



“Blessed are you....Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12



## Blessed Are Our Hassles

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**s much as we all might like a hassle-free life, for the person of faith the Beatitudes are markers of when God slips into our consciousness. They are life’s doorways to a deepening sense of God-with-us.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit” is not about material poverty, though it may include such times. To be poor in spirit is to be dependent upon God because we have run out of our own self-sufficiencies. There is nowhere else to go.

“Blessed are they who mourn” is about times when we grieve the loss of someone or something we love deeply. Who or what will now sustain us?

“Blessed are the meek” is about giving up the need to have our own way all the time. It recognizes that sometimes God’s way is breaking into what we prefer.

“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,” that is, for a relationship with God. It is ultimately a hunger for harmony.

“Blessed are the merciful” is about being forgiving and about those who live out the corporal works of mercy—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and the rest. In them we find the presence of God.

“Blessed are the clean of heart” is when we come to realize we cannot have it all. Then there is only one who will satisfy our longing.

“Blessed are the peacemakers” are those who not only love peace but work for peace, for God is peace.

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.” They live for an ultimate good greater than their own. ●

### Reflect

**Which Beatitude would be a good title  
for your autobiography?**

**Which Beatitude needs the greatest growth  
in your life?**



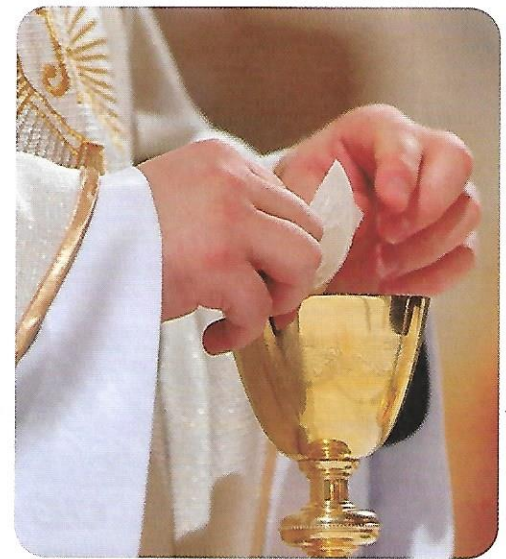
# Dear Padre,

**At Mass, why does the priest put a part of the consecrated host into the chalice?**

The celebration of the Eucharist was known as “the breaking of the bread” in the Acts of the Apostles (2:42). “The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name, signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Corinthians 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ...” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 83). At Mass, bread is broken and wine is poured for Communion, just as the Body of Christ was broken and the Blood of Christ was poured out on the cross. In this fraction rite, we recognize Christ in “the breaking of the bread,” as did his disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 23:30–31).

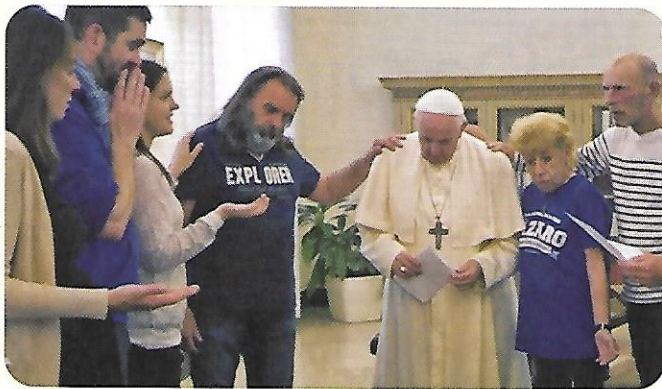
After the fraction of the bread, the priest places a small piece of it into the chalice “to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious” (*GIRM* 83). This rite is called the commingling.

While the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”) accompanies the fraction of the bread, the priest quietly recites a prayer of preparation for Communion “so that he may fruitfully receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful do the same, praying silently” (*GIRM* 84). ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Sisters and brothers, I am convinced that “the world can be seen more clearly from the peripheries.” We must listen to the peripheries, open the doors to them and allow them to participate. The suffering of the world is better understood alongside those who suffer.**

**FOURTH WORLD MEETING OF POPULAR MOVEMENTS,  
OCTOBER 16, 2021**

### MONDAY

January 30  
Weekday  
Heb 11:32–40  
Mk 5:1–20

### TUESDAY

January 31  
St. John Bosco,  
Priest  
Heb 12:1–4  
Mk 5:21–43

### WEDNESDAY

February 1  
Weekday  
Heb 12:4–7, 11–15  
Mk 6:1–6

### THURSDAY

February 2  
Presentation  
of the Lord  
Mal 3:1–4  
Heb 2:14–18  
Lk 2:22–40 or  
Lk 2:22–32

### FRIDAY

February 3  
Weekday  
Heb 13:1–8  
Mk 6:14–29

### SATURDAY

February 4  
Weekday  
Heb 13:15–17,  
20–21  
Mk 6:30–34

### SUNDAY

February 5  
Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Is 58:7–10  
1 Cor 2:1–5  
Mt 5:13–16

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# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



## 162nd YEAR OF SERVICE

### 307 N. Walker St. | Montgomery City | Missouri | 63361

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Janet Cobb, Bookkeeper/Secretary | 573.564.2375 Parish Office | imm-con@sbcglobal.net | www.mcicparish.org | Office Hours M-Th 9:00am-3pm **Bulletin Deadline: Wed. 9:00 AM**

Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal | Judy Cobb, School Secretary | immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org | 573.564.2679 - School Office

Society of St. Vincent DePaul - 573.835.3631

Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb-President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Mary Pottebaum, Vicki Parker, and Dennis Cobb

## January 29, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions



July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Monday, January 30th  
Tuesday, January 31st

**No Mass - Montgomery City**  
**5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Delores Schmidt

Wednesday, February 1st  
Thursday, February 2nd  
Friday, February 3rd  
Saturday, February 4th

8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
**8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Ida Drake  
**8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Dorothy Bloebaum  
**5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Vincent & Delores Schimweg

Sunday, February 5th

8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
**10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** - Our Parish Family

**Church & School Financial Report:** **Income** **Expenses** **Difference**

**December 2022** \$72,876.48 \$53,491.25 \$19,385.23

**Fiscal Year July-June 2022-23** \$386,944.55 \$350,831.55 \$36,113.00

**Needed Weekly** - \$ 13,232.95

January 1st - \$3,838.00-Church; \$9,003.00-ICS/Daycare; \$12,841.00-Total  
January 8th - \$5,083.90-Church; \$6,052.00-ICS/Daycare; \$11,135.90-Total  
January 15th - \$5,754.00-Church; \$4,841.50-ICS/Daycare; \$10,595.50-Total  
January 22nd - \$7,830.67-Church; \$5,377.00-ICS/Daycare; \$13,207.67-Total  
January 29th -

Last Week's Envelopes: 63

**A friendly reminder: That if there is a funeral at any of the two parishes or a school cancellation due to weather, there will be no scheduled Mass.**

*Thank you!! With God all things are possible!*

**Parish Membership:** Call the parish office to register.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

**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.

If you are hospitalized or if you have a family member who is homebound, please call the office/rectory at 573-564-2375.

### 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 January February 4th & 5th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Jerry Witthaus
Children's Liturgy	No During Saturday Evening Mass	Geri Park
Communion Minister	Mary Pottebaum	Eileen Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Kasey & Mary Pottebaum	Jacob & Megan Hans Family
Servers	Jacob Roesner Beth Roesner	Natalie Beabout Heath Gotsch
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Rae Jean & Daryl Rhoads	Dottie Brueggen Elaine Winford

**Bishop McKnight's January prayer intention for our Local Church is:**

For foster parents and adopting parents; may they experience the support of the Church and the love of God as they expand their homes to make room for more children in their families. We pray to the Lord.



**Weekly Mass Schedule**

**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

Monday, January 30th	No Mass - Montgomery City	Monday, January 30th	
Tuesday, January 31st	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City	Tuesday, January 31st	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion To Divine Mercy
Wednesday, February 1st	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, February 1st	6:00 PM - Parish Council/Finance Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM - Home & School Mtg.
Thursday, February 2nd	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Thursday, February 2nd	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass
Friday, February 3rd	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (blessing of throats after Mass)	Friday, February 3rd	
Saturday, February 4th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)	Saturday, February 4th	
Sunday, February 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 PM)	Sunday, February 5th	6:00 PM - 5th/6th Grade PSR 6:00 PM - Confirmation Class

***Wedding Anniversary***



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

*There are no anniversaries this weekend.*

**Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	125.00
Mass Intentions	\$	20.00
First Offering	\$	25.00
Easter Flowers	\$	25.00

(This is NOT included in Page 1 totals)

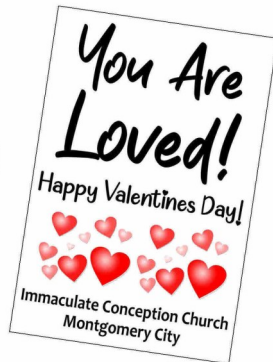
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**Congratulations & Welcome!**

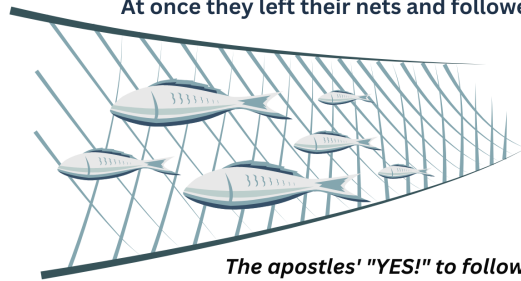


We want welcome the newest member to our parish family, Maverick Jackson O'Bryan, who was baptized last Saturday. He is the son of Wade & Lindsey O'Bryan and grandson of Bob & Kim Dryden of our parish. Congratulations to Maverick and his family on this momentous occasion!

*Stewardship*

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4:19-20



*The apostles' "YES!" to following Jesus is the essence of living a stewardship way of life. We are called to bring His light to others - it is more than something we do - it's who we are as Disciples of Christ.*



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We gather each Sunday to give praise and thanks to God, to greet the Lord in each other, to hear the Lord through God's word, and to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. We humbly ask God for forgiveness and for the grace to forgive our neighbor and ourselves for the wrongs we do to each other, trusting that the Lord looks with favor on the humble and merciful.

**Question of the Week**

For whom do I find it difficult to have empathy? How can I strengthen my empathy toward those who are not like me?

**Blessing of Throats**

We will have blessing of throats after Mass on Friday, February 3rd, which is the feast day of St. Blaise.

## Immaculate Conception School News



January 28th thru February 4th- Catholic Schools

January 28th - Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 5pm -

Attendance is required to participate in Catholic Schools Week activities including field trip.

February 1st - Home & School Meeting @ 6m at school

February 3rd - PK4-8th Grade Catholic Schools Week Field Trip

February 8th - Donuts with Dad @ 7:15am

### IC Scrip Cards



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.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.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.**

### College Scholarships Available

The Diocese of Jefferson City is pleased to offer our parish families college scholarship opportunities through a generous donation from the families of William H. (Bill) Simon and John Warack.

To be considered for these scholarships, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Student must be a registered Catholic in the Diocese of Jefferson City.
- Student must be graduating high school or older, including current or returning college students.
- Student must submit a completed application by March 31, 2023.
- Student must demonstrate a financial need by submitting a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Student must submit a letter or recommendation from: 1) School official (teacher, counselor, principal, coach, etc.) 2) Current or present pastor
- For the John L. Warack Scholarship, student must attend University of Missouri-Columbia.

For more information and to complete an application, visit [www.diojeffcity.org/scholarships](http://www.diojeffcity.org/scholarships).

### 2022-23 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

**\$12,485.00 - Parish Goal**



<b>Committed</b>	<b>\$ Received</b>	<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>Over(Under)</b>
\$5,020.00	\$3,670.00	29%	(\$8,815.00)

### Head Count for January

January 7th - 62	January 1st - 109
January 14th - 77	January 8th - 101
January 21st - 79	January 15th - 117
January 28th -	January 22nd - 111
	January 29th -

**Grand Total for January -**

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

- February 10, 2023 - Martinsburg Knights of Columbus 63rd Annual Auction. Soup - Sandwiches - Wings - Supper at 5:00 PM, Auction at 6:30 PM
- February 12, 2023 - Church of the Risen Savior "All You Can Eat" Breakfast at Starckenburg from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- February 24th thru March 31st - Friday Lenten Fish Fries at the KC Hall in Montgomery City.

### Old Palms Needed



Looking for a proper way to dispose of your old palms? Please bring them and leave them in the church vestibule. We are going burn them and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday this year!

### Our Condolences

Hilda Schreiner, long time parishioner of our parish family, "passed away" on Monday, January 23rd. Her visitation and Mass of Christian Burial was on Saturday, January 28th. We offer our prayers and condolences to her family during this difficult time.

### World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2023, and in parishes over the weekend of February 4-5, 2023. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

### 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 - Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, and Susie Ryan

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



**Please pray for:** Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Marla Daniels, John Rybacki (father of Sue Beck), Kim Dryden, Christine Welter (niece of Kathy Holtz), Matt Brumagin, Don Zerr, Peggy Readey, Becky Queathem, and Warner Walton (great, great nephew of Vicki Parker).

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.** Corey Stulce, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, and Daniel Lohmann.

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*Isaiah 49:15*

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 our  
 Parish Family!**

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 on Tuesdays  
 starting at  
 6:00 AM we have  
 Eucharistic  
 Adoration: A  
 special time to  
 worship and praise  
 our Lord and  
 Savior, Jesus  
 Christ and to  
 deepen your  
 intimate friendship  
 and be nourished  
 and strengthened  
 by his Presence  
 and Love. At  
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 Adoration will  
 close with  
 Devotion to the  
 Divine Mercy and  
 Benediction.  
 Mass will start at  
 5:30 PM.

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## GRATEFUL LIVING SMALL GROUP SIGN-UP

**January 28- February 5**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2PM</b>	<b>Tony Wessel</b> <b>128 Baker Road MC</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6PM</b>	<b>Vicki Oden</b> <b>1884 Hwy 161 MC</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Orlana Gardner</b> <b>320 E Spinsby MC</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6PM</b>	<b>Beth Roesner</b> <b>Immaculate Conception School</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Dave Teeter</b> <b>111 Two Mile Branch Road or Knights Building</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Dianne Talley</b> <b>434 Long Road NF</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7PM</b>	<b>Courtney Cothren (High School Students)</b> <b>10 Craven Drive MC</b>

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