



April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (C)

Acts 5:12–16

Rev 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19

Jn 20:19–31

Take My Word for It

This is easier said than done. Growing up, we insisted on doing things ourselves, learning from our own experience, developing a sense of our own ability. We soon came to know that there are times when we should—in fact, we must—take someone else’s word for something. If we refused to do this, we might be called a “doubting Thomas.” Is that fair to us? Is it fair to Thomas?

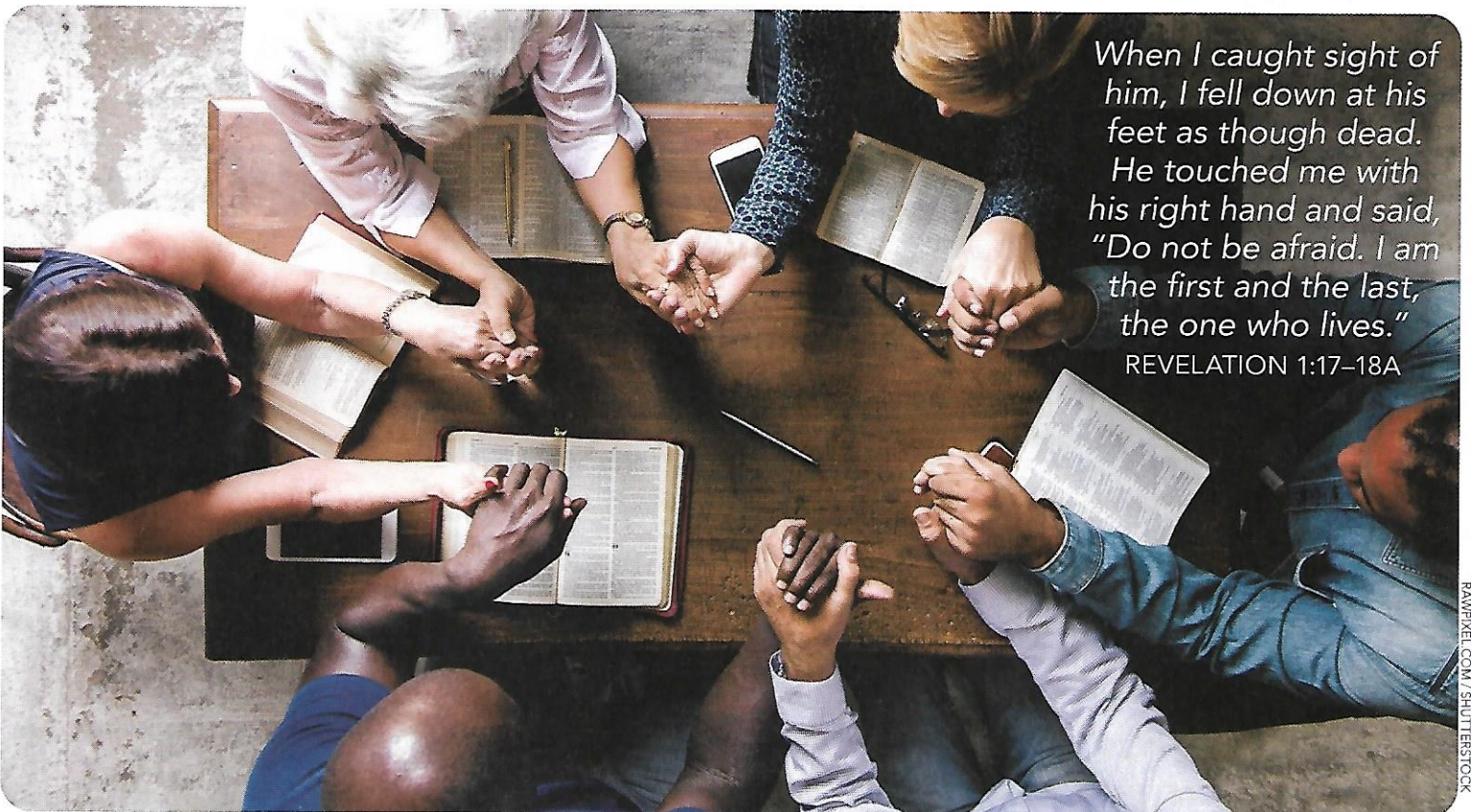
As today’s Gospel passage reports, gathered in a room, several disciples of Jesus experienced him truly among them. Thomas was absent. When the others told him what had occurred, he refused to take their word for it. To believe, he also would have to experience Jesus. It is unfair to credit them with faith and label him a doubter. After all, their experience probably convinced them, an event Thomas did not enjoy with the other disciples.

The point of this story is not Thomas’ eventual visit by Jesus or his subsequent profession of faith. Rather, it is the source of such a confession. Thomas was unwilling or unable to accept the truth of the resurrection unless he saw Jesus and touched him. Jesus told him: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). Blessed are you and me, who have come to know Jesus and the truth of his resurrection on the word of others—our parents and teachers, pastoral ministers and friends, those who have come to know him and who witness to this in their lives.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *If you lack faith, as seems to be the case with Thomas, pray for it.*
- ✦ *What do you do to learn more about the faith?*



When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives.”
REVELATION 1:17–18A

Dear Padre,

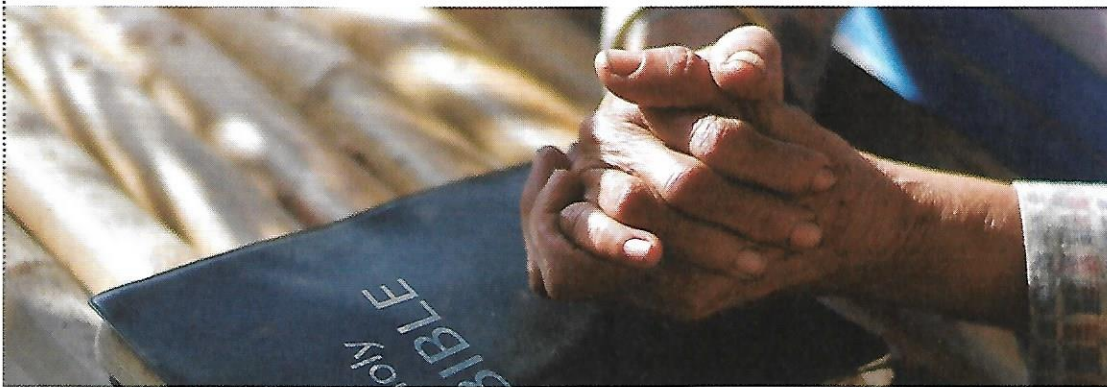
My friend is doing a Bible study, and part of the program is something called *lectio divina*. Is that a Catholic practice?

This method of listening to Scripture has the Church's approval. In fact, Catholic bishops have recommended *lectio divina* as an easy way for Catholics to become more familiar with the Bible. The practice of *lectio divina* is quite simple:

First, ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen. Then slowly read a short Scripture passage aloud. Listen for a word or phrase that strikes you. Next, think about why this word or phrase is so striking at this moment. Does the word or phrase touch your life right now? Then, ask God's help in making an important choice, or ask what the word or phrase that struck you in the first step means in your life. Finally, close your eyes, let go of all thoughts, and remain silent before God.

These parts have a logical progression, but it's not a hard-and-fast method. People who have been doing *lectio divina* for a long time sometimes move back and forth between parts. If you practice *lectio divina* regularly, over time your understanding of God's word will deepen.

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



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[*Lectio divina*] is first of all a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively—even more, I would say with “obedience” to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JANUARY 27, 2021

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 25
St. Mark,
Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b–14
Mk 16:15–20

Tuesday

APRIL 26
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

APRIL 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

APRIL 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

Friday

APRIL 29
St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

APRIL 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

MAY 1
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41
Rv 5:11–14
Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



Immaculate Conception Parish Family

161st YEAR OF SERVICE

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APRIL 24, 2022 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 25th
Tuesday, April 26th
Wednesday, April 27th
Thursday, April 28th
Friday, April 29th
Saturday, April 30th
Sunday, May 1st

NO Mass - Montgomery City

NO Mass - Montgomery City

NO Mass - Jonesburg

NO Mass - Montgomery City

NO Mass - Montgomery City

5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville

8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg

10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Melvin & Elizabeth Dixon



July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Church & School Financial Report:

Income **Expenses** **Difference**

March 2022 \$58,446.56 \$43,417.50 \$15,029.06

Fiscal Year July-March 2021-22 \$542,924.08 \$468,972.36 \$73,951.72

Needed Weekly - \$ 12,995.00

April 3rd - \$13,399.75

April 10th - \$10,642.75

April 17th - \$11,251.15

April 24th - \$

Last Week's Envelopes: 73 of 189

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

Thank you!! With God all things are possible!

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 May 1st

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	NO MASS	Michael Smith
Children's Liturgy	NO MASS	None at this time
Communion Minister	NO MASS	Megan Hans
Ministers of Hospitality	NO MASS	Jacob & Megan Hans Family Steve Williams
Servers	NO MASS	Owen Merz Carl Smith
Gift Bearers	NO MASS	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	NO MASS	Judy Cobb Elaine Winford

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

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, April 25th	NO MASS	Monday, April 25th	
Tuesday, April 26th	NO MASS - Montgomery City	Tuesday, April 26th	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration
Wednesday, April 27th	NO Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, April 27th	
Thursday, April 28th	NO Mass - Montgomery City	Thursday, April 28th	
Friday, April 29th	NO Mass - Montgomery City	Friday, April 29th	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - KC Ladies Aux. Spaghetti Luncheon 6:00 PM - ICS Spring Special at KC Hall
Saturday, April 30th	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville	Saturday, April 30th	4:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Spring Bingo, BBQ & Vendor Fair at KC Hall
Sunday, May 1st	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass -Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)	Sunday, May 1st	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!

Rick & Beth Boschert - 30 years of marriage on April 25th

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$ 85.00
Special Collections:	
Infirm Priests Fund	\$ 771.00

Thank you!



We want to thank everyone who signed up for the Easter Triduum Ministries, for decorating the church so beautifully, for the beautiful music, and those who took part in the Masses/Services. What a glorious Easter celebration we had!

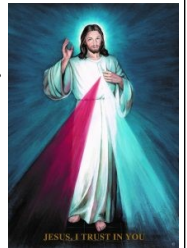
**Immaculate Conception School
"Spring Special"**



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)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified." *Apr 23, 2019*



Weekday Mass Schedule This Week

There will be no weekday Masses this week. Fr. Ernest will be on a Diocesan Retreat at Conception, Missouri.

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



Spring BBQ & BINGO will be held April 30th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 4:30 pm to serve food and vendor shopping for Mother's Day. You may have a full meal or just A-la-carte Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork, Brats w/Kraut, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, various desserts, Cheese Nachos, Beef Cheese Nachos. BINGO with cash prizes will begin at 6:30 pm there will be two sessions of 8 games each, second session begins at 8:00pm. There will be mini fun games played throughout the evening. A 50/50 Raffle will also be played. Come and enjoy a fun evening!



To our pie bakers, we would greatly appreciate baked pies for this event. Please bring them Friday night to the "Spring Special" at the KC Hall or Saturday to the KC Hall around 3:00 pm. Thank you!

Immaculate Conception School News



The children of ICS will be treated to a spaghetti lunch provided by Aggie Baldetti on April 29. Thank you, Aggie!

Please join us for our Spring Special Concert at the KC Hall on April 29 at 6pm (dress rehearsal at 1:30pm)

Home and School and Immaculate Conception Church BBQ and Bingo on April 30 at KC Hall starting 4:30pm. Please plan to attend!!

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.**

Spaghetti Luncheon

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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Catholic Home Missions Appeal



Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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.

Pilgrimage & Spiritual Retreat

Pilgrimage & Spiritual Retreat to New Mexico with Fr. Matthew Flatley October 24 - 29, 2022 Visit; Loretto Chapel, Christ in the Desert Monastery, Georgia O'Keefe Home, Cathedral of St. Francis, Santuario de Guadalupe, San Miquel Mission, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and more. E-mail mflatley@diojeffcity.org, call 573-202-3590 or visit <https://www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/pilgrimage-to-new-mexico-with-matthew-flatley> to learn more

St. Vincent dePaul News



The St. Vincent dePaul Society would like to THANK our parish family for the generous donations given to help those less fortunate. It is hard to believe that in March, we celebrated our 18th year as a service to our community. We were able to help 186 with visits and services and 43 people with furniture in 2021.

We had to temporarily discontinue the Meal-A-Month collection due to COVID and church renovations. We are ready to resume our monthly collections this weekend. The bags will be passed out after Mass on April 24th. Please return the bags the next Sunday. Items suggested are nonexpired canned goods, cereal, cleaning products, paper products, personal hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, combs, etc.

Our SVDP Gift Shop is up and running again. Please stop by and check out the many items we have for First Communion and Baptisms, Crucifixes, Bibles, Rosaries, and much more.

Let us praise you in the way you love best by shining on those around us. Let us preach without preaching, not by words but by our example. Be the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bears to you. Amen!

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!



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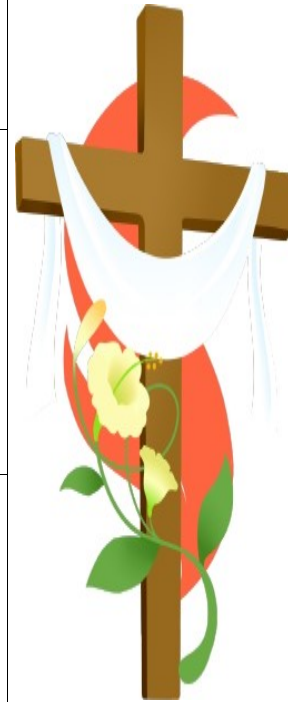
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STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

The ten counties of southern New Mexico that constitute the Diocese of Las Cruces have a small population spread across an area the size of the entire state of Ohio. Given a population density of only 17 people per square mile, priests often travel long distances over rugged mountainous and desert terrain to serve the faithful in local parishes. Despite the challenge of accessibility and a high poverty rate, the faithful of the diocese assist each other in creative ways to form disciples.

With a diocesan poverty rate ranging from 13% to 29%, parishes of limited means lack resources to provide catechetical textbooks and the other religious education materials that volunteer catechists need so they can provide children

and youth with quality religious education. Thanks to the generosity of local parishioners and support from Catholic Home Missions, the Diocese of Las Cruces has implemented a Mission Textbook Fund. Needy parishes and missions can apply for and receive the funds they need to purchase materials for their catechists to use in religious education programs. Since 2015, 18 parishes and missions in the diocese have benefited from the program. When you participate in the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, you become a neighbor to Catholics in Las Cruces and other home mission dioceses across the country that benefit from the collection.

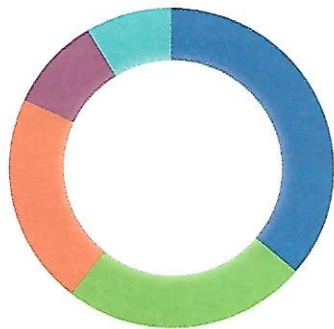
For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



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. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

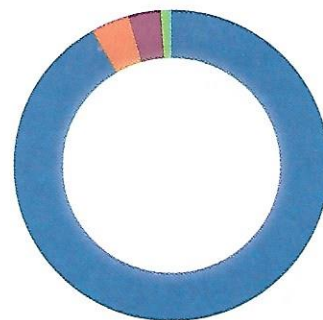
CHMA FINANCIALS 2020



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

*including Hispanic and other ethnic and cultural ministries



• Grants and Donations	91.68%
• Program Costs	3.95%
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.53%
• Administrative Expenses	0.81%
• Allocations—Internal Grants*	0.03%

*Internal grants include support for staff from CHM-funded dioceses to attend the national Pro-Life conference.

Total Expenses: \$10,382,605



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