



## Life at the Edge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an “empty nest.” Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we’ve dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it. We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies.

The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed

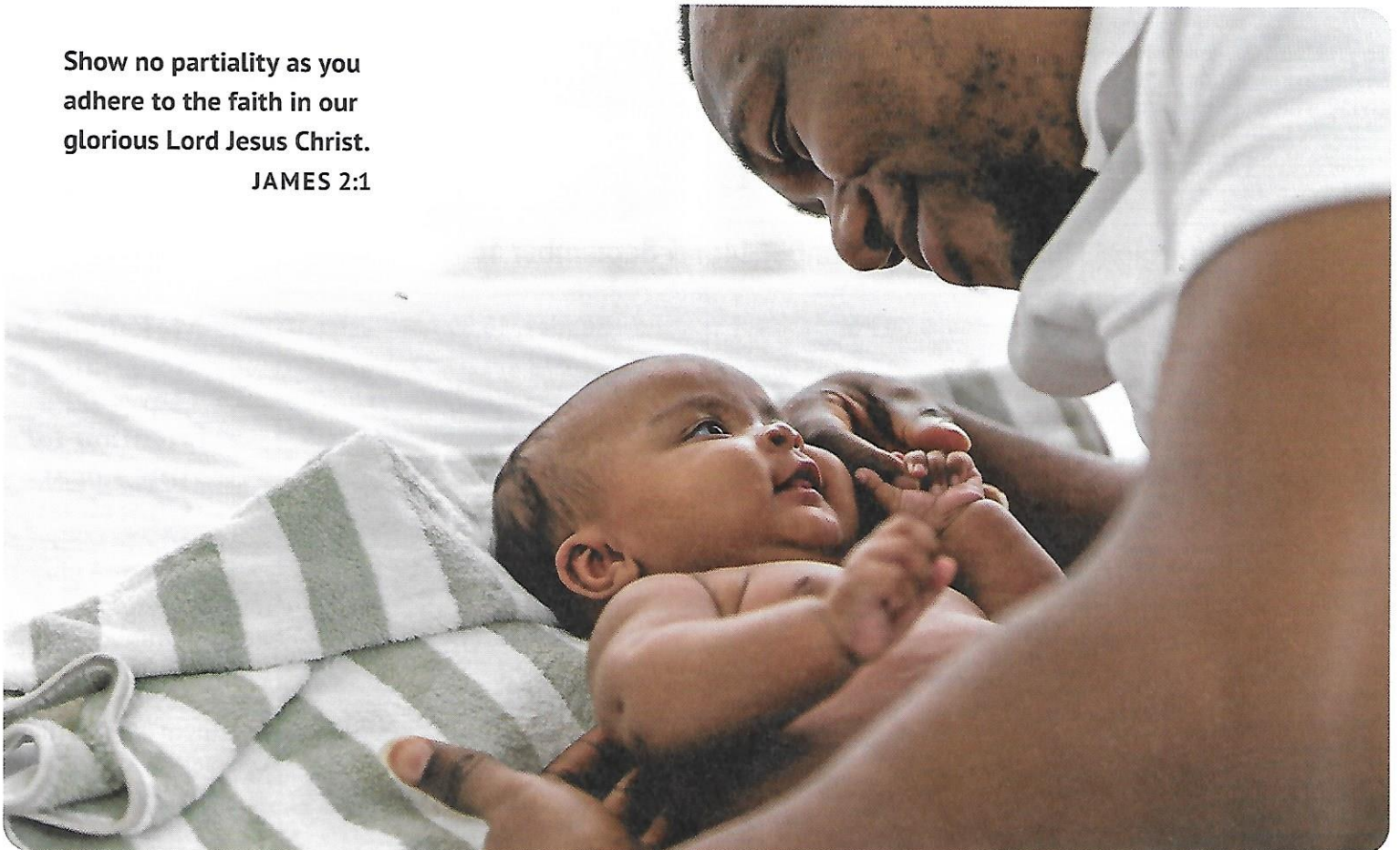
strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God’s presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life’s glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn. It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, “Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?” (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us. ●

### Reflect

*Do you feel God’s presence differently in hard times than you do in easy times?*

**Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.**

**JAMES 2:1**

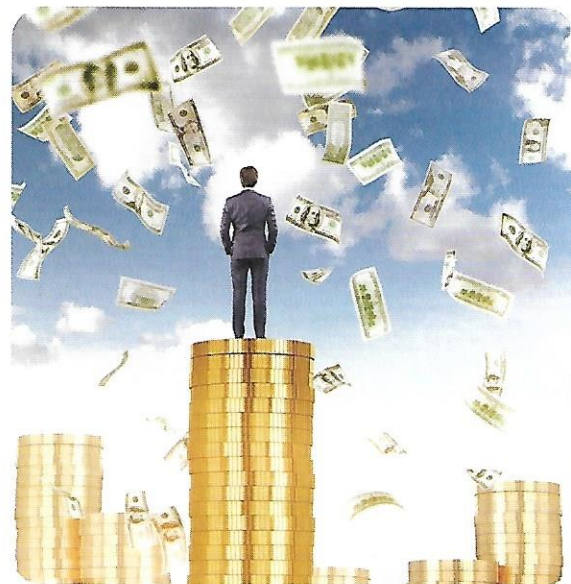


# Dear Padre,

**What is the “gospel of prosperity”? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God’s favor?**

That’s a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going? ....Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things!....***

***The healing of the heart begins with listening....***

***We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us:***

***“Ephphatha, be opened!” Open your ears.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

### **Monday**

September 9

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

1 Cor 5:1–8

Lk 6:6–11

### **Tuesday**

September 10

*Weekday*

1 Cor 6:1–11

Lk 6:12–19

### **Wednesday**

September 11

*Weekday*

1 Cor 7:25–31

Lk 6:20–26

### **Thursday**

September 12

*Weekday*

1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13

Lk 6:27–38

### **Friday**

September 13

*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27

Lk 6:39–42

### **Saturday**

September 14

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

### **Sunday**

September 15

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 50:4c–9a

Jas 2:14–18

Mk 8:27–35



# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



## 163rd YEAR OF SERVICE

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

## SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions



Monday, September 9th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**  
 Tuesday, September 10th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**  
 Wednesday, Sept. 11th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
 Thursday, September 12th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Larry Jahner  
 Friday, September 13th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** - Angela Keller  
 Saturday, September 14th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Judy Topel  
 Sunday, September 15th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
**10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** - Our Parish Family

### Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

<u>Church &amp; School Financial Report:</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>July 2024</b>	\$56,779.88	\$74,665.11	-\$17,885.23
<b>Fiscal Year July-July, 2024-25</b>	\$56,779.88	\$74,665.11	-\$17,885.23
<b>Needed Weekly - \$13,967.97</b>			
Sept. 1st -	\$5,617.77-Church; \$7,481.50-ICS/Daycare; \$13,099.27 - Total		
Sept. 8th -			
Sept. 15th -			
Sept. 22nd-			
Sept. 30th			

**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 September 14th & September 15th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Dennis Benney	Richard Schierhoff
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Anna Harrell
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Mary Pottebaum	Jacob Lotton
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Bob Dryden Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Melissa & Justin Beabout Brady & Dana Schneider
<b>Servers</b>	Jacob Roesner Reed Pottebaum	Natalie Beabout Alena Beabout
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
<b>Money Counters</b>	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberg	Pam Schwartz Cathy McCormack

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

For those who serve our community as first responders; may God keep them safe as they serve with honor the safety and well-being of all.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, September 9th	<b>NO Mass - Montgomery City</b>	Monday, September 9th	6:30 PM - St. Vincent DePaul
Tuesday, September 10th	<b>NO Mass - Montgomery City</b>	Tuesday, September 10th	1:00 PM - KofC Ladies Auxiliary 6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration NO Benediction or Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, September 11th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, September 11th	6:30 PM - Movie Night - KC Hall
Thursday, September 12th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>	Thursday, September 12th	10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance
Friday, September 13th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>	Friday, September 13th	
Saturday, September 14th	<b>5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Rosary at 4:30 PM)	Saturday, September 14th	
Sunday, September 15th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Rosary at 9:30 AM)	Sunday, September 15th	Harvest Picnic 

### *Wedding Anniversary*



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

*Brad & Peggy Stahlhuth - 26 yrs of marriage on September 12th  
Mike & Marilyn Peveler - 49 yrs of marriage on September 13th*

### Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance      \$    115.00

### HARVEST PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Next Sunday is our Harvest Picnic! Come join us and enjoy yummy food, playing games, etc. This is one of God's glorious celebrations as one community. We will get to visit with old friends while making new ones. See you there!



### ICS Grandparents Day

On Friday, September 20th, at the 10:00 AM Mass, the ICS students will be celebrating Grandparents Day. After Mass the students and grandparents will reconvene at the school where they will participate in activities as well as being served a fabulous meal!



### No Parking

Please remember to not park in the street facing the MFA gravel lot anytime during harvest season. Trucks hauling grain need room to maneuver on and off the scales.

### NO Mass

On **September 17th** there will be no Evening Mass. Please let your family and friends know so they can make a note on their calendar.

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take a look around you as you make yourself at home in God's home. As you entered, did you welcome others as perhaps you yourself were welcomed? Did you see anyone you did not recognize? Did you give them the once over and make a judgment, perhaps in the back of your mind? In today's second reading, James instructs the Christian community to show no partiality in their assembly. He warns them that those they may tend to avoid or ignore may be exactly those whom God chooses for the kingdom. In that spirit, let us always warmly welcome all who join us to worship the Lord.



### Question of the Week

When have I failed to be open to Jesus' message? Opening myself to his challenging message, how will I proclaim it by my words and actions?

### 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. Any questions, please contact Dottie Brueggen (573-564-2183) or Michelle Schroer (573-826-5086).



### Come Join Us for Movie Night!

We hope you will be able to join us on **September 11th & 25th for "Movie Night"**. Season one of "The Chosen" will be shown at 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall here in Montgomery City. Admission is FREE! Popcorn is FREE! (You may want to bring a drink.) Bring a comfortable chair!





Please see the enclosed Newsletter from Ms. Schroeder to read about the exciting things at ICS!

Pick-A-Prize Winners



...and the winner of the August 18th drawing was Bonnie Walker! She chose gift cards to Subway, Dos Primos, Bundy's, 2nd Place, Papa B's Wing Shack, and Rugged Roots. Congratulations Bonnie! 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
George Boes - \$500.00 Gift Certificate to Bratcher's

Protect Young Eyes



Protect Young Eyes is returning to the Diocese of Jefferson City this month! Following their presentations in our diocese last year, many have been asking for these national speakers to return with updated information.

Free workshops for parents are being held at:

- 5-6:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29, St. Joseph School in Salisbury
- 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 30, Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jeff City

Parents can register for this event at: diojeffcity.org/pye-registration. A workshop for youth ministers, DREs, counselors, Virtue trainers, priests and others serving youth is being held at:

- 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 30, Chancery Office, Jeff City

The registration link for this event is: diojeffcity.org/protect-young-eyes-workshop/

Liturgical Ministries Training

Hosted by The Diocesan Liturgical Commission

August 31, 2024

Our Lady of Lourdes
903 Bernadette Dr., Columbia, MO
Gather in the Church @ 9:40 am

September 7, 2024

St. Patrick Chapel
415 E. 4th St., Sedalia, MO
All are welcome to celebrate 9:00 am Mass

September 28, 2024

St. Patrick Catholic Church
17 St. Patrick Ln., Rolla, MO

October 5, 2024

St. Joseph Cathedral
2305 W. Main St. Jefferson City, MO

November 9, 2024

Immaculate Conception
402 N. Rollins St., Macon, MO



- 12:00 am Welcome and Prayer
12:05 am Keynote by Fr. Dan
12:30 am Breakout Sessions
12:00 pm Sharing of the Wealth & Questions
12:15 pm Closing Prayer

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

- September 10th- Second Tuesday Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg. 11:00 AM-Reconciliation, 11:40 AM-Rosary, 12:00 Noon-Mass. Lunch after Mass.
September 22nd - Fall Festival at Our Lady, Help of Christian Parish in Frankenstein from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
October 6th - Octoberfest at St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg starting at 11:00 AM
October 6th - Fall Festival at St. Mary's Parish in Hawk Point from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM



IC School Athletic Schedule

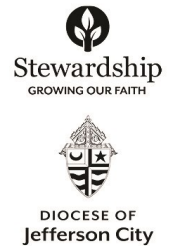
IC School Athletics: 7th and 8th grade ICS students are eligible to participate with the public school 7th and 8th grade sports throughout the school year. Fall sports season has started. Tinley Anderson - 8th grade is on the middle school volleyball team. All "Home" volleyball games start at 5:30 p.m. with the 7th grade game first, followed by the 8th grade game, at the R-II Middle School. You are welcome to attend the games to support Tinley, our ICS student! THANK YOU for supporting the ICS Middle School athletes! The "Home" games for volleyball are: Tues. Sept. 17th, 24th and 25th Tues. Oct. 1st Thurs. Oct. 10th

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.



James 1:21b-22

The command at the end of Holy Mass means to go out into the world and be "doers of the word" and not just "hearers." We do this in love, charity, and with a servant's heart towards others, which is a grace of receiving Holy Communion.



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, Bill & Lucille Muenz, and Mike Busken.

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: Dan Grieshaber, Susie Ryan, John Rybacki, 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, RaeJean Rhoads, LucilleGriesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath, Al & Christine Barger, Don Zerr, Marla Daniels, Matt Brumagin, Ingrid Keller, Margaret Van Beek, and Terry Parker.



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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*Isaiah 49:15*

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August 30, 2024

## Message from Ms. Schroeder

Welcome back to school! It has been great seeing all the students again! A few reminders that need to be addressed: please do not drop off your K-8th grade students until 7:15am. If they arrive early, a charge will be placed on your account. The teachers are not contracted until 7:15am which means they are not "working" until their contracted time. Also, please return your ICS Family Information Folders in a timely manner. These folders are used to send home important information from the school office.

We have several upcoming events that I have added to the calendar for your convenience. Please plan to attend the first Home & School meeting of the school year on September 4 at 6pm. If you attend the Home & School meeting your child will receive a dress down pass to wear non-uniform clothes to school.

IC Harvest Picnic will be held at the MOCO Fairground on Sunday, September 15. This event helps raise extras funds for the parish. Since the parish pays  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the educational cost for students attending ICS, we as a school family need to help make this event a success by volunteering our time and talents. Be on the lookout for a sign-up Google Form via text message.

ICS Grandparents' Day is scheduled for Friday, September 20 starting with Mass at 10am. We encourage all grandparents to attend Mass with their grandchild(ren). The student's will be in charge of ministries during Mass. After Mass, lunch will be served by Home and School followed by classroom activities for everyone. Please see the Grandparents' Day information sheet enclosed in the ICS Family Information Folder.

All are welcome to attend See You At The Pole™ on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:15am at ICS. We will gather in prayer, reflection, and music as we celebrate this day of prayer around the world.

SAVE THE DATE: ICS will be have an All School Field Trip to Roosters Farm on Thursday, October 31. Please add to your calendar, and be watching out for the Google permission form.

## Important Dates:

**Sept. 4- Home & School Meeting 6pm**

**Sept. 5- Prayer Partner Mass**

**Sept. 15- IC Harvest Picnic @ MOCO Fairgrounds**

**Sept. 20- ICS Grandparents' Day**

**Sept. 25- See You At The Pole @7:15am**

**Oct. 2- Home & School Meeting 6pm**

**Oct. 3- Prayer Partner Mass**

**Oct. 8- ICS Picture Day (regular uniform)**

**Oct. 8-11- IOWA/CoGAT Testing Week**

**Oct. 18- End of 1st Quarter**

**Oct. 23- MCHD Flu Clinic @ ICS**

**Oct. 28- School In Session**

**Oct. 30- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm**

**Oct. 31- Little Bit of Heaven Party (Halloween costumes) 9-11am**

**Roosters Farm All School Field Trip 11-3pm**

**Nov. 1- NO SCHOOL**

