

## “For God So Loved the World...”

**W**hen we hear this phrase from **John 3:16**, we think of God’s love for human beings—and rightly so. However, today’s first reading reminds us that God’s love is much broader. This reading offers us a glimpse into God’s love of all natural creation. The Greek word translated “world,” the word found in the passage from John as well as today’s reading, is *kósmos*, a word we think of today as “universe.” So we could say: “God so loved the cosmos.”

The author of the Book of Wisdom insists that God loves whatever God has made; that the power of the Creator is matched by the Creator’s love; and that this love is manifested through mercy to all. We are accustomed to hearing how God cares for us with holy abandon. This reading expands that love to include a tiny grain of sand or the morning dew. An even more daring statement claims that God’s imperishable spirit is in all things. How else could anything exist? This fact is the basis of what is referred to as “the intrinsic value of the entire natural world,” which means that everything has unique value simply because it was created by God—not because we can use it to enhance ourselves.

This kind of thinking might be new to many. However, it calls us to revere elements of nature like trees, flowers, wolves, and even mosquitos, because they are creatures of God. Our faith insists that “God so loved the cosmos.” —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *Read the first reading slowly and thoughtfully. What new thinking does it suggest for you?*
- ★ *Think of how dependent you are on earth, water, air, and plants, for example, and give thanks.*

*For you [the Lord] love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made;  
for you would not fashion what you hate.*

WISDOM 11:24





# Dear Padre,

**My aunt has terminal cancer. Her doctors have advised her to stop chemotherapy and begin palliative care, but she says that's equivalent to assisted suicide. Is that what the Church thinks?**

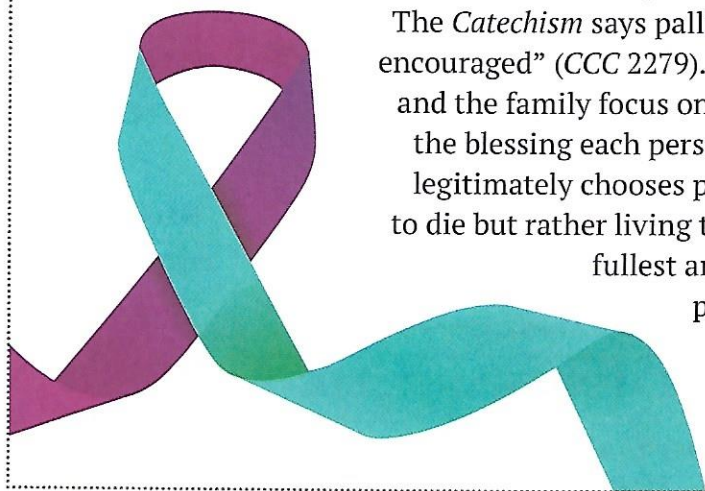
**P**alliative care doesn't prolong life, but neither does it cause life to end. The bishops are quite clear that palliative care is neither euthanasia nor assisted suicide, both of which are always sinful.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says treating or not treating a patient in a way that will cause death is always murder (CCC 2277). However, a patient's choice to discontinue "burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary" treatment "can be legitimate" when it's done not to cause death, but in recognition of "one's inability to impede it" (CCC 2278). But even when death seems to be close, "ordinary care" that would be given to any sick person cannot be interrupted (CCC 2279).

Palliative care does not cause death. It gives terminally ill people spiritual support and relief from their physical symptoms. An excellent resource on this topic, "Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide," is available at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

The *Catechism* says palliative care "should be encouraged" (CCC 2279). It helps the dying person and the family focus on the gift of life and the blessing each person is. The patient who legitimately chooses palliative care is not waiting to die but rather living those last moments to the fullest and as comfortably as possible.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Even if we know that we cannot always guarantee healing or a cure, we can and must always care for the living, without ourselves shortening their life, but also without futilely resisting their death. This approach is reflected in palliative care, which...opposes what makes death most terrifying and unwelcome—pain and loneliness.*

MESSAGE TO WORLD MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 31

Weekday

Phil 2:1–4

Lk 14:12–14

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints

Rv 7:2–4, 9–14

1 Jn 3:1–3

Mt 5:1–12a

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 2

Commemoration of  
All the Faithful Departed  
(All Souls' Day)

Any readings from  
no. 668 or from the  
Masses for the Dead

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 3

Weekday

Phil 3:3–8a

Lk 15:1–10

### Friday

NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles Borromeo,  
Bishop

Phil 3:17–4:1

Lk 16:1–8

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 5

Weekday

Phil 4:10–19

Lk 16:9–15

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 6

Thirty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

2 Mc 7:1–2, 9–14

2 Thes 2:16–3:5

Lk 20:27–38

or 20:27, 34–38



# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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

## OCTOBER 30, 2022 - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions



July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Monday, October 31st	<b>No Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Tuesday, November 1st (All Saints Day)	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City</b> +Mark Stumbaugh
Wednesday, Nov. 2nd (All Souls Day)	6:30 PM Mass - Wellsville 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City</b> +Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, November 3rd	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City</b> +Howard Witte
Friday, November 4th	<b>8:00 AM Rosary - Mont. City</b> +Diane Happe
Saturday, November 5th	<b>5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City</b> +Don Benney
Sunday, November 6th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City</b> - Our Parish Family

*(No Mass if there is a funeral at any of the three parishes)*

<b>Church &amp; School Financial Report:</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>September 2022</b>	\$64,914.32	\$83,387.08	-\$18,472.76
<b>Fiscal Year July-June 2022-23</b>	\$191,812.60	\$195,979.98	-\$ 4,167.38
<b>Needed Weekly</b> - \$ 13,232.95			
October 2nd - \$ 8,488.71-Church; \$9,724.00-ICS/Daycare; \$18,212.71 Total			
October 9th - \$ 2,545.00-Church; \$3,894.00-ICS/Daycare; \$6,439.00 Total			
October 16th - \$10,567.16-Church; \$4,094.00-ICS/Daycare; \$14,661.16 Total			
October 23rd - \$ 8,697.00-Church; \$7,447.00-ICS/Daycare; \$16,144.00 Total			
October 30th - \$			

Last Week's Envelopes: 64

*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.

### 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 5th & 6th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Gary Hoette	Amanda Arens
Children's Liturgy	Not during Saturday Evening Mass	Geri Park
Communion Minister	Beth Cobb	Dennis Cobb
Ministers of Hospitality	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Sharon Pottebaum	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman
Servers	Reed Pottebaum Jacob Roesner	Leyla Beabout Elizabeth Schierhoff
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes Judy Cobb	Megan Hans Steve Williams

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

Recognizing the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, may we embrace the spirituality of stewardship and avoid any sense of entitlement in our relationship with God.  
We pray to the Lord.



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, October 31st	<b>No MASS - Montgomery City</b>
Tuesday, November 1st	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> 6:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Wednesday, November 2nd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg 5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Thursday, November 3rd	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Friday, November 4th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Saturday, November 5th	<b>5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Sunday, November 6th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> <b>(Rosary @ 9:30 AM)</b>

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, October 31st	
Tuesday, November 1st	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration
Wednesday, November 2nd	6:00 PM - Home & School Mtg. 7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Mtg
Thursday, November 3rd	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass
Friday, November 4th	
Saturday, November 5th	
Sunday, November 6th	6:00 PM - Gr. 5/6 PSR Class 6:00 PM - Confirmation Class

### *Wedding Anniversary*



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

*Dick & Shirley – 65 years of marriage on November 2nd  
Glenn & Gerry Knoepflein - 10 years of marriage on Nov. 3rd*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	55.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	366.00

(This is NOT included in Page 1 totals)

### **Pictorial Directory Update**



Please remember to make your appointment to have your picture take for our pictorial directory Photo sessions will be held on November 14th and 15th and November 22nd and 23rd from 2:00 PM-8:30 PM at the K of C Hall. To sign up online go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on yellow sunburst icon, enter **mo216** in church code field and enter photos in church password field.

### **Penance Service**

Penance Services for the Christmas Season (yes, it's just around the corner!) are as follows:

December 15th - Immaculate Conception at 7:00 PM  
December 21st - Jonesburg at 6:00 PM

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger, Fr. Henry Ussher will be assisting, and Fr. Joseph Abah.

### **Thank you!**

I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and flowers I received while in the hospital. I am doing better, still regaining my strength, slowly but surely!

Thanks,  
Kim Dryden

### **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, Zacchaeus has to climb a tree in order to see Jesus. We likely had it much easier to come here today to encounter our Lord. We don't have to go up a tree; we experience Jesus' presence right here and right now in the Eucharist itself. At the end of the Gospel, Jesus tells the repentant Zacchaeus that salvation has come to his house. May the Lord's mercy bring salvation to this house as well.

### **Question of the Week**

If I were in Zacchaeus's shoes and Jesus was coming to my home while others called me a sinner, what wrongs would I pledge to make right? What bold promises would I make?

### **All Souls**



In the month of November, we remember those who have passed away in the past year:

Diane Happe, Jim Walker, James Cochran, Sr., Lorraine (Punky) Boes, Fr. Paul Hartley, Ignatius Busken, Douglas Zerr, and Jane Dorlac, and Valerie Readey Neudecker.

### **Tambourine Ringing**



Tambourine Ringing: Montgomery County Cares is sponsoring "tambourine ringing" for fundraising between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Montgomery County Cares help people in need across the county. This event is replacing the Salvation Army Bell Ringing that we have helped with in the past. Immaculate Conception Parish will be in charge of ringing the tambourine on Saturday, December 10 at Bratcher's Market from 9-4. We would appreciate it if you could sign up for 1 hour. The sign-up list is in the back of church. Any help would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Beth Roesner at 314-974-1087.

## Immaculate Conception School News



November 1st - No School  
November 2nd - Home & School Meeting @ 6:00 PM  
November 3rd - Prayer Partner Mass  
November 4th - Trivia Night @ KC Hall at 7:00 PM

### **\*\*HELP WANTED\*\***

ICS will be going through the Self Study process during this school year. We will be hosting the visiting team on April 26-28, 2023. We are needing accommodations for 4 adults. We would love to hear recommendations on how to make their stay more economically friendly, comfortable and enjoyable. Please call the school office if you have any suggestions. 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 [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.**



### **IC Home & School Trivia Night - Nov. 4**

Get a team together for Trivia Night on Friday, November 4th! Doors open at 6:00 pm, and trivia begins at 7:00 pm. Register a team of 8 for \$140 by October 31. The theme is "Holidays." We will have many silent auction items and a live auction as well. We are selling Gun Raffle tickets for \$20 for a Browning X-Bolt .308. We also have a 1/2 Hog Raffle for \$10. Please see any school family to purchase your chances! Email [homeandschool@icschool-mc.org](mailto:homeandschool@icschool-mc.org) for questions.



### **Ladies Retreat on November 12th**

A Women's "Day of Recollection" on November 12th at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg will begin with 9:00 AM Mass. Fr. Vordtriede will be the presiding and will hear Confessions following Mass. Lunch will be from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM. Please bring a sack lunch. Water and coffee will be provided. Guest Speaker Fr. Ernest Dike will speak at 12:30 PM and Confessions will resume until 2:30 PM. Stations of the Cross, and Praying the Rosary will be available in small groups or individually. The retreat will be over around 3:30 PM.

If you would like to go, we can pool rides from the church parking lot. Please be there by 8:15 AM and remember your sack lunch!

If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office or Dorothy Craven at (636) 359-7849.

### **Martinsburg Area Ultreya**

Calling all Cursillo family members, please, mark your calendars for the reunion on November 12, 2022. It will be held at the Martinsburg Community Room around 5pm. It follows 4pm mass at St. Joseph. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

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

**November 6th** - Church of the Risen Savior Fall Dinner at Valentine Hall in Starkenburg from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Fried Chicken or Whole Hog Sausage. Dine in or carry out.

**November 11th** - Martinsburg Famous Fried Chicken Dinner - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Dine in, drive thru, or carry out.

**November 13th** - St. Joseph "All You Can Eat" Breakfast from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Martinsburg KC Hall.

### **Head Count for October**

We want to let you know the weekly head count for each month of the year. Starting in September this count will be listed in the bulletin with a grand total at the end of each month.

October 1st - 68	October 2nd - 111
October 8th - 76	October 9th - 110
October 15th - 101	October 16th - 117
October 22nd - 57	October 23rd - 136
October 29th -	October 30th -
Total	

**Grand Total for October =**

### **Catholic Stewardship Appeal**



This weekend we begin our Catholic Stewardship Appeal at Immaculate Conception Parish. This annual appeal is the primary source of funding for sustaining ministry and assistance for the 106 parishes and missions in the 38 counties that make up the Diocese of Jefferson City. The CSA theme, **"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6-7),** encourages each of us to give back to God that which we have received. Please pray and give consideration on how you can help with this year's CSA.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOT PARK IN THE STREET FACING THE MFA GRAVEL LOT ANYTIME DURING HARVEST SEASON. Thank you!**

### **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:** 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), and Matt Brumagin.

*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, Steve (Hip) Hill, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, and Daniel Lohmann.

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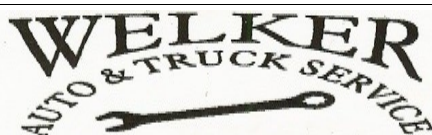
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you."**

2 Corinthians 11

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