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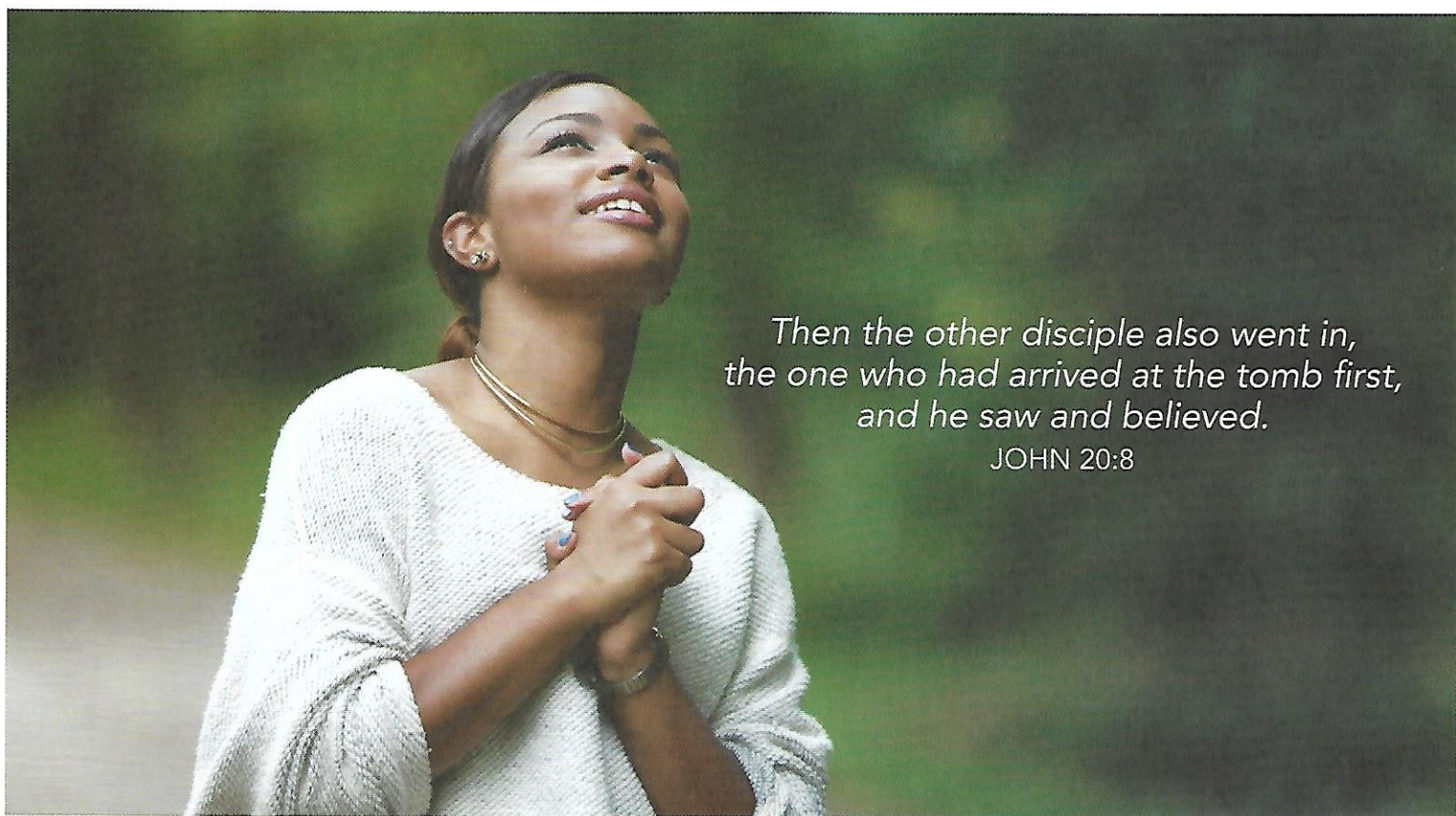
April 4, 2021

Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



*Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

Seeing Is Believing

Clever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase “seeing is believing” really doesn’t fit well.

In today’s first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It’s clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it

touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn’t to say that the revelations weren’t real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human.

Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ✳ *Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight? If so, how would you describe it?*
- ✳ *The risen Christ is with us still. Think about that for a moment.*

Dear Padre,

Why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not?

We ring bells because they make a beautiful sound for the Lord and for our ears. They signal something important; they bring us comfort in sorrow, and they double our joy. The official name for the bell ringing is *tintinnabulation*. As with many practices, tintinnabulation is present in many traditions worldwide. It's a beautiful way to focus the mind and heart, lifting the soul to God. I'll never forget the stirring sunrise tintinnabulation at Assisi on Easter Sunday.



Catholics ring bells at the Eucharist, during the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, at the showing of the consecrated bread and wine and, in some places, at the beginning of the preparation of the gifts and the Communion procession. We also ring bells to mark the morning, noon, and evening hours, at which times devotion recalls the Incarnation of Christ and the praying of the Angelus. Bells are rung to assemble the community for prayer and festivities. At weddings and funerals, bells declare that something important is happening—an event to be surrounded by beautiful sound.

But why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not? The books of the revised liturgy give an option, so some parish leaders choose to ring bells and others do not. However, in the Latin Mass, there is no option—the bells must be rung at set times.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

You cannot give [courage] to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter... With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken.

EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 11, 2020

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 5

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

APRIL 6

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36–41

Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

APRIL 7

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1–10

Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

APRIL 8

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11–26

Lk 24:35–48

Friday

APRIL 9

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1–12

Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

APRIL 10

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13–21

Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

APRIL 11

Second Sunday

of Easter

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 4:32–35

1 Jn 5:1–6

Jn 20:19–31



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APRIL 4, 2021 - EASTER SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 5th	NO MASS - Montgomery City
Tuesday, April 6th	NO MASS - Montgomery City
Wednesday, April 7th	NO MASS - Jonesburg
Thursday, April 8th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Fr. Ed Doyle
Friday, April 9th	8:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Lorraine Brower
Saturday, April 10th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Judy Cunningham
Sunday, April 11th	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
February 2021	\$75,568.00	\$65,558.17	\$10,009.83
Fiscal Year July - Feb. 2020-21	\$401,808.84	\$393,260.46	\$8,548.38
Needed Weekly	\$ 11,835.50		
March 28th - \$13,072.00 (2 weeks)			
April 4th - \$			
April 11th - \$			
April 18th - \$			
April 25th - \$			

Last Week's Envelopes: 72 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 4:10 PM Saturday or call for an appointment. Additional times have been schedule for Lent. See page 2

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 exit 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 10th & 11th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Michael Smith
Children's Liturgy	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Communion Ministers	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Kasey & Mary Pottebaum	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
Servers	Landon Pottebaum Reed Pottebaum	Chase Queathem Madison Queathem
Gift Bearers	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes Judy Cobb	Pam Schwartz Cathy McCormack

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

Monday, April 5th	NO MASS
Tuesday, April 6th	NO MASS - Montgomery City
Wednesday, April 7th	NO MASS - Jonesburg
Thursday, April 8th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, April 9th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, April 10th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 4:30 PM)
Sunday, April 11th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, April 5th	7:00 PM - St. Vincent De Paul
Tuesday, April 6th	
Wednesday, April 7th	5:00 PM - First Communion Practice 6:00 PM - Home & School 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus
Thursday, April 8th	10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance
Friday, April 9th	
Saturday, April 10th	
Sunday, April 11th	8:30 AM - 3rd/4th Grades PSR 10:00 AM Mass - First Communion 6:00 PM - 5th/6th Grades PSR 6:00 PM - Confirmation Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

Randy & Eileen Lotton - 35 years of marriage on April 4th.

Additional Financial Information (from the past two weeks)

Capital Improvements	\$ 863.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 525.00
Special Collections:	
3 in 1 Collection	\$ 160.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 20.00
Infirm Priest Fund	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 10.00

St. Vincent dePaul Collection

This weekend is the first full weekend in April and there will be a collection for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul. A basket marked "St. Vincent dePaul" will be placed in the church vestibule where donations can be placed. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Holy Week Livestreamed Liturgies

If you are unable to attend the Holy Week Liturgies in person but would like to via the internet, the Cathedral of St. Joseph will have them livestreamed. Below is the schedule of the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday: April 1, 2021, 7:00 PM
Good Friday: April 2, 2021, 7:00 PM
Easter Vigil: April 3, 2021, 8:30 PM
Easter Sunday: April 4, 2021, 10:00 AM



Have a joyous and blessed Easter! Thank you for making it a time of great prayer and reflection.

Thank you to all the people who came and cleaned the church & organized my garage last Saturday. Everything looks great!

Fr. Hartley

First Communion Practice

In preparation for First Holy Communion on May 11th, we will have practice on Wednesday, April 7th at 5:00 PM in the church.



Confirmation Practice



Practice for Confirmation will be on Wednesday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena for the Divine Mercy closes on Sunday April 11th. Everyone is invited to attend a service at St. Patrick's Church in Jonesburg on Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 p.m.



Infirm Priest Assessment

Our Parish has been assessed, by the Diocese, \$180.00 for the Infirm Priest Fund. You received an envelope for this in your April mailing. Any shortfall of this offering will be made up from the parish's general operating fund.

Immaculate Conception School News

April 6th - School Resumes

ICS is now enrolling for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

ECLC Happenings

"Thank you" to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul for their donation of a craft cart and a tub of ribbons. We are excited these and have put them to very good use!

ECLC is now enrolling for Preschool and school aged summer care with our ECLC program. For more information, please contact Peggy Brower at (573) 564-2679.

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.**



Dear parishioners,

We are so grateful for every penny of every contribution toward our goal. In the summer of 2019, our committee was formed and given the task of evaluating what needed to be done and what we would like to see done. Then we developed a budget for making that happen. Our committee is made up of five members: Amanda Arens, Courtney Cothren, Jacob Lotton, Pat Stumbaugh, and Laura Yelton. We are very committed to the list we identified and committed to raising the money to make that happen.

Looking back to one of our very first actions, on recommendation, we polled the congregation to see if there was interest in re-installing the wooden altars that were part of our church sanctuary over 60 years ago. There was overwhelming support to make that happen. That became the impetus behind much of the work we have done. As I said, we first decided what HAD to be done and then moved on to what we wanted to see done. In order to get the altars back in the church, several interior changes will have to be made. However, prior to any of that, we had needs to make sure our church building would still be here for years to come.

We are currently at \$209,600 in pledges and contributions. Our goal is \$850,000. We are doing the work on the outside first - mainly because we were in great NEED of a new roof. With our current balance of donations, we can pay for the concrete work (which includes new sidewalks all the way around and a new truly accessible front entrance) and we believe we will be able to pay for the new entrance to the church and new front doors. Without more contributions, we will not be able to move to the interior of the church. The altars going back in will be one of the very last steps

Prior to that we have stained glass windows to repair and enhance, moisture in the walls to remove, construction to allow for the configuration of the altars, remodel of the bathroom, cry room, and confessional areas, painting of the interior, and new flooring.

If you have followed our updates and information about the work we hope to do, you know we also hope to create a fellowship area out of the current rectory and build a new rectory. However, we have always



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

April 9, 2021 - 5-8:00 PM - Martinsburg's Famous Fried Chicken Dinner - American Legion Hall, Martinsburg
April 16, 2021 - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - KOC Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti Luncheon, Knights of Columbus Hall

said we will only do what we have the money to do. As we get enough money for the next project, we get it scheduled and move forward.

We need your help. If you have not yet donated, we hope you will consider helping us with this campaign. If you have already donated and feel moved to give more, we are grateful. Our church is more than this building; it is the people who gather here. But we want to have a place to gather for generations to come. It is time we take care of our physical church. We truly hope you will help us in that endeavor.

If you are interested in filling out a pledge card, there are more in the vestibule. You will also find some colored envelopes back there if you would like to make a donation. Make sure you write capital campaign in the memo of your check. If you place the check in the brightly colored envelopes, we know that is for the Capital Campaign.

If you would like to know more, there is a video on the church Facebook page that explains our process and shows some pictures of where we are headed. Or, feel free to reach out to the people on our committee -again - Amanda Arens, Courtney Cothren, Jacob Lotton, Pat Stumbaugh or Laura Yelton.

This year is the 160th anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish. Investing in our church would be a great way to celebrate that milestone.

Stay safe. Happy Easter and God bless you and yours.

School Track Schedule

IC School Athletics: 7th and 8th grade ICS students are eligible to participate with the public school 7th and 8th grade sports throughout the school year. Track season has started and Hudson Schroeder - 8th grade - is on the track team. All "Home" track meets are at the R2 High School Track. You are welcome to attend the meets to support ICS! The "Home" meets are listed:



Thursday, April 15th - 4:15 p.m.
Monday, May 3rd - 3:45 p.m.
Friday, May 7th - 4:15 p.m.

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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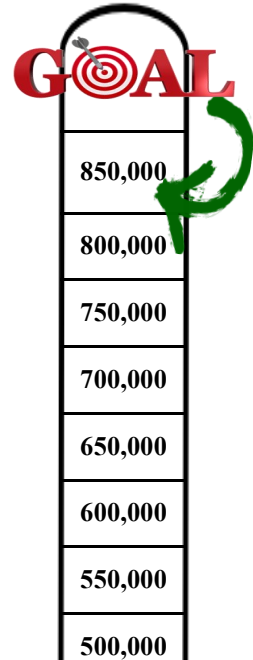
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