings about how to live with and care for our fellow man. Activity varies with the needs of our clients and the talents of our members. We interview clients every Monday at our office on 2nd Street; we collect food periodically to share with the area food banks; we distribute donated furnishings to those who need; we pay utility bills for those need help in that area; we provide information of other resources for those who need more help; we try to meet a need presented to us. Are you interested?

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul is to be a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

If you would like to join us or want more information, please call 573-835-3631. This is an answering service and a member will contact you. Or fill out the form below and mail it to: St. Vincent DePaul, 216 West 2nd Street, Montgomery City, MO 63361.



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