

Law Versus Values

That is a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can't we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal.

Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.

This seems to be the source of tension in today's Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe. Referred to as "a hedge around the law," such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus' disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticized.

Jesus immediately came to their defense. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behavior. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

* Do you have a favorite religious practice? The rosary? Communal singing? What religious value does it reflect?

*[Jesus said,]
"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."*

MARK 7:15



Dear Padre,

I recently had a spirited discussion with a Protestant friend regarding Romans 8:26. He believes his “perfected prayer of being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues” is addressed in that verse. What does the Church say about this verse?

Romans 8:26 says, “In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.”

I’d be careful not to interpret this passage too narrowly and limit its application only to the gift of speaking in tongues. In fact, its application is much broader and actually can be applied to all Christian prayer.

When it comes to praying effectively, all of us can use some extra help. We get that help from the Holy Spirit. Scripture scholar Joseph A. Fitzmayer, SJ, maintains that the Holy Spirit actually plays an active and dynamic role in helping Christians pray effectively by interceding on his or her behalf. In effect, the Holy Spirit expresses for us the inaudible prayers and groaning of our hearts, for which we have no words. So, when we pray, the Holy Spirit is actually present to us and makes up for what we are lacking in our prayer due to our own human weakness.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: “Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 15, 2013

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13–18

Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

Col 1:1–8

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

Col 1:9–14

Lk 5:1–11

Friday

SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor

of the Church

Col 1:15–20

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 4

Weekday

Col 1:21–23

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 5

Twenty-third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 35:4–7a

Jas 2:1–5

Mk 7:31–37

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AUGUST 29, 2021 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 30th	NO MASS - Montgomery City
Tuesday, August 31st	NO MASS - Montgomery City
Wednesday, September 1st	No Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, September 2nd	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, September 3rd	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, September 4th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
Sunday, September 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Barb Miller



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
July 2021	\$39,951.48	\$48,593.73	-\$8,642.25
Fiscal Year July-July 2021-22	\$39,951.48	\$48,593.73	-\$8,642.25
Needed Weekly	- \$ 11,835.50		
August 1st	- \$ 9,278.00		
August 8th	- \$ 7,221.02		
August 15th	- \$10,412.80		
August 22nd	- \$12,760.21		
August 29th			

Last Week's Envelopes: 56 of 182

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

Thank you!! With God all things are possible!

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass

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.

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 September 4th & 5th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Gary Hoette	Jerry Witthaus
Children's Liturgy	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Communion Minister	Beth Cobb	Jenidean Readey
Ministers of Hospitality	Kasey & Mary Pottebaum Sharon Pottebaum	Jeff & Amanda Arens Dana & Brady Schneider
Servers	Landon & Reed Pottebaum	Kendra Rakers Elizabeth Schierhoff
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberger	Mike & Jenidean Readey

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

As we begin this school year, may all recognize our shared mission to hand on our Catholic faith to the next generation.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, August 30th	NO MASS	Monday, August 30th	
Tuesday, August 31st	NO MASS	Tuesday, August 31st	
Wednesday, September 1st	NO MASS	Wednesday, September 1st	6:00 PM - Home & School Mtg. 7:30 PM - Knight of Columbus Mtg
Thursday, September 2nd	NO MASS	Thursday, September 2nd	1:00-6:00 PM - KofC Blood Drive
Friday, September 3rd	NO MASS	Friday, September 3rd	
Saturday, September 4th	4:00 PM Mass - Wellsville 5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 5:00 PM)	Saturday, September 4th	
Sunday, September 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)	Sunday, September 5th	

Wedding Anniversary



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

Harold & Sharon Pottebaum -48 years of marriage on Sept. 1st

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$ 1,227.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 200.00
Special Collections:	
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 120.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 235.00

Our Condolences

We want to offer our condolences to Jim & Bonnie Walker and their family. Their son, Tommy, accidentally drowned in Lake Michigan last Monday. Visitation will be Sunday, August 29th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM with a Rosary prior to the visitation at 3:30 PM at Schlanker Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, August 30th at 10:30 AM here at Immaculate Conception Church with burial in the Montgomery City Cemetery.

RCIA Inquiry Night

An inquiry night for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is being planned for Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the church. Anyone who is interested to learning more about the Catholic Faith is invited to attend. Parishioners are encouraged to invite family, co-workers, etc. who have indicated that they are interested. Sometimes all it takes is a personal invitation for someone to come forward and find out about Catholicism. For more information call or text Sue Kyle at 636-288-0080.

Sue is also seeking "helpers" for the RCIA program. In the past few years, Deacon Wayne Korte and Sue Kyle worked together. Deacon Wayne has since moved to another parish and Sue is seeking assistance from parishioners...anyone interested, please contact Sue Kyle.

My Dear Parishioners,

Well, the week started out great! Monday I was able to say a private Mass in the rectory in celebration of my sister, Monica's birthday. Tuesday, I started feeling not so great and it's been downhill since. My chemo treatment for this coming Monday (August 30th) has been postponed for two weeks.

Please continue to pray for me as I do you!

*God bless all of you,
Fr. Hartley*



Harvest Picnic News

The Harvest Picnic is fast approaching. We are excited to be having the Harvest Picnic at the Fairgrounds this year on September 26. We feel this will be less work setting up (no tents needed), handicap accessible, more space for activities, better parking and visibility to the community!



We will once again be serving the sit-down meal of kettle beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce, roll and dessert. We will also offer pork steaks sandwiches, pork burgers, fish sandwiches, french fries and nachos and cheese. We will also have carry-outs available.

We are trying something new this year. BINGO !! We will have a live auction as well as a quilt and gun raffle.

Fun activities for the kids include barrel train rides, petal tractor pull, bounce house, cake walk and various games. Fun for the adults will be Pluck-Your-Luck and Back Seat Drivers' contest.

In order to pull this event off, we will need many hands. Also needed are monetary donations to buy meat and food supplies. We are also asking for donations of new larger items for the auction and \$10-\$20 items for bingo prizes.

A packet with more info and raffle tickets will be handed out at church soon. Please pray about what you can contribute to this event and GOOD weather too!

Feel free to contact any committee member-Beth Cobb, Dianne Talley, Gina Smith, Judy Cobb, Pat Korman with any questions or donations.

Thank you!!

Immaculate Conception School News



August 31st - ICS apparel order due
September 1st - Home & School Mtg. - 6:00 PM @ICS
September 2nd - Prayers Partner Service

ICS students will be leading a prayer service on Thursdays at Church and Rosary on Fridays in the Prayer Garden at 8 am until Father can resume his Mass schedule. All are welcome to attend!

ECLC Happenings

ECLC asks for prayers for Mrs. Shirley. She will be having hernia surgery on September 1. We pray for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery.



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 www.ShopWithScrip.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.**

School Board Members Retiring

We want to thank retiring school board members Ty Cothren, Molly Taylor, and Monica Wisdom for serving on the School Board. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone in the parish or school family, please contact Ms. Dana Schroeder, principal, at ICS.



This Weekend's Mass Celebrant

This weekend we welcome back **Fr. Patrick Dowling** who will be celebrating Mass for us. He is retired and lives in Holts Summit. Thank you Fr. Dowling for making the trip over here. We appreciate you!

Employment Opportunity

The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) is seeking a communications director. MCC is the public policy agency of the Catholic Church in Missouri. The MCC is actively involved in all levels of government, especially state and federal issues. The MCC promotes the common good by advocating for public policy that upholds the sanctity and dignity of all human life. The MCC communications director oversees the conference's various methods of communications, including designing its publications: a weekly email newsletter, two printed publications (one quarterly, one bimonthly), and producing the podcast, MCC from the Capitol. He or she is also responsible for managing the MCC's social media accounts, website, writing and photography needs. This position is best suited for a creative thinker interested in promoting the mission of the MCC in an engaging, thoughtful manner. The ideal candidate is familiar with/or open to learning Facebook, Twitter, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Google Business Suite, and Audacity. Please contact mocatholic@mocatholic.org or communications@mocatholic.org

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

Sept. 1st - 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Blood Drive at KofC Hall
Sept. 26th - Harvest Picnic at the Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds
October 31st - Octoberfest at St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg

Capital Campaign Update



Cornerstone Campaign
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Dear parishioners,

Our current total in pledges and donations stands at \$247,962.16. The projects currently underway include:

- Finishing the railing for the sidewalks on the north side of the church
- Replacement vents for the steeple have been picked up and will be installed when the work on the steeple is being done
- We have accepted a bid for the remaining work to be done to our entrance
- We are looking at new front doors and hope to have them ordered soon

The front of our church will have a complete makeover soon and we are so excited. Thank you for every donation and we hope more parishioners will continue to donate and/or pledge toward this Capital Campaign. We need your help and our church needs your help. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



Capital Campaign Donations

We are grateful to the loved ones whose generosity will move our capital campaign forward and will do so in remembrance of the following people:

Tom, Sr and Mary Anna Cobb	\$1,000.00
Helen Henderson Colbert	\$1,000.00
Barb Miller	\$1,250.00
LE (Jack) and Julia Robertson	\$300.00
Don and Claire Benney	\$20,000.00
Robert & Doris Webber	\$1,775.00

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

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: Karen Clark, Alex Clark (granddaughter of Karen Clark), Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Pat (Cobb) Hunn, Charlee Kate (niece of Sue Beck), Jim Walker, Fr. Hartley, Tim Stumbaugh, Carolyn Steinmetz, Jim Wisdom, Mark Gerke (friend of Fr. Hartley), Baby Corinth (Corie) Farrell, and Tracy Ravencraft (Amanda Aren's sister).

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Michel James, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.

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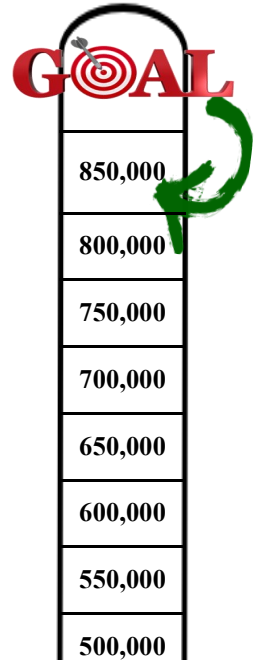
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August 28, 2021

Message from Ms. Schroeder

We have survived the first full week of school! Teachers and students are all learning new procedures, classroom rules, and our expectations. If at any time you have questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly.

Please plan to attend the first Home & School meeting of the school year. Home & School has scheduled the first meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 6pm. The meeting will be held in the school basement at this time. Home & School meetings are an excellent opportunity for parents/guardians to stay informed on upcoming events as well as school information.

Raffle tickets were distributed last Friday for the Parish Harvest Picnic quilt raffle. The Harvest Picnic is planned for September 26, 2021 from 11am-4pm at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Please continue to sell raffle tickets to support our parish. The parish is inviting everyone in the community to attend this fun and amazing event!

Monthly tuition payments are due by the end of the month unless prior arrangements have been made with administration. There will be a 10% late fee added to the bill if not paid by the end of the month. Please discuss with administration if you would like to set up other payment arrangements.

Grandparents' Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2021. We will be sending home more information very soon!

Important Dates:

- Aug. 31- ICS Apparel Order Due**
- Sept. 1-Home & School Meeting at 6pm @ ICS**
- Sept. 2- Prayer Partner Service**
- Sept. 20-School IN Session**
- Sept. 22- See You At The Pole @ 7:15am**
- Sept. 23.-Grandparents' Day**
- Sept. 24-NO School**
- Sept. 26-Harvest Picnic 11-4 at the Fairgrounds**
- Sept. 28- Dr. Vader (Superintendent of Catholic Schools) visit**

REMINDER: Please return all forms to the office that have been sent home in Friday folder.



We prayed the Rosary in the Prayer Garden.



For our Prayer Services on Thursdays, students have been reading and playing the chimes.

