Our Parish community

"I'm Hungry!"

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

esides the meals we eat. B we also feed various other hungers throughout the day. Try "fasting" from your smartphone or computer for a day-no texting, no emails, no surfing the internet. If you are a news junkie, try going a day without your fix of the latest word from Washington or a sports update. At a creativity workshop, I was once given an assignment of not reading for an entire week, not even a cereal box at breakfast or the day's TV schedule. The goal was to discover what I would do with all my extra time. Think about what feeds our daily hungers and interests.

What, then, does it mean to say that Jesus is our bread, that he is the one who feeds us and guenches our thirst? To come to him, to have faith in him, to follow him, is to live as he lived. When we do so, we find that our lives take on new meaning. Living as people who forgive feeds our hunger for peace with one another. Generosity breeds generosity; as we meet the needs of others, we find that others also meet our needs, and slowly the world begins to care and heal. Surrendering to God's ways opens us to a wellspring of strength previously unknown. With Jesus as our bread, we find ourselves fed beyond our trivial hungers.

Reflect

Are you finding healthy ways to feed your hungers?

August 4, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 / Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 / John 6:24-35

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life;

whoever comes to me will never hunger, and



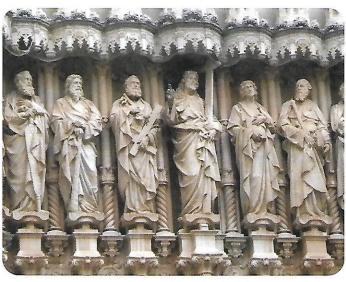
whoever believes in me will never thirst." **JOHN 6:35**

Dear Padre,

Are Catholic statues the same as "graven images"?

God forbade the making of idols, images of false gods (Exodus 20:4-5). But God did not forbid the making of all images. Images of cherubim were placed on the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 37:7–9), and the Book of Numbers tells how God commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole as a sign of healing (Numbers 21:7-9).

Not only is the making of images or representations of people not forbidden by God, it is so common that we take it for granted. People keep photographs of those they love.



In the same way, we Catholics love the saints as family members who have gone before us, and we keep images of them in our homes and churches.

Catholics do not worship the saints; we worship and adore God alone. But we do honor the saints, remembering their holy lives as we try to imitate them. There is nothing unusual about keeping statues and paintings in prominent places. Many cities display statues of leaders and important citizens. If we are given only secular models to imitate, we will be denied models who can guide us to Jesus and to eternal life. Images of the saints are reminders of God's grace and goodness fleshed out in the lives of people very much like us.

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre? Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11
Weekday	Transfiguration	Weekday	St. Dominic,	Weekday	St. Lawrence,	Nineteenth
Jer 28:1–17	of the Lord	Jer 31:1-7	Priest	Na 2:1, 3;	Deacon and	Sunday in
Mt 14:13-21	Dn 7:9–10,	Mt 15:21-28	Jer 31:31-34	3:1-3, 6-7	Martyr	Ordinary Time
	13-14		Mt 16:13-23	Mt 16:24-28	2 Cor 9:6-10	1 Kgs 19:4–8
	2 Pt 1:16-19				Jn 12:24-26	Eph 4:30-5:2
	Mk 9:2–10					Jn 6:41–51





A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

When we seek first and foremost the satisfaction of our needs, we risk using people and exploiting situations for our own ends.... Let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and...learn to love each other.... Love given freely and without calculation, without using people, freely, with generosity, with magnanimity.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 1, 2021



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Immaculate Conception Parish Family 163rd YEAR OF SERVICE



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AUGUST 4, 2024 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions



Monday, August 5th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, August 6th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, August 7th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, August 8th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Clint Cunningham
	(for healing)
Friday, August 9th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Darlene Sachs
Saturday, August 10th	5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City +Susan Schipper
Sunday, August 11th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
	10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Our Parish Family

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.

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.

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.

Your	Gifts	to	God!
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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

July7th - \$5,983.00-Church; \$4,699.00-ICS/Daycare; \$10,682.00 -Total July 14th - \$3,575.72-Church; \$4,532.00-ICS/Daycare; \$ 8,107.72 - Total July 21st - \$3,628.08-Church; \$7,264.00-ICS/Daycare; \$10,892.08 - Total July 28th - \$3,614.15-Church; \$5,414.00-ICS/Daycare; \$ 9,028.15-Total

Thank you for your support!

If you are hospitalized or if you have a family member who is homebound, please call the office/rectory at 573-564-2375.

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

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM	Bishop McKnight's
Lector	Beth Roesner	Jerry Witthaus	August prayer
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Bonnie Walker	intention for our Local
Communion Minister	Beth Cobb	Tudie Simpson	Church is:
Ministers of Hospitality	Cothren Family	Dana & Brady Schneider Steve Williams Julie Worsham	For a greater respect for the dignity of each
Servers	Lila Broz Malorie Schultz	Kendra Rakers Keagan Rakers	and every human life in
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers	all public policies.
Money Counters	Daryl Rhoads John & Aggie Baldetti	Elaine Winford Dottie Brueggen	

Weekly Mass Schedule

Upcoming Events & Announcements

NO Mass - Montgomery City	Monday, August 5th	6:30 PM - St. Vincent DePaul	
NO Mass - Montgomery City	Tuesday, August 6th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration NO Benediction & Devotion to	
8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg		Divine Mercy	
	Wednesday, August 7th	7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus	
8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City			
	Thursday, August 8th	10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance	
8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City			
	Friday, August 9th		
5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)	1		
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Wedding Anniversary **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** *Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate* "I am the bread of life," Jesus tells us in the Gospel 18th Sunda their special day! today, "whoever comes to me will never hunger." 0 We come to Jesus today, where we encounter him in Glenn & Pamela Landolt - 50 yrs of marriage on August 9th God's word, proclaimed to our assembly. We see Ordinary him in those who minister to us at this Mass. We **Additional Financial Information** realize his presence in each other as we pray and sing. Most significantly, we receive him in the Eucharist, when we receive the Bread of Capital Improvements/Maintenance 247.00 Life who satisfies our spiritual hunger, nourishing us for the mission \$ Diocesan Missions 20.00 he left us. Let us lift our hearts and voices in his presence. \$ Mass Intentions 30.00 Donation from Seedbearers 500.00 **Question of the Week** HAVE SOME FUN ... BE A PRAYER PARTNER! What have I grumbled about this week on my journey through life? How can the Bread of Life sustain me through a difficulty or hardship Now is the time to volunteer to be a Prayer Partner with an ICS Student. The Prayer Partners join their assigned student for 8:00 AM like that? Mass on the first Thursday of each month - unless mass is cancelled that morning due to a conflict in Father's schedule or there is no **Stewardship Small Groups** school. Following Mass, the students and their Prayer Partner visit for 15 minutes. Usually in December and May the students and Prayer Listed below are the small group sessions which will be offered this Partners enjoy a meal after mass at ICS. It's a GREAT way to enrich fall: a student's life! Contact Ruth Ann O'Keefe (573-823-2676) to volunteer or with questions. Tuesday-2:00pm: Tony Wessel, 128 Baker Road, 573-253-0682 August 20th Tuesday-6:30pm: Vicki Oden, 1884 Hwy 161, 573-220-4753 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (3rd Tuesday of the month) August 20th Wednesday 9AM: Orlana Gardner/Kathy Holtz, Kathy-573-220-7285 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August Orlana-573-823-5756 Start in September 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Fr. Ernest will be cele-Wednesday 6 PM: Beth Roesner, IC Library, 314-974-1087 brating Mass at 8:30 AM at St. Patrick's and 6:00 PM at (3rd Wednesday of the month) August 21st Immaculate Conception. Thursday 6:30PM: Dianne Talley, 434 Long Road, 573-590-3158 **Please Note:** The time of these Masses are changed from what was in August 22nd the August Bulletin. If you would like to join any of the groups above, please call the leader of that group. If none of these times work for you, please **New OCIA Directors** call Janet Stumbaugh at (314) 220-2005. We are excited to announce our new OCIA (formerly RCIA) Directors, Mike and Jenidean Readey! Thank you for accepting this posi-Please see the third page for important information tion! We know you will do a great job! about the Harvest Picnic.

Immaculate Conception School News



School's out for the summer! See you in August!

Head Count for July

July 6th - 76	July 7th - 124
July 13th - 67	July 14th - 106
July 20th - 60	July 21st - 120
July 27th - 61	July 28th - 118

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Grand Total for July - 732

Bike MS

Bob & Kim Dryden will be collecting Multiple Sclerosis Bike MS donations outside after both Masses on August 10th & 11th.



Pick-A-Prize Winners

.. and the winner of the July 21st drawing was Sydney (Oueathem) Peak! She chose the \$500.00 gift certificate to Yardbirds, LLC. Congratulations Sydney! 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

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!

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

John 6:35

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of our Christian faith" (CCC, 1324) because we are receiving our Lord - body, blood, soul and divinity leading us to eternal life.







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)

HARVEST PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Our Harvest Picnic is only 6 weeks away! We are still looking for more Picnic Sponsors and Cup Sponsors. <u>Deadline for cup sponsors is August</u> 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. 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 Brueggen, 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, Bill & Lucille Muenz, & 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

Contact the parish office to have someone added!

Please pray for: 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.

