

November 1, 2020

All Saints (A)
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

## Who Wants to Be a Saint?

This question can be understood in two very different ways. On the one hand it asks: Who might step forward to accomplish this feat? On the other hand, it wonders: Who wants to bother putting forth the effort? Perhaps we have read too many of the wrong "lives of the saints" to want to be one of them. So often those stories describe extraordinary feats of physical punishment. Anyone who thinks that such abuse is what makes a saint should listen to St. Irenaeus of Lyons. He insists, "The glory of God is man [Christ] fully alive." Sainthood is allowing the sanctifying grace of God to dwell habitually in us and make us like he who is fully alive—Jesus Christ. However, what does "fully alive" really mean?

To be fully alive means to be people of faith; to have deep principles and to live by them, regardless of the cost. It means to realize that we are part of the wondrous creation of nature, and we must respect our place in it and our responsibilities for it. It means to care for others as well as for ourselves. All of this is grounded in faith in God, who loves us enough to make us and who made us to be fully alive. However, it is not always easy to live this out. Here is where the struggle comes in. We don't have to create struggle; life will do that for us. Still, to be fully alive is well worth the price we might be asked to pay. Isn't it?

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- \* What challenges do your life circumstances present to you?
- \* What prevents you from standing up for principle in those circumstances?



# Dear Padre,

### I exercise my civic duty to vote. How should my Catholic faith inform my voting choices?

or Catholic voters, the selection of candidates and the policies they may enact are best exercised within the sanctity of a well-formed conscience.

The Catholic approach to faithful citizenship relies on moral principles found in Scripture and on four major principles of Catholic moral and social teaching that don't "easily fit ideologies of 'right' or 'left,' 'liberal' or 'conservative,' or the platform of any political party" (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 55).

These four principles include the life and dignity of the human person (all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death); subsidiarity (the family as the basic unit of human society); the common good (protecting basic human rights and social conditions for all, and a duty to care for God's creation); and global solidarity (especially a preferential option for the poor).







Because the Church cannot compromise these basic principles or moral teachings, our cause is the defense of human life and dignity, and the protection of the weak and

vulnerable—not a particular party or candidate (FCFC 58).

Moreover, the faith-filled voter is urged to choose candidates who not only integrate the tenets of Catholic social teaching, but who also reject intrinsically evil acts. According to St. John Paul II, those acts include "any kind of homicide, genocide, abortion, euthanasia and voluntary suicide; whatever violates the integrity of the human person...whatever is offensive to human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution and trafficking in women and children" (Veritatis Splendor, 80).

> -Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Christians are called to promote political dialogue, especially where it is threatened and where conflict seems to prevail. Christians are called to restore dignity to politics and to view politics as a lofty service to the common good, not a platform for power....To be a leader demands thoughtfulness, training, and experience.

> -ADDRESS TO BISHOPS' CONFERENCES OF THE **EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, OCTOBER 28, 2017**

### Calendar

#### Monday

**NOVEMBER 2** All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11

Jn 6:37-40

#### Tuesday

**NOVEMBER 3** 

Weekday

Phil 2:5-11

Lk 14:15-24

#### Wednesday

**NOVEMBER 4** 

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 2:12-18

Lk 14:25-33

#### Thursday

**NOVEMBER 5** 

Weekday

Phil 3:3-8a

Lk 15:1-10

#### Friday

**NOVEMBER 6** 

Weekday

Phil 3:17-4:1

Lk 16:1-8

#### Saturday

**NOVEMBER 7** 

Weekday

Phil 4:10-19

Lk 16:9-15

#### Sunday

**NOVEMBER 8** 

Thirty-second Sunday

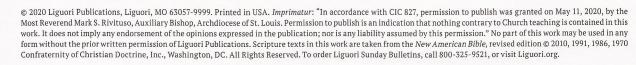
in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16

1 Thes 4:13-18

or 4:13-14

Mt 25:1-13







## Immaculate Conception Parish Family

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

#### **NOVEMBER 1. 2020 - ALL SAINTS' DAY**

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, November 2nd 9:00 AM Mass -St. Mary's Cemetery Tuesday, November 3rd 5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville Wednesday. November 4th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg

Thursday, November 5th 10:00 AM Mass -Montgomery City-

+John & Zita Welter

Friday, November 6th 7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg Saturday, November 7th 5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery

**5:00 PM Mass** - Montgomery City - Ralph Brueggemann

Sunday, November 8th 7:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM Mass - Martinsburg

11:00 AM Mass -Montgomery City - Our Parish

Family



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

 Church/School Financial Report:
 Income
 Expenses
 Difference

 September 2020
 \$47,246.63
 \$42,587.36
 \$4,659.27

 Fiscal Year July - Sept. 2020-21
 \$161,881.58
 \$134,419.34
 \$27,462.24

 Needed Weekly - \$11,835.50
 \$12,835.50
 \$134,419.34
 \$134,419.34
 \$134,419.34

October 4 - \$ 9,718.87 October 11 - \$12,476.63 October 18 - \$ 6,650.50 October 25 - \$10,108.28

Last Week's Envelopes: 65 of 179

With God all things are possible

(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)

**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 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 November 7th & 8th				
Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 11:00 AM		
Lector	No ministries will be assigned at this time.			
Children's Liturgy				
Communion Ministers				
Ministers of Hospitality				
Servers				
Gift Bearers				
Money Counters				

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

For a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our parishes.

#### Weekly Mass Schedule

#### **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

Monday, November 2nd	9:00 AM Mass - St. Mary's Cemetery	Monday, November 2nd	
Tuesday, November 3rd	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville	Tuesday, November 3rd	
Wednesday, November 4th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, November 4th	6:00 PM - Home & School Mtg. 7:30 PM - Knight of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, November 5th	10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Thursday, November 5th	10:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass
Friday, November 6th	7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg	Friday, November 6th	
Saturday, November 7th	5:00 PM - Mass - Montgomery City	Saturday, November 7th	
Sunday, November 8th	7:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City	Sunday, November 8th	9:30 AM - PSR 3rd/4th Grades 6:30 PM - PSR 5th/6th Grades 6:30 PM - Confirmation Class

#### Wedding Anniversary



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

Daryl & Nancy Cobb -26 years of marriage on Oct. 29th Richard & Shirley Arens - 63 years of marriage on Nov. 2nd Glenn & Gerry Knoepflein - 8 years of marriage on Nov. 3rd

#### **Additional Financial Information**

These items will be updated next week.

Capital Improvement		821.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)		0.00
Special Collections:		
World Mission Sunday	\$	461.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development		40.00
Donations (Christmas Flowers)		50.00
Holydays		30.00

#### All Souls

In the month of November, we remember those who have passed away in the past year: Lorraine Brower, Ignatius Busken, Marian Busken, Dorothy Conner, Doris Grillion, Ruth Reagan Huenefeld, Shery'll Schierhoff, Scott Schulte, and John (Jack) Scott.

#### St. Mary's Cemetery Parish Event

Many parishioners may not be aware there is a beautiful new shelter and stone alter at St. Mary's Cemetery. On Monday, November 2, 2020 Fr. Austin will say Mass and bless the new shelter and stone altar at St. Mary's Cemetery. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. We want to thank Brad Arens, Michael Auchly, Tom Benney, George Boes, Daryl Cobb, and Janet Stumbaugh, who are currently serving on the St. Mary's Cemetery Committee.

#### **Capital Campaign Committee Update**



The Capital Campaign Committee is pleased to share the new total of pledges and donations is \$197,466. If you have not seen the new church roof, please stop by and check it out. Through your generous donations, we were able to complete this project. Thank you!

#### **Operation Christmas Child**



Immaculate Conception Parish has been asked if we would be interested in participating in Operation Christmas Child. This is a fabulous way for the parish to reach out to children who do not have a lot. We will be filling small boxes (shoe box size) with small gifts/necessities for children. These boxes

will be shipped to various locations like Mexico, Philippines, Dominican Republic, etc.

We are looking for donations of things like: combs, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, wash clothes, blankets, reusable plastic containers, band aids, underwear, flip flops, sunglasses, socks, hair bows, bar soap, non-liquid chap stick, stick deodorant, hats, scarfs, mittens, shoes, pencils, crayons, markers, pencil cases, playdough, stickers, coloring books, manual pencil sharpeners, blank index cards, glue sticks, rulers, blunt scissors, small toys, clothes, and stuffed animals. These are just a few ideas, there are others on the website at www.samaritanpurse.org/occ.

Items they ask that we DO NOT include are: candy, toothpaste, gum, war related toys, chocolate, food, lotion, liquids, vitamins, anything breakable.

Once we have everything collected, we will pack the boxes. If you would like to help with packing, please let us know. The shipping for each box is \$9 so if you would prefer to give a cash donation, we could use that for the shipping or to purchase items. We will be collecting items thru October 30, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Roesner at 314-974-1087. Donations may be left in the church vestibule.

#### Catholic Stewardship Appeal



The Catholic Stewardship Appeal is well underway. A blessed thank you to everyone that has made a financial and prayerful commitment to our appeal. STEWARDSHIP APPEAL Our work is reliant on you as our faithful to help

fund programs in our parishes, provide Catholic education and formation for our children, foster vocations, provide disaster relief through Catholic Charities, and many more vital programs in the diocese. Remember that no gift is too small and every person's gift is important.

#### 2021 - \$12,000.00 Parish Goal

\$ Received \$2,255

% of Goal 18.7916%

Over(Under) (\$9,745.00)

#### **Immaculate Conception School News**



October 30th - Halloween Parties—Pre-K - 9:00 AM K-8 - 2:00 PM

November 4th - Home & School Meeting at 6:00 PM - KC Hall November 5th - ICS Dine-Out (all day) at Dos Primos - Please come and support this event. Dine in or order out.

Please see attached newsletter from Ms. Schroeder, School Principal.

#### **ECLC Happenings**

The ECLC is in need of some good, sturdy rocking chairs. If you have one you want to donate, please call the school office at (573) 564-2679. Thank you!



**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 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 <a href="https://www.ShopWithScrip.com">www.ShopWithScrip.com</a> 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.

#### **Daylight Savings Time Ends**



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This is a reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1st. So next weekend remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before going to bed or on Sunday morning when you arise.

#### 2020 No Hunger Holiday Montgomery City Knights of Columbus



Tuesday, November 24, 2020, the 30th Annual No Hunger Holiday event will take place. This is an all-volunteer effort with many Montgomery area charitable organizations involved. Please help someone less fortunate be thankful this year.

Year #30 will certainly be the most challenging of all. We anticipate serving in excess of 4,000 families, which translates into over 12,000 meals. These families live in St. Charles, St. Louis, Lincoln, Montgomery, Warren, and Pike counties and St. Louis City.

Some of our key sources of monetary and frozen turkey donations come from High Schools and Church Turkey Drives. We believe COVID-19 restrictions may significantly reduce these contributions and are asking for your help!

Turkeys can be dropped off at Bainbridge Insurance Office in Montgomery City from Thursday, November 12, 2020 thru Monday, November 23, 2020. A \$40.00 cash donation provides dinner for a family of four.

For more information call Richard Bainbridge at (573) 751-4030, see the flyer posted in the vestibule of the church, or visit these websites: www.nohungerholidays.com. or www.Facebook.com/NoHungerHoliday.

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

Friday, November 13, 2020 - Friday Chicken Dinner - Martinsburg



BETTER TOGETHER

#### The Diocese of Jefferson City Women's Ministry

Is participating with the Jefferson City Salvation Army to

#### Feed the Hungry

Until further notice—COVID-19 Changes:

Drop-off of meals at SA 4:30 pm on your confirmed date
Service trays and containers are already at SA
Service for approximately 60 people
Large serving quantities are requested due to no 2nds or refills
Community Homeless will pick up their meal as a to-go item
With your meal please include a couple of flats of bottled water and

other bottled drinks (tea, Gatorade, lemonade, etc.)

If you are interested in being a part of this beautiful opportunity to serve others, please contact Virginia Shetler at (573) 619-0104 or email vibrantvj@gmail.com.

I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.

Matthew 25:35

#### **Forty Days for Life Prayers**

An estimated 43 babies have been saved from abortions in the fall campaign as 588 cities are praying across the nation for the end of abortion. At Columbia Planned Parenthood, 711 N Providence Rd, there have been two hopefuls who have been given help to make another choice besides abortion. The team invites you to spend an hour with Jesus these 40 days ending on Sunday, November 1st. The hours of prayer are 8 am to 6 pm daily and a team member will be there to greet you. You will not be alone. A closing rally dinner will be held on Nov. 14th at St Andrew in Holts Summit.

You can schedule your time by visiting <a href="www.40daysforlife.com/columbiamo">www.40daysforlife.com/columbiamo</a> or call Kathy Forck at 573-821-5130.

#### **Jefferson City Marriage Encounter**

Jefferson City Marriage Encounter will be hosting a COVID friendly Marriage Encounter weekend November 7th & 8th. Fall in love with your spouse all over again and rejuvenate your marriage with a weekend away to grow closer together and with God. Register for the event at <a href="https://www.jeffcityme.com">www.jeffcityme.com</a>.

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: Nick Schneider, John Goodwin, Marlene Cunningham, Mackenzie Hagemeier, 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 Vedder, Michel James, Michael Adams, and John Martin.



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# MACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL Presents



Saint Nick

Krun walk

Sat. Dec. 12TH **@ 8:30 A.M.** 

\$25/person \$15/person for families of 3+ people

Join the ICS family for a fun run/walk and enjoy hot chocolate and snacks at the finish. Custom finisher prizes for fastest male and female and youth boy and girl.

> Visit our Facebook page "ICS St. Nick 5K" for more details and registration information or call/text Anna @ 636-487-2793.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS. STAFF. AND SCHOOL!



## **Immaculate Conception School**

407 West Third Montgomery City, MO 63361 www.icschool-mc.org 573.564.2679

October 30, 2020

## Message from Ms. Schroeder

November 2-6 ICS will be hosting Zoom Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please make sure you have signed up with your child's teacher to arrange a meeting time. Parent/Teacher conferences are very important to the academic growth of your child, as well as maintaining open, concise communication with teachers.

Every year ICS has a Thanksgiving Feast within the K-8 classrooms. We would love to be able to continue this long standing, favorite tradition. Home and School will be providing the meat for the school, and teachers will be asking for parents to send in sides to go along with their menu. Please help make this possible! We will be having our Thanksgiving Feast on November 24, 2020.

Please remember to keep your child home if they are not feeling well. Also, if your child is running fever, or has symptoms of any illness, they must be symptom-free without the aid of medication for THREE days unless they have been diagnosed from a doctor. If your child is home and well enough to do schoolwork, 3rd-8th graders need to connect with their teachers on Google Meet & Classroom to receive instruction and keep up with assignments. We all need to work together to ensure the safety of all students, teachers and staff.

#### **Important Dates:**

Nov. 2-6- P/T Conferences via Zoom

Nov. 4- Home & School @ 6pm KC Hall

Nov. 5- Dos Primos Dine Out

Nov. 11-Veteran's Day

Nov. 13- No School

**Diocesan PD Day** 

Nov. 14- First Reconciliation @ 4pm

Nov. 20- Early Dismissal @ 12pm

Nov. 24- Thanksgiving Feast

Nov. 25-30-Thanksgiving Break

**Dec. 1- School Resumes** 

Dec. 12- St. Nick Run/Walk

Congratulations to Cohen and his family for participating and winning the ICS Home & School Scavenger Hunt!

We still have candy bars! Send in money and we will send home candy bars. Every \$10 = 1 dress down pass.

ICS 1st Annual St. Nick 5K Run/Walk will be on December 12, 2020. Grab your running/walking shoes and plan to attend! See attached flyer for more details.