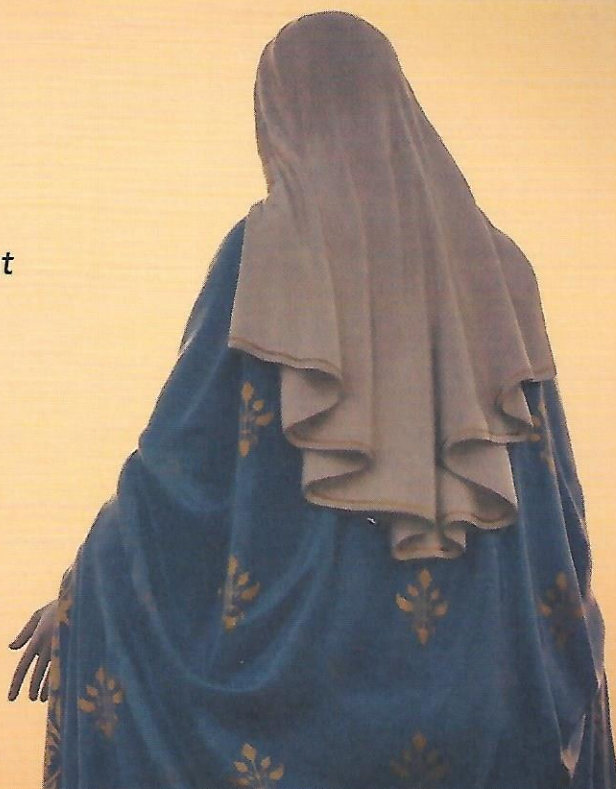


And Mary said...
"The Mighty One has done great
things for me,
and holy is his name."
LUKE 1:46, 49



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"All Generations Will Call Me Blessed"

Today's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet" (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing "aloud in pain as she labored to give birth" (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.

When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to "Push!" The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as "the birth pangs of the Messiah."

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich "sent away empty" (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ Where does the Magnificat throw light on issues in our own society?
- ✦ Pray for the courage you need to be faithful to your calling in life.

Dear Padre,

Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?

Mary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s.

Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church.

The definition of Mary's assumption—body and soul—to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them. Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation.

Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul II's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled. The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 68).

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, PAVIA CATHEDRAL
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2019



Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 16

Weekday

Jgs 2:11–19

Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday

AUGUST 17

Weekday

Jgs 6:11–24a

Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday

AUGUST 18

Weekday

Jgs 9:6–15

Mt 20:1–16

Thursday

AUGUST 19

Weekday

Jgs 11:29–39a

Mt 22:1–14

Friday

AUGUST 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church

Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22

Mt 22:34–40

Saturday

AUGUST 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17

Mt 23:1–12

Sunday

AUGUST 22

Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b

Eph 5:21–32 or

Eph 5:2a, 25–32

Jn 6:60–69

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AUGUST 15, 2021 - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 16th	NO MASS - Montgomery City
Tuesday, August 17th	NO MASS - Montgomery City
Wednesday, August 18th	No Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, August 19th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, August 20th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, August 21st	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
Sunday, August 22nd	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Howard Witte



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 - \$			
August 22nd - \$			
August 29th			

Last Week's Envelopes: 43 of 180

(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 August 21st & 22nd

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Dennis Benney	Amanda Arens
Children's Liturgy	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Communion Minister	Mary Pottebaum	Eileen Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Kasey & Mary Pottebaum Sharon Pottebaum	Jacob & Megan Hans Steve Williams
Servers	Landon & Reed Pottebaum	Owen Merz Carl Smith
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
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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

Monday, August 16th	NO MASS
Tuesday, August 17th	NO MASS
Wednesday, August 18th	NO MASS
Thursday, August 19th	NO MASS
Friday, August 20th	NO MASS
Saturday, August 21st	4:00 PM Mass - Wellsville 5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 5:00 PM)
Sunday, August 22nd	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, August 16th	
Tuesday, August 17th	
Wednesday, August 18th	7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Mtg
Thursday, August 19th	
Friday, August 20th	
Saturday, August 21st	
Sunday, August 22nd	

Wedding Anniversary



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

There are no anniversaries this weekend.

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$ 125.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 800.00
Special Collections:	
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 20.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 30.00

Welcome New Parishioners

We want to welcome **Tara Schulte** who recently joined our parish! She grew up in Montgomery City, moved away for a few years, and is now back! Tara currently works at Grow-To-Gather.



A warm welcome to **Dana Schneider and her son, Brady**, from Montgomery City have also joined our parish family! Brady will be in 2nd grade at IC School and Dana works as a cook at Papa B's Wing Shack.

We look forward to getting to know both of these families too!

This Weekend's Mass Celebrant

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

Parish School of Religion Resumes

Religious Education classes for children in grade school will resume Sunday, August 29th. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will meet in the morning; students in grades 6, 7, and 8 on Sunday evening. Parents will be receiving letters by mail with additional information.

My Dear Parishioners,

Now that I am officially a senior citizen, I want to thank you all for the birthday cards, gifts, prayers, and well wishes!

Things are going well with my treatments. With the reduction of the last infusion, I feel a lot better! As of Monday, I'll have only 8 more infusions to go...yay!!!

With all of my heart, may God bless you all.

Father Paul M. 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 14th - Back-to-School Mass
August 18th - First day of school

We would like to invite everyone to our Back to School Mass on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 5:30. We are all so excited to kick off the school year with Mass and Open House following Mass.

ECLC Happenings

We have an opening for a 4 year old preschooler. If you would like more information please call the school office at 564-2679.



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.**

Employment Opportunities

The Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking an experienced **Administrative Assistant** to support the Director of Parish and Charitable Services. This position not only provides administrative support, but is closely aligned with direct ministry; therefore, the individual will need to have a good knowledge of the Catholic faith in order to be successful. In addition to excellent organizational and Microsoft office skills, the ideal candidate will need to be available for occasional evening and weekend work. We estimate this to be approximately 12 times a year. This is a full-time, year-round position. The Diocese of Jefferson City offers a comprehensive benefit package including paid holidays, paid vacation and sick days, group health, dental, and vision insurance, a flexible spending account and matching 403(b) retirement plan. Qualified candidates should apply on Indeed.com and complete the skills assessment.

The Chancery has an opening for a **part-time Wellness Case Coordinator**. The Wellness Case Coordinator serves as an advocate for priests and deacons within the Diocese of Jefferson City. This individual is responsible for educating priests and permanent deacons so that they can take care of their own health, and if needed, can act as an advocate and liaison between the priest/deacon and their medical provider(s). This is a part-time, virtual position with some travel within the diocese. The ideal candidate will be a RN, LPN or Nurse Case Manager with a Missouri state nursing license, or a social worker with healthcare experience. Candidates are encouraged to send a letter of interest and resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

Help the Aging Religious

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others, educating the young, comforting the sick, and administering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to help the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously in the collection.

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

Capital Campaign Update



Cornerstone Campaign
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Dear Parishioners,

We are so thrilled to say the concrete work is completed! There will be two small curbs added on the south side, but the main work is completed and our sidewalks are so much safer now. We have noticed that we are still seeing some tripping as people go in and out the door as we are all used to stepping down when we leave the church. Please, be careful as you exit and watch carefully at the threshold. We will be keeping that in mind as we select our new front door.

The steeple repair is next on the list and we hope that work will begin within the next few weeks. The new vents for the steeple have been ordered and the handrails for the ramps and sidewalk are nearing completion. It is even possible they will be installed prior to Mass this weekend.

We are also grateful to share that we have been given \$8800 in donations as a result of the letters we mailed to people connected to our parish in some way. We are so touched by the generosity! There are still more letters to send.

Finally we want to share that our current total in donations and pledges is \$246,337.16. We have paid out \$50,593.76 in expenses and currently have a bank balance of \$147,343.40. As always we are grateful for every penny and we hope that each of you will consider being part of this campaign. We need your help to reach our goal.

Thank you and God bless you.

SSVDP Collection



Thank you to all who donated generously to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection last weekend. \$282.11 was collected!

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.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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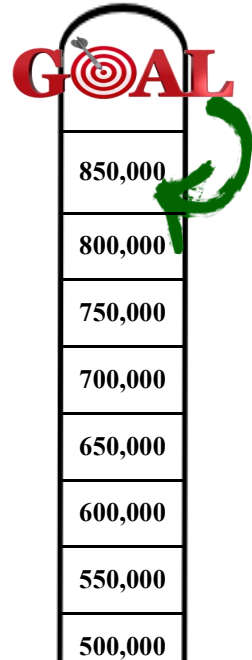
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