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## **SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. —Lk 24:35

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**APRIL 26, 2020**

Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary - is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.



## Gospel Meditation ~ Third Sunday of Easter

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of "walking" life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a "Eucharistic" encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

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However, parishioners may still continue to **mail in the weekly parish envelopes OR drop them off in the MAIL SLOT at the 7th Ave. Entrance Door.**

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## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~

### Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the "Show Me" state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: "Say what you mean and mean what you say."

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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No new Mass Intentions will be taken or rescheduled until the diocesan directive has been lifted and we are back to a normal schedule.

Thank you for your patience and kind understanding



## In Memoriam ~ 2020-21

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| <p>In loving memory of our Families:<br/>The Carlsons, The Mardigans,<br/>The Foleys &amp; The Butlers<br/>requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/7/21</p> | <p>In loving memory of<br/>Albert P Morelli,<br/>Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan<br/>requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/10/21</p> | <p>In loving memory of<br/>Joseph V Germano<br/>requested by the Family</p> <p>1/10/21</p>  |
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### Readings for the Week of April 26, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

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

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

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

*St. Joseph the Worker:* Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

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

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



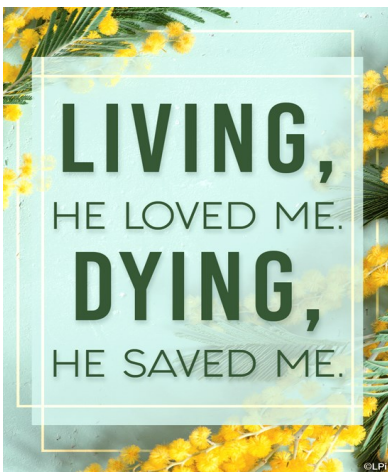
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Adam & Katherine Novak  
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5/10/20

### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Due to closure of parish business office the Finance and Administration section will resume at a later date.

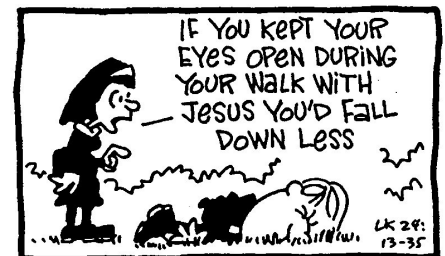
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Let us continue to pray for the well-being of one another, and an end to this virus.

### 34 SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Lighter Side ~ Divine Direction

A guy named Joe found himself in dire trouble. His business had gone bust, and he was in serious financial trouble. He was so desperate that he decided to ask God for help.

He began to pray, "God, please help me. I've lost my business, and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto."

Lotto night came, but somebody else won it.

Joe again prayed, "God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business and house, and I'm going to lose my car as well."

Lotto night came, but Joe still had no luck.

Once again, he prayed, "My God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, house, and car. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help, and I've always been a good servant to you. Please just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order."

Suddenly, there was a blinding flash of light as the heavens opened. Joe was confronted by the voice of God himself. "Joe, meet me halfway on this. Buy a ticket!" ©LPi