

Who's in Charge?

There are lots of reasons one could be in charge.

You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job. Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership.

In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household.

In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the

respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge. What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously God thought they could do the job.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *It's not easy being a leader of God's people. Pray for those who have been called to that role.*
- ★ *Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a church committee?*

*[Jesus said,]
"You are Peter, and upon
this rock I will build my
church, and the gates of
the netherworld shall not
prevail against it."*

MATTHEW 16:18



Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about body art?

I'm a bit squeamish when I see a piercing in a place other than an ear, and when I see a tattoo covering a large part of a person's body I wonder what that person will think about that tattoo in twenty years. But these things are a matter of taste; for example, I don't think there is anything wrong with earrings, but others might.



The Church has no teaching on tattoos, piercings, or shaping (when a body part is purposely reshaped to fit a cultural ideal). "Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves," say Leviticus 19:28, clearly outlawing piercings and tattoos. But it also says, "Do not...spoil the edges of your beard" (Leviticus 19:27). I broke that law this morning when I shaved.

In their introduction to the Book of Leviticus in the *New American Bible*, revised edition, the bishops teach that the laws in this book are "not merely legislative." They were designed to instill "a way of life in the book's hearers and readers."

We may not have the same obligation to adhere to those rules, but it is important for Catholics to remember 1 Corinthians 3:16: "You are the temple of God." We should do nothing to deface the temple of God. So if you do get a piercing or a tattoo, remember that you're God's temple.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Tuesday

AUGUST 25

Weekday
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17
Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

AUGUST 26

Weekday
2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18
Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

AUGUST 27

St. Monica
1 Cor 1:1–9
Mt 24:42–51

Friday

AUGUST 28

St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Cor 1:17–25
Mt 25:1–13

Saturday

AUGUST 29

The Passion of
St. John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:26–31
Mk 6:17–29

Sunday

AUGUST 30

Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7–9
Rom 12:1–2
Mt 16:21–27

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The acceptance of our body as a gift from God is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father...Thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy an absolute power over creation.

—ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL ACADEMY FOR LIFE, JUNE 26, 2018





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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb- President; Open-Vice-President; Secretary-Open, Dennis Benney, Laura Yelton, Vicik Parker, & Mary Pottebaum

August 23, 2020 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 24th	No Mass
Tuesday, August 25th	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Wednesday, August 26th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, August 27th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +James Longstreet Sr.
Friday, August 28th	7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg
Saturday, August 29th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
Sunday, August 30th	7:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Janice Klenke



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
July 2020	\$57,475.90	\$ 53,264.98	\$4,210.36
Fiscal Year July - June 19-20	\$620,379.80	\$619,757.70	\$ 622.10
Needed Weekly	\$ 11,835.50		
August 2 -	\$ 19,670.96		
August 9 -	\$ 10,044.00		
August 16 -	\$ 13,344.50		
August 23 -	\$		
August 30 -	\$		

Last Week's Envelopes: 49 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: 4:30 to 4:50 PM Saturday or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated during Mass or at another arranged time. Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Austin.

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 exist 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 August 29th and August 30th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
Lector	<u>No ministries will be assigned at this time.</u>	
Children's Liturgy		
Communion Ministers		
Ministers of Hospitality		
Servers		
Gift Bearers		
Money Counters		

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

For our parish and school communities, that we may be bound by a spirit of unity to work together for the common good during the pandemic.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Father Austin's Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 24th	No Mass	Monday, August 24th	<i>Father's Day off</i>
Tuesday, August 25th	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville	Tuesday, August 25th	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
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Wedding Anniversary



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

Bob & Susan Schipper - 11 years of marriage on August 22nd.

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvement	\$	100.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$	100.00
Special Collections:		
Religious Retirement Fund	\$	500.00
Assumption	\$	190.00
Catholic Missouriian	\$	00.00
Diocesan Missions	\$	100.00
Donations	\$	00.00

Condolences

It is with sadness that we send condolences to the following families:

John (Jack) Scott - Jack a member of our parish, passed away last Saturday. He was the husband of Jo Scott.

Sr. Paula Reiter - Sr. Paula, who passed away last Saturday is the sister of Bob Reiter and Aggie Baldetti, and sister-in-law of John Baldetti.

Please remember these people in your prayers.

School Starts Wednesday, August 26th!

Retirement Fund for Religious

"We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

Drive-Up Fish Fry

August 28, 2020



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a drive-up Fish Fry on Friday, August 28, 2020 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. between the Knights of Columbus Hall and the City Shed. Limited dine-in will be available. The menu will be a choice of Cod or Catfish, slaw, hush puppies, and baked beans. Cost will be \$10.00.

Confirmation Meeting

There will be an informational and registration meeting for confirmation on August 30, 2020 at 6pm at the Knights of Columbus hall. Students being confirmed this year will be those in 7th, 8th and 9th grades. One or both parents need to attend, students are welcome as well. If you have any questions contact Deacon Wayne at 573 564 8709.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive at the Knights of Columbus building on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Capital Campaign Committee Update



Cornerstone Campaign
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OUR LEGACY.

Our current balance in donations and pledges is \$194,316. Thanks to everyone for their prayerful consideration in moving forward with our Capital Campaign.

Immaculate Conception School News



School starts on August 26, 2020. School will start later this year because the air conditioner in the main part of the school is not working.

ECLC Happenings

ECLC will be open on August 19th.



IC Scrip Program - 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. There are a few ways to obtain the cards. **You may go on line to www.ShopWithScrip.com Enrollment code: 676419AC74L7, purchase them at the school office or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. If you have any questions, you may call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**



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8th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

The eighth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be recognized on Sept. 12, at a 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Father Anthony Viviano, diocesan pro-life moderator, at St. Andrew Parish in Holts Summit. After Mass, a brief prayer service will be held at the St. Andrew Memorial Stone for a short prayer service. Please wear a mask and observe social distance during the Mass and prayer service. For more information, contact Kathy Foreck, St. Andrew pro-life coordinator, 573-821-5130.

Employment Opportunities

St. Peter Catholic Church announces an immediate opening for Campus Custodian. Key responsibilities: maintain the cleanliness, safety and upkeep of the St. Peter Parish campus facilities and grounds as directed and provide maintenance and facility support. Hours: full time (30-40 hours/week), some weekend hours might be required. Wage: \$12-\$13 per hour to start, plus comprehensive benefits package.

Successful applicants will have:

- experience in maintenance and custodial work
- a strong work ethic
- some mechanical / equipment repair experience
- the physical ability to complete the maintenance and custodial tasks assigned
- respect for the Catholic faith, heritage and practice
- work with a flexible schedule
- work well with the pastor, parish and school staff

Background check and Safe Environment training required. To apply, call Michelle, 636-8159 for a job description / application, and submit to: St. Peter Catholic Church, 216 Broadway, Jefferson City, MO 65101 by August 21, 2020.

An Administrative Assistant Position is available at the Chancery and there are several openings in our Catholic schools.

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

Golf Tournament - August 29, 2020, 8:30 a.m. Arthur Hills Golf Course in Mexico, MO - for more information see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.



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NAPM Conference Sessions

The Jefferson City Diocese Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) is hosting video conference calls via Zoom on four Wednesdays at 7 p.m. to share video sessions from the national convention. This is open to all music ministers, DREs, priests, and anyone else interested from our diocese. To receive the Zoom invitation, please email: npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com

- Wednesday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m.: Meaningful Ways of Celebrating the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, by Msgr. Rick Hilgartner & Lynn Trapp
- Wednesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.: Building a Quality Volunteer Ensemble, by Kate Basi
- Wednesday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m.: The Sacraments: Assessing Our Parish Celebration of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, by Michael Ruzicki

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.: Choosing Liturgical Music of Theological Savvy, by Emily Strand.

St. Nicholas Academy for Boys

St. Nicholas Academy is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away.

Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty.

Contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

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: John Goodwin, Marlene Cunningham, Mackenzie Hagemeyer, Julie Thielmeier, Don Benney, Susan Schipper, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Angela Witthaus Keller, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jo Scott, Bobby Cochran, Mary Hertel, Joshua Cochran, Anita Jones, Jim Cochran, Jr., Jim Cochran, Sr., and Lynn Cunningham Duncan.



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Travis Thebeau, Jacob Merz, Daniel Lohmann, Jared Korman, Tom Kraust, Tim O'Fallon, Brandon Benney, Gary Frey, John Burce, Chris Burce, Jacob Jones, Matt Veder, Michel James, Michael Adams, and John Martin.



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