



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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*April 26, 2020*

All public Masses and other devotions  
have been suspended until further  
notice from the Archdiocese

St. Joseph Chapel will remain available  
for Eucharistic Adoration (code 145)

Our livestream daily Masses can be found  
on the parish website or on YouTube

Jesus, our Eternal King,  
have mercy on us.

## Sacraments

- Reconciliation:** Wednesday in church, 7pm  
Saturday following 8am Mass
- Marriage:** Contact the parish office  
at least six months prior to the wedding
- Baptism:** Contact the parish office  
to register for class and to arrange date
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:**  
Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office



## *Deeper Understanding of Scripture*

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.

## Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

### Parish Staff

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Fr. Tom Miller, Pastor *askpadre@aol.com*  
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### Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion  
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Confirmation Preparation  
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass  
Adult Education  
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

### Quick Contacts Directory

#### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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Ruth Willis 636-398-4597  
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Cub Scouts: Adam McCarthy 636-634-7622  
Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177  
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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

#### Youth and Young Adults

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Janet Hespen 314-369-6521  
Young Adults  
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

## *Faith and Trust in Our Lord*

Blessed Easter!!! As we continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection I wanted to share a prayer I came across a couple of years ago in my own exploration of the treasury of Catholicism. As you pray it, remember that we can seek miracles while at the same time placing our trust in God's providential goodness.

### **The Miracle Prayer**

Lord Jesus, I come before you, just as I am.

I am sorry for my sins. I repent of my sins. Please forgive me.

In Your Name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me.

I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works.

I give you my entire self.

Lord Jesus, now and forever, I invite you into my life.

I accept you as my Lord, God and Savior.

Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit.

Come, Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit.

I love you Lord Jesus. I praise you Jesus. I thank you Jesus. I shall follow you every day of my life.

Amen.

Blessed Virgin Mary, help me.

Amen.

In union with the Angels that surround the Tabernacle, I adore You, O Blood of Jesus.

Amen.

Catholic Way Publishing. My Daily Prayers

## *3rd Sunday of Easter—Year A*

[Two totally discouraged disciples were returning home to Emmaus on Easter. They were unaware that Jesus had risen. Suddenly Jesus came alongside them, but they didn't recognize him. They figured he was just a stranger who wanted company. When they got to Emmaus, they asked him in for supper.] He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. LUKE 24:30-31

Noreen Towers was working among the poor with no evident success. One night she went to bed very discouraged. The next morning, shortly after waking, Jesus seemed to speak to her, saying, "Can you not trust my plan for you?" That split-second experience changed her from a defeated person into a person with unshakeable faith. What did I learn from a discouraging moment in my life?

*How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Christ enter in?* OSCAR WILDE

Fr. Mark Link S.J. (Action 2000)

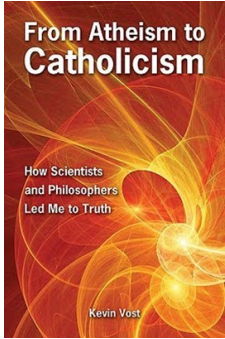
One of our parishioners is making face masks out of old flannel sheets. If you have a set you are no longer using and would like to donate them for this purpose, please bring them to the office. Thanks!



## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 4000 items, the Parish Library is located in the **Grand Hall** past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the **Narthex**

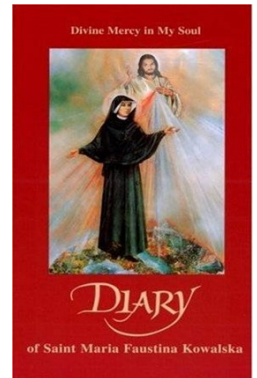
### From the Parish Library (Grand Hall)



God was dead to Kevin Vost for most of his adult life. Baptized, confirmed, and raised Catholic, at age 17 Vost left it all behind as he immersed himself in atheism for a period that lasted over two decades. Paralleling a successful career as a psychologist and professor, Vost allowed his clinical perspective to drive his faith perspective as well, falling into a common trap for many Catholics. This timely book's unique approach gives credit where credit is due, as Vost describes the good elements in the thinking of several famous atheists. But then, from experience and logic, he shows how each of these thinkers falls short. From there, Vost opens the doors to the philosophers and psychologists whose work, implicitly or explicitly, has paved the way toward belief in God, and even in Jesus Christ. And finally, from the perspective of a clinical psychologist, Vost unveils how theologians, popes, and Catholic philosophers persuaded him to abandon this atheism and embrace faith in Christ and the Church.

*From a review on Amazon:* I first read Saint Faustina's book *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul* when she was plain old Sister Faustina. The book freaked me out in several places, especially the locutions from Jesus and the visions of the afterlife. I was drawn to the book, but it frightened me, when I had just come back to the Church after a period of atheism. This was the mid-1980's also, when visionaries, mystics and classic Catholic spirituality was on the wane in the United States. Devotional books as intense as Saint Faustina's had given way to more careful, distanced spirituality. So I put the book away. I came back to it several times over the years, and always found much to intrigue, inspire and challenge me. I found it again in a Eucharistic Adoration chapel a few months ago, and bought it for myself after using it to great effect in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament exposed. At this point, in my sixth decade of life, with classic Catholicism in full bloom wherever I look, I am finding it a wonderful book to deepen my knowledge of and relationship with Christ. I highly recommend it to Christians, especially Catholics, of all ages. When I first picked the book up in the 80's, Eucharistic Adoration was a dream from the past, as were novenas, the rosary, Benediction, and other devotions and practices of my childhood.

Today's younger Catholics are fortunate to once again have ready access to all of the traditional and classic modes of prayer and devotion that have nourished the Catholic faithful over the centuries. This book was made for the ages -- and the Divine Mercy is now coming into Its own.



## *Please pray for all the sick and suffering:*

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen, Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Walt Reel, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart, Dan Brothers, Cindy White, Janie Roth,

David & Lisa Debold and Ratha Beymer (Dave & Pam DeBold's children and Pam's mother),  
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel), Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),  
Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),  
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor), Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde),  
Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),  
Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen),  
Jim Raymond (brother of Alan & Marsha Raymond)

**Hospitalization:** If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

**Communion Calls:** If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

**Prayer Requests:** Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email [brhutchcraft@centurytel.net](mailto:brhutchcraft@centurytel.net)

## PSR Corner

### FORMED.ORG

We are fortunate that for years now we already have a system in place for "home-schooling" as part of our regular PSR program. The Faith and Life textbooks that are used have an online counterpart at [www.MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com](http://www.MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com). Along with all the prayers and works of home/spiritual life/climate that parents strive to set for their children, they also have a user-friendly, easily accessible tool in their homes to exercise their role as "first teachers" of their children in the way of faith. PSR catechists and the program at the parish is that "vitamin supplement" to the "meal" that is home life. With this "imposed monasticism" via the coronavirus, we hope all parents will have their sons and daughters finish out the year via the online program. It looks as if PSR students will no longer meet this year as a group. Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation are still projected to take place on Pentecost. As soon as we know for sure, we will let everyone know.



## Contributions, April 19

General Offertory:	\$89,772.50
Online — General Offertory:	\$6,312.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,084.83</b>

*"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?"  
(Luke 24: 32)*

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

*We pray ... that we take time in silence,  
every day, to ask God what He wants us to do.*

## Needed at the Pantry

sugar, jelly, fruit juices, canned fruit, peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple, pears, chicken broth, laundry detergent, dish soap, shaving lotion, saltines, cake mixes, icing, bar soap, toothpaste and paper products



In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 13 families, providing \$3,120 in food, \$3,635.12 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!**

### Please pray for our troops:

Ian Bagby—U.S. Army  
Randy Brittingham—U.S. Air Force  
Gregory Conners—U.S. Army  
Luke Cwiklowski—U.S. Navy  
Joseph Gardner—U.S. Navy  
Nicholas Hitt—U.S. Army  
Jacob Holstein—U.S. Marines  
Courtney Kelley (Swoboda) - U.S. Air Force  
Angela Kettler—U.S. Navy  
Alexandra McIntosh—U.S. Navy  
Danielle McIntosh—U.S. Marines  
Richard Ostermeyer—U.S. Marines  
Matthew Rison—U.S. Navy  
Molly Rison—U.S. Navy  
Eric Roethler—U.S. Marines  
Andrew Salmo—U.S. Army  
Matthew Stovall—U.S. Marines  
Blake Varady—U.S. Army  
Alexander Vesel—U.S. Navy

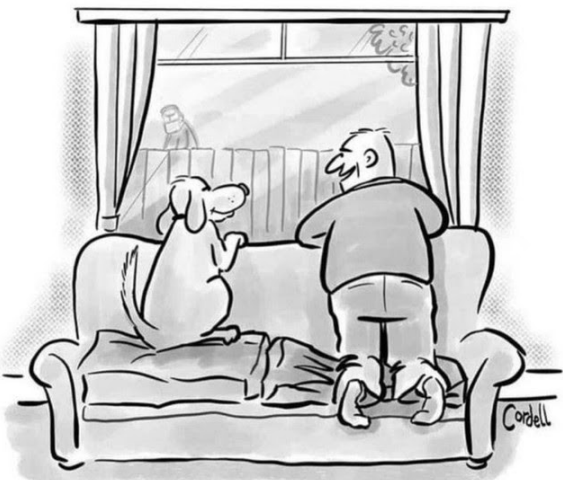
and all U.S. military men and women  
who have dedicated their lives  
to preserve and protect our country  
(if you would like your loved one listed,  
please contact the church office)



Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society are shown here with face masks on for protection and keeping safe distance, all the while assisting those who come needing extra help from the food pantry. Please, if you can help, take note of the shopping list above and bring your food donations to church. The cart is in the narthex, near Weber Hall. Monetary help is always deeply appreciated!!

## What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

- There are acts which, independently of circumstances and \_\_\_\_\_, are always wrong by reason of their object; such as blasphemy and perjury, murder and adultery.  
a. people                      b. intentions  
c. locations                  d. countries
- One may not do evil so that \_\_\_\_\_ may result from it.  
a. bad                          b. ugly  
c. indifference              d. good
- Feelings or passions are emotions or movements that include us to act or not to act in regard to something felt or imagined to be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. happy, sad                  b. right, good  
c. good, evil                   d. good, doubtful
- Our Lord called man's \_\_\_\_\_ the source from which the passions spring.  
a. lust                          b. mind  
c. heart                        d. body
- There are many passions; the most fundamental passion is \_\_\_\_\_, aroused by the attraction of the good.  
a. envy                        b. greed  
c. love                         d. lust
- To love is to \_\_\_\_\_ the good of another.  
a. hope for                   b. will  
c. experience                d. discuss
- Passions are morally good when they contribute to a \_\_\_\_\_ action, evil in the opposite case.  
a. positive                    b. good  
c. helpful                     d. negative
- Deep within his \_\_\_\_\_ man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey.  
a. bible                        b. conscience  
c. culture                     d. world
- Its voice, ever calling him to \_\_\_\_\_ and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment.  
a. shout                        b. cry out  
c. respond                    d. love
- For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God; his conscience is man's most secret core and his \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. apple                        b. tabernacle  
c. all in all                    d. sanctuary



*"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house."*



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

**No gatherings of Youth Group  
until we get the "all clear"**

## A Big Event Coming Up

July 17 through 19 is a youth group event called **Steubenville** for 9th thru 12th grades. It is such a fun trip you won't want to miss it!! Our Youth Ministry office with the St. Louis Archdiocese has a great program set up for us. We stay on the Missouri State campus in Springfield, MO. For more info, check out <https://steubystl.com> or just google Steubenville STL Mid-America. There are some really good YouTube videos you can check out, too. I need to send a deposit, so let me know ASAP.

## Readings of the Week

Sun: 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  
Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29  
Tue: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab  
[6a]/Jn 6:30-35  
Wed: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40  
Thu: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51  
Fri: 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  
Sat: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69



## Pope's Intentions for April: Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.

On the bright side, I am no longer calling this shelter-in-place. I am an artist-in-residence.

If you thought toilet paper was crazy ... just wait until 300 million people all want a haircut appointment.

My Mom always told me I wouldn't accomplish anything by laying in the bed all day, but look at me now! I'm saving the world!



✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of  
**Morel "Bud" Stientjes**

husband of Elaine Stientjes

**Evan Kielty**

relative of Paul & Sue McNeill

**Chuck Nour**

brother of Maureen Blondin

**Jerry Molitor**

brother of Richard & Bill Molitor, Flo Joerling & Loretta Bruns

May they and all the faithful departed  
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.



We welcome to our parish family  
through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
**Micah Richard Angarita Duggan**  
son of Kevin and Amanda (Angarita) Duggan

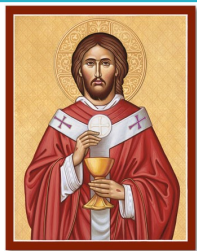
**Helping  
Hearts  
Community  
Service  
Ministry**



We are a group of IHM volunteers who wish to provide physical assistance to our neighbors who are unable to help themselves because of physical limitations. We can help with:

- ♥ Transportation to/from medical appointments, grocery stores and churches
- ♥ Install support bars for showers and tubs
- ♥ Install ramps for people having trouble with mobility
- ♥ Simple tasks: replacing lightbulbs and other simple household jobs
- ♥ Remove obstacles or debris: fallen tree limbs, etc.

Please pick up a brochure from our IHMformation Station for phone contacts and further information.



*World Day of  
Prayer for Vocations  
is Sunday, May 3*

Pope Francis issued this statement: "Dear Friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us."

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| 3. good, evil 1763 | 9. love 1766       |
| 6. will 1766       | 10. sanctuary 1766 |
| 7. good 1768       |                    |
| 8. conscience 1766 |                    |

**Catholic IQ Answers**



Thank you, St. Jude, for your intercession. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Help of the Hopeless, pray for us.

*Special Thanks to our Electronic Givers*

We would like to thank the many families who are currently giving electronically. Though we cannot gather as "family" right now, your consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving program. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact the parish office, or check it out on our website: [www.ihm-newmelle.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.org). These gifts are especially appreciated during this time of separation, and our grateful thanks to the new donors who have recently begun using electronic offertory.

## *Every Home is a Home-School*

The coronavirus has created a shift in how society is thinking and practicing schooling. With the “public” schools shut down, the “private” schools of home life are front and center. For the minority of families who already practice home-school, nothing has really changed much, but for the majority of homes it can become somewhat of a challenge, as many funny memes and images on the internet have expressed.



One of the things that every Catholic Christian parent needs to recall is that the home has always been and will always be, the first “school” a child is to experience. While various educational “subjects” like math, English, biology, spelling, languages, etc can be taught, supplemented through the help of external schools, the main “subject” that is in the primary domain of mom and dad is Christ, the teaching and discipline of faith and morals, the active practice of the Catholic faith.

In a Catholic St. Louis magazine, Archbishop Carlson wrote, “Parents are called to be the first teachers of the faith. Our parishes, schools and religious education programs supplement what children learn at home. Catechetical programs can play an important role, but they do not replace the original faith formation that happens in the family. Christ should be at the center of what every child learns from his or her parents and / or guardians at home. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said many times, Christian life is not about rules and regulations or a set of formulaic principles for right living. Christianity is about the personal relationship with Jesus Christ that allows us to live as free people who have experienced hope and joy in him.” The Archbishop concludes, “A Catholic family is alive in Christ when Jesus is present – as the chief teacher, as the primary subject and as the foundation for all that is taught and experienced by parents, children and extended family members.”

No easy task to be sure, but as Mother Teresa said, it is not about success but striving to be faithful to the task. Some questions for all of us, particularly those with school aged children at home are, “What does my home life look like? Is Christ at the center? What would my own kids say? How can we strive to make it so? Lord, how can we make it so? You know, Lord what we’re up against in the culture, with laziness, indifference, stubbornness of kids, teens.....and the difficulty of prayer and spiritual works. Show us the way.

## *A Message from Mercy Hospitals, St. Louis*

Our mission is to bring to life the healing ministry of Jesus, even and especially amidst a global healthcare crisis.

During these unprecedented times, Mercy’s goal is to offer safe alternatives to in-person office visits for both adult and pediatric care. As a leader in virtual care, we have options to meet our patients’ health care needs without waiting for social distancing restrictions to be lifted. Video and phone visits help our patients to meet with their providers securely and confidentially. They’re designed to provide the care patients need within a reasonable amount of time. Video visits are available at all Mercy clinics and Mercy GoHealth Urgent Care locations.

We also know that some conditions and some patients require in-person care. So, our facilities are open and we are here to take care of our patients. To help determine the best option for your current health needs, please contact your local provider’s office, schedule an appointment with your provider on MyMercy or Mercy.net, or go online to schedule a Mercy GoHealth Urgent Care location.

On behalf of everyone here at Mercy St. Louis, we want to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to caring for you and your loved ones as we navigate our course through the COVID-19 pandemic. Please feel free to reach out to Robin at 314-330-0683 with any questions, concerns, or if there’s anything she can do to be of service to you directly.