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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Father John Meyer, Pastor

Weekly Meditation

*Were not our hearts burning within us
while he . . . opened the Scriptures to us?
(Luke 24:32)*

In today's familiar Gospel, a disciple named Cleopas and his companion walked the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were leaving Jerusalem, a place of disappointment and dashed hopes, where their Master had suffered and died. But on that path of sadness and doubt, Jesus spoke and "opened the Scriptures" to them, even though they failed to recognize him (Luke 24:32).

Patently, Jesus explained how all the Scriptures pointed to him. Step-by-step, the risen One brought their faith back to life. Perhaps the women's story of an empty tomb could be true! Could this have been God's plan all along? Slowly, their grief-stricken hearts grew warm; they hungered to hear more. "Stay with us," they pleaded (Luke 24:29). And once he broke the bread, their eyes were opened: they knew it was Jesus.

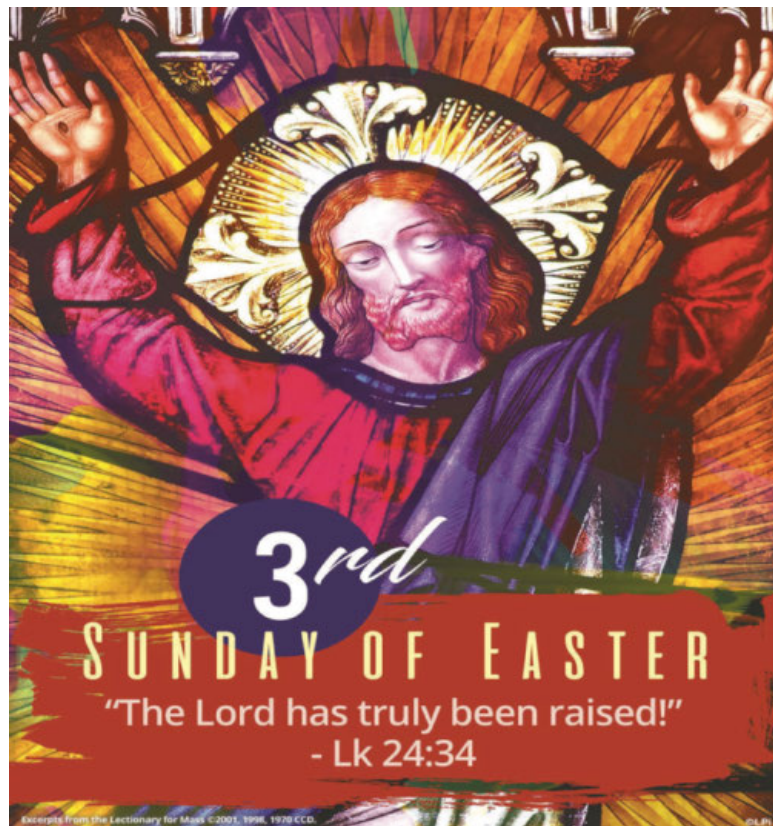
Today the same Jesus who walked the road to Emmaus will be speaking to *you* through the Scriptures at Mass. These aren't just wise words from a gifted teacher or an ancient book. It is Jesus himself, the living Word of God, speaking to you. He will meet you wherever you are: whether you're just starting out in your journey of faith or you've been following him for years. Whether you have questions or you're sure of what you believe, Jesus will still open his word to you. He loves to stir your heart!

Don't you want the hope that comes from hearing Jesus speak his words? Don't you want more confidence that he will speak to you through his words? And don't you want deeper faith that he is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, on the altar? Jesus wants this even more than you do!

Open your heart to the Lord; listen as he speaks through his word. He will not disappoint.

*"Jesus, help me to hear you speak through the
Scriptures today."*

The Word Among Us - April 2023 Edition



Eucharistic Adoration Thursday, April 27th

Come to pray and worship Jesus between the hours of 8:30AM and 7:00 PM. Reservations are not required, drop in and spend as much time as you like. If you can commit to a time, to ensure that someone is always present with the Holy Eucharist, a sign-up will be available in the gathering space. Please consider taking a few moments to show your love and adoration for Jesus during this Easter Season.

*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him
(Psalm 37:7)*

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
8:00 am (There is no daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Saturday Mass)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 29th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Michael & Ethan Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Bren Stepp & Jeff Burkhardt

Greeter: Linda Zimmermann

Lector: Jessica Magrum

Sacristan: Renee Logeais

Ushers: Cliff Zimmermann, Loren Frappier, Mike Zuehlke, & Mark Logeais

Sunday, April 30th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Caleb Danzeisen & Celia Erickson

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry May & Michael Holthaus

Greeter: Mary Jo Logeais

Lector: Angela Meuwissen

Live Stream: Pat Athman

Sacristan: Jennifer Braun

Ushers: Tom Gay, Jerry Elsenpeter, Steve Logeais & Peter Braun

Sunday, April 30th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Alter Servers: Lucy & Molly Schnabel

Eucharistic Ministers: Roger & Karen Millner

Greeter: Heather Ergen

Lector: Mary Nowak

Sacristan: Shelly Naaktgeboren

Ushers: David Spike, Josh Paumen, Al Guck & Craig Arends



Thursday, April 27: Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am -7:00 pm

Saturday, April 29: Confirmation Send Off Mass

Sunday, April 30: Donut Sunday

Sunday, May 7: First Communion 10:30 Mass

Thursday, May 11: Confirmation
(St. Paul Cathedral) 7 pm

Sunday, May 14: Graduation Mass 8:30 am

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It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw Him for who He was—God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see. ©LPi

Community News

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CCW Corner

Mark your calendars for our meetings: July 6th, October 5th and January 4th. All meetings will be at 6:30 pm in the gathering space.

St. Ignatius Prayer Chain

Help us strengthen our parish prayer chain. We are looking for additional volunteers to add to our list of prayer warriors. When the parish receives a prayer request, the prayer chain is initiated by a phone call. This volunteer opportunity is open to all ages, it is flexible with your schedule, and can be done in the comfort of your home. Please consider helping our parish family in their time of need. A sign up sheet is available in the gathering space, or you can call the parish office to volunteer.

Watering of Flowers

The Environment and Arts Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with watering flowers during the Easter season. Rotations will be once a week through May 24th. Please call the parish office if interested in helping.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next weekend, April 29th & 30th, we will take up a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of 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. A collection envelope is enclosed in the bulletin or available on the table in the gathering space.

Pray for Our Youth

Please remember in your prayers all of our youth preparing for their upcoming First Communion and Confirmation. Please also pray for those in our church family that will be graduating in the class of 2023.



May Blood Drive

The Blood Mobile will be at St. Ignatius on Thursday, May 18th from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. To schedule an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org, enter zip code 55302, find the St. Ignatius location on the list, select a time, and register or call 1-800-givelife.

*Please join us
as we welcome new members
and guests to the parish*

DONUT SUNDAY



**April 30th
following 8:30 am & 10:30am Masses**



Action Alert from Minnesota Catholic Conference

Our state lawmakers need to hear from us. There are multiple bills being considered that will impact children and families here in MN. Visit MNCatholic.org/ActionAlerts to find the latest alerts from the Minnesota Catholic Conference on a variety of key issues being discussed at the legislature. From there, you will have all the information you need on an issue to send your legislators an email or video or call them to discuss your support or opposition on a given issue.

Central Minnesota Koinonia

We are called to bring the love of Christ to the world. We can help you discover how! CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for May 5-7, 2023, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Gospel Meditation

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

— Father John Muir

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Readings for the week of April 23, 2023

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/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/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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 Ron Hoffman
 Ronda O'Brien
 Russ Fortner
 Peggy Jo Fortner
 James Utecht
 Jack Driste
 Mary Malachuk

Prayer requests and Mass intentions
 can be made through the Parish Office

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 22nd

5:00 pm † Ervin Schreifels

Sunday, April 23rd

8:30 am † Shari Danzeisen

10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, April 24th

6:00 pm Parishioners

Tuesday, April 25th

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, April 26th

8:00 am Parishioners

Thursday, April 27th

8:00 am † Shari Danzeisen

Friday, April 28th

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius. Mass available at St. Timothy's in Maple Lake (8:00 am)

Saturday, April 29th

5:00 pm † Gordon Diethert

Sunday, April 30th

8:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am † Kathy & Michael Allen Preston

STEWARDSHIP

Projected weekly giving.....\$5,890.00
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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9am-1pm - Wed., 11am to 9 pm

Youth Minister: **Bernie Gauthé** bernie@stignatiusmn.com

Hours: Wed. 2:00 pm– 9:00 pm, Thurs 8:00 am– 12:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page
and You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

8:00 am (No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Saturday
Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class before the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know would like one of our home visitors to stop by your residence for companionship, prayer, or have communion brought to you, please call or email the parish to make arrangements (contact information above)

**Bulletin Deadline is Tuesdays at noon,
any early deadlines will be noted in the bulletin**



Have You Heard?

**GOD IS DOING SOMETHING
NEW—AND HE IS CALLING
YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!**

We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why? Because the Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

Scan the code to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!

eucharisticrevival.org



The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, converted, united, and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist — the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The National Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress are a direct response to the Holy Father's call for a "pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are" so that the Church in the United States might be "permanently in a state of mission" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 25). This eucharistic movement seeks to bring together clergy, religious, laity, apostolates, movements, and parish and diocesan leaders to spur momentum, collaboration, and lasting impact for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the U.S. over three years. Each year will have a strategic focus for formation and missionary discipleship.

Year One (2022-2023): Year of Diocesan Revival

During the first year, the U.S. bishops invited their presbyterates, diocesan teams, and parish leaders to a renewed love for Jesus in the Eucharist by hosting and highlighting diocesan-wide events such as eucharistic congresses and days of formation centered on the mystery of the Eucharist in the life of the Church.

Year Two (2023-2024): Year of Parish Revival

During the Parish Year, pastors will invite their parishioners and staff to become even more truly and deeply eucharistic communities through small groups, increased exploration of the sacrifice of the Mass, eucharistic adoration, catechetical studies on the Real Presence of Christ, parish-sponsored processions, and other activities to enable deeper encounters with Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Year Three (2024-2025): Year of the National Eucharistic Congress and Missionary Sending

During the third year, the Church will gather for the first National Eucharistic Congress in almost fifty years, where approximately 80,000 Catholics are anticipated to draw close to Jesus in the Eucharist by way of a pilgrimage to Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. The intended fruit of the Congress is to prepare the faithful from around the country to go out to the peripheries of their communities as "eucharistic missionaries" filled with the flame of divine charity for those around them.

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