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JOHN 6:51

The Wisdom Journey

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

On the journey of life, how does one know when to keep struggling to make the dream come true, to continue pushing and refusing to surrender, or when to pull back, to recognize it was not meant to be and accept that? One thinks, perhaps one more effort will bring success. But our insistence may be our ego striving for something which, in the end, would be to our detriment. How does one know?

Though one can never be sure, there may be a moment when life calls us to surrender. When Elijah found himself rushing to escape the fearsome revenge of Queen Jezebel, whose 450 prophets of Baal he had bested and consigned to the netherworld, he fled into the desert, sat down beneath a broom tree, and prayed for death (1 Kings 18:22–19:4). Life as a

prophet of God had become too much to bear. He had surrendered, yet it was at this point that he was fed by God to continue the journey.

The Gospel’s message is that we shall all be taught by God. There comes a time to recognize that God’s wisdom is greater than our own and we must be open to a different path of life than what we had anticipated. It is one of God’s ways of teaching us, of feeding us with wisdom to seek another course. ●

Reflect

Do you find it difficult to change your mind, to accept that someone else may be correct, to believe and apply the challenging message of the Gospel?

Dear Padre,

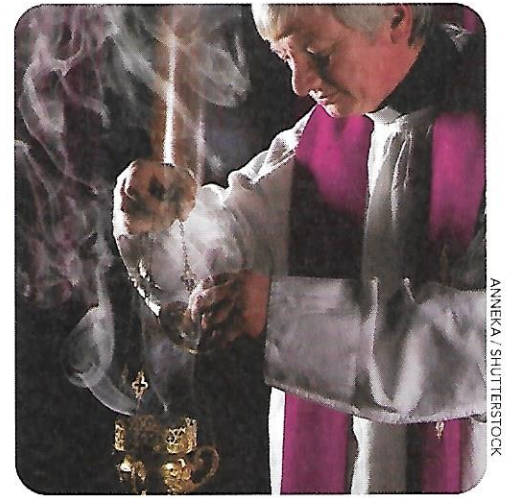
I miss the use of incense. Is it forbidden or out of style?

Incense is not out of style, nor is it forbidden. It is still burned to signify that Christ's sacrifice ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and as a sign of people's prayers rising to the throne of God. In the Book of Revelation, we read: "Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:3-4).

Incense is a resinous substance obtained by cutting into the bark of a fir or pine tree. The original meaning of the Hebrew word for incense was "fragrant smoke." Ancient Jews burned incense as an act of worship in the tabernacle and temple. Scripture mentions incense often (Ephesians 5:2 and Philippians 4:18, for instance).

Today, incense is often used at the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at funerals, and during other special liturgical celebrations to highlight the festivity of a particular occasion. Celebrants may also use incense in any liturgy to bless the congregation, the altar, the book of the Gospels, and the gifts of bread and wine. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

August 12

Weekday

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

August 13

Weekday

Ez 2:8-3:4

Mt 18:1-5, 10,
12-14

Wednesday

August 14

St. Maximilian

Kolbe, Priest

and Martyr

Ez 9:1-7;
10:18-22

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

August 15

Assumption of

the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-
6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

Friday

August 16

Weekday

Ez 16:1-15, 60,

63 or 16:59-63

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

August 17

Weekday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b,

30-32

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

August 18

Twentieth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6

Eph 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Without [Jesus], rather than living, we get by: because he alone nourishes the soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; he alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love and, he alone gives us the strength to forgive.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 8, 2021



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AUGUST 11, 2024 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions



Monday, August 12th
Tuesday, August 13th

NO Mass - Montgomery City
5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City +Lafe
O'Bryan

Wednesday, August 14th
Thursday, August 15th
Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, August 16th
Saturday, August 17th
Sunday, August 18th

8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
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6:00 PM Mont. City-Clint Cunningham (for healing)
8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Fr. Paul Hartley
5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family
8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Sue Kyle

Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
June 2024	\$86,819.19	\$51,349.94	\$35,469.25
Fiscal Year July-June, 2023-24	\$864,043.20	\$768,197.58	\$95,845.62
Needed Weekly - \$13,397.08			
Aug. 4th -	\$8,175.91-Church;	\$5,502.50-ICS/Daycare;	\$13,678.41-Total
Aug. 11th -			
Aug. 18th -			
Aug. 25th -			

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 for your support!

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

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

Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation: 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.

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 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 17th & 18th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Jacob Roesner	Richard Schierhoff
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Anna Harrell
Communion Minister	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Jenidean Readey
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Don & Lila Broz	Jacob Hans Family
Servers	Mercer Cothren Beth Roesner	Carl Smith Josie Harrell
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberger	Pam Schwartz Cath McCormack

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

For a greater respect for the dignity of each and every human life in all public policies.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, August 12th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, August 13th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, August 14th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, August 15th <u>Holy Day of Obligation</u>	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg 6:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, August 16th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, August 17th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, August 18th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, August 12th	12:00 Noon- KofC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg
Tuesday, August 13th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM- Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - Catholic Education Com Mtg
Wednesday, August 14th	7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday, August 15th	
Friday, August 16th	
Saturday, August 17th	
Sunday, August 18th	10:00 AM - Back to School Mass, ICS Open House & Lunch



Wedding Anniversary

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

*Jim & Kiristie Hogue - 18 yrs of marriage on August 12th
Edmund & Dorothy Torbeck - 47 yrs of marriage on Aug. 13th
Jerry & Kelli Neale - 29 yrs of marriage on August 15th*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	115.00
Diocesan Missions	\$	10.00
School Donation for Teacher Supplies	\$	100.00
Holy Day (Assumption)	\$	36.00
Confirmation Fees	\$	50.00



Anniversary of Ordination

A "little birdie" told us the 19th anniversary of Fr. Ernest's ordination is Tuesday, August 20th.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) To Resume

Religious Education Classes for students Not attending Immaculate Conception School will resume Sunday, September 8th. Students in Grades 1-8 as well as any students requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are to attend the opening class on September 8th with their parents. Location: IC School Cafeteria from 4:15-6:15 PM. Class schedule will be reviewed at this class as well as discussion on class subject matter. Registration for the PSR Program will take place after weekend Masses on August 10-11, August 18, August 24-25. Any questions, please contact Dottie Brueggen (573-564-2183) or Michelle Schroer (573-826-5086).



Save the Date for Parish Retreat

Please mark your calendars for **March 29, 2025** when we will have a one-day Parish Retreat at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine at Starkenburg. Fr. Dan Merz will be our guest speaker. There will be more infor-

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We may live in a part of the country where the heat that's accumulated by this time of year is overwhelming. If so, the first reading will resonate with us. Just one day into his journey across the desert, the great prophet Elijah is so hot and tired and hungry and thirsty that he actually prays for death. Whether due to extreme temperatures or something else, sometimes we may feel at the end of our ropes. May Elijah remind us that God comes to us in our hour of need, most significantly by sending us Jesus, the Bread of Life, whom we receive today in the Eucharist and who is with us always, accompanying us and sustaining us in our suffering.



Question of the Week

How does receiving Christ in the Eucharist strengthen me to overcome obstacles on my journey to the kingdom?

IC Quilters

Do you quilt? Would like to learn to quilt? The IC Quilters quilt every Wednesday at the St. Vincent dePaul building from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. They are looking for some new quilters (you do not have to be a member of the parish). If you would like to learn to quilt, they will teach you! Bring a sack lunch and join the fun!



Thank You!

Immaculate Conception held Vacation Bible School July 30th-Aug. 2nd. The theme was "Disciples in Training". The children enjoyed participating in activities, crafts, songs, and games related to Noah and the Ark, Mary, John the Baptist, and Jesus. We want to thank Geri Park, our VBS Director; our "snack ladies" Aggie Baldetti, Jeanie Longstreet, Dianne Talley, and Bonnie Walker; Dottie Brueggen for her music with the children; our volunteer helpers Beth Cobb, Anna Harrell and Gregory Park; and all the parents for committing to bring their children and participating in the family day activities. A special thanks to our local Knights of Columbus #2044 for helping to sponsor this year's VBS!



Immaculate Conception School News



As we close out our summer and prepare for a new school year, we have one announcement. There has been a change to our faculty/staff assignments. Mrs. Bergmann will be the 3/4 grade homeroom teacher and Mrs. Smith will be the 6/8 grade homeroom teacher. They will be departmentalizing the subjects for grades 3-8. Mrs. Bergmann will be teaching all (3rd-8th) Social Studies and English-Language Arts. Mrs. Smith will be teaching all (3rd-8th) Mathematics and Religion. Both teachers will educate their homeroom students in Science. We look forward to a great school year!

We also want to remind you of the Back-To-School Mass on August 18th at 10:00 AM. After Mass we hope you will join us at our Open House at 11:15 AM at ICS. Lunch will be provided!

Our Prayers & Condolences

We offer our prayers and condolences to Tim & Kim Schroeder of our parish family. Tim's father, David Schroeder, passed away this week.

Pick-A-Prize Winners



...and the winner of the August 4th drawing was **George Boes!** He chose the \$500.00 Gift Card to Bratcher's. Congratulations (again!) George! Winners are drawn on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Past winners and prizes include:

- George Boes - \$500.00 gift card to Sams/Walmart
- Angela Keller - \$500.00 gift card to Amazon
- Daryl & Nancy Cobb - \$250.00 Cash/\$250.00 in lottery tickets
- Eileen Lotton - \$500.00 Visa gift card
- Joe Oden - Texas Roadhouse/Olive Garden/Culvers/Sybergs gift cards
- Wesley Cobb - Mystery Prize (\$500.00 in cash!)
- Richard Bainbridge - \$500 Gift Certificate to Montgomery Home & Hardware
- Sydney Peak - \$500.00 Gift Certificate to Yardbirds, LLC

Save The Date!

Please save the dates of **September 11th & 25th**. We will be showing season one of the movie, "The Chosen" at 6:30 PM at the KC Hall here in Montgomery City. Bring a comfortable chair!

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

John 6:51

When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving God himself, who gives us his grace so that we can live as witnesses of his love. When you leave Mass, remember that you are carrying God in your heart and go be the light for others.



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

August 13th - Second Tuesday Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg. 11:00 AM-Reconciliation, 11:40 Rosary, 12:00 Noon - Mass followed by lunch (\$10.00)

August 18th - St. Pius X Summer Feast Picnic - 10:00AM - 3:00 PM
798 W. Urbandale Dr. Moberly - Games, Auction, etc.

HARVEST PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Our Harvest Picnic is only 6 weeks away! We are still looking for more **Picnic Sponsors** and **Cup Sponsors**. **Deadline for cup sponsors is August 15th.** If you know an individual or business that would like to be a sponsor, please let Megan Hans or Pat Korman know.



Any vendors that want to set up at the **Vendor Fair**, contact Dianne Talley. At the Harvest Picnic, besides having delicious **food**, there will also be fun **games** and activities for kids and adults, a **bake sale**, a **country store**, **raffles**, and a **Live and Paddle Auction**. We will need many hands to work at the picnic. Please be thinking about what kinds of **items you will donate** as well as where **your talents** will best serve the parish for this event. Make sure to get your **packet** before and after Mass **Aug. 3-4, Aug. 10-11, and Aug. 17-18** with more information on what is needed and an opportunity to **sign up** to work a shift. **Quilt raffle** tickets will also be included. **For safety reasons, we ask that you leave your tickets & sign-up sheets in the lock box in the back of church. It is marked and on the wall next to the bulletin board.** This year we have a **Sporting Goods Raffle** with the prize of \$600 store credit to DC Sporting Goods in Hermann. Tickets can be purchased from committee members for \$20 each. We need everyone's help to make this **8th Annual Harvest Picnic** a success!

Committee members:

Julie Worsham - 573-489-2778 - Paddle Auction
Pat Korman - 636-359-0001- Live Auction
Dianne Talley - 573-590-3158 - Vendors
Megan Hans - 573-253-9476 - Cup Sponsorships
Judy Cobb, Gina Smith, Dottie Brueggemann, Anna Harrell, Tony & Betty Wessel, Don & Lila Broz, Kim Schroeder

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 - Susie Ryan, Mary Pettig, and Bill & Lucille Muenz.

Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann, 1800 Wein St, Hermann, MO 65041 - Tony & LaVerne Wessel, Sr.

Resident in Victorian Manor, 2120 Village Lane, Hermann, MO 65041 - Peggy Gardner



Please pray for: Susan Ryan, John Rybacki (Sue Beck's dad) Tom Eggering, Clint Cunningham, Avery Penn, Jim Wortmann, Lindsey O'Bryan, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Evelyn Strauss, Larry Brueggemann, Beau Boschenreither, Sheryl Gibbs, Ed Grillo, Tony Wessel, Sr., Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Rae Jean Rhoads, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath, Al & Christine Barger, Don Zerr, Marla Daniels, Matt Brumagin, Ingrid Keller, Margaret Van Beek, and Terry Parker.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Brandon Wells, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.



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you on the palm of
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Isaiah 49:15

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everyone, anytime
on Tuesdays
starting at
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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
5:00 PM
Adoration will
close with
Devotion to the
Divine Mercy and
Benediction.
Mass will start at
5:30 PM.



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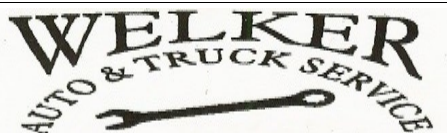
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