

*So if you [Philemon]  
regard me as a partner,  
welcome [Onesimus]  
as you would me.*

PHILEMON 1:17



## No Longer a Slave

**P**aul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase the political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting

everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✱ *How do you regard people of different races? As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?*
- ✱ *How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community? What might you do about this?*



# Dear Padre,

**It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate?**

**T**he Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs—parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they “always ask for money,” it’s because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities.

Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (see Luke 10:7). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, the early

Church’s charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see Acts 6:1–6).

Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. “Why doesn’t the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?” they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs,

dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part of the Church’s patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future.

Ultimately, we give in charity, recognizing that it’s Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see Acts 20:35).

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Charity is not a barren service nor a simple offering to be made in order to ease our conscience. What we must never forget is that charity has its origin and its essence in God himself; charity is God our Father’s embrace of every person, particularly of the least and the suffering.*

ADDRESS TO CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS, MAY 27, 2019

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1–8

Lk 6:6–11

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday

1 Cor 6:1–11

Lk 6:12–19

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

1 Cor 7:25–31

Lk 6:20–26

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 8

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1–4a

or Rom 8:28–30

Mt 1:1–16, 18–23

or 1:18–23

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 9

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27

Lk 6:39–42

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14–22

Lk 6:43–49

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 11

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ex 32:7–11, 13–14

1 Tm 1:12–17

Lk 15:1–32

or 15:1–10

## DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent.

Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).



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

## SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions



**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

Monday, Sept. 5th **No Mass - Mont. City**  
 Tuesday, Sept. 6th 6:30 PM Mass - Wellsville  
 Wednesday, Sept. 7th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
 Thursday, Sept. 8th **8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City** +Jim Cochran, Sr.  
 Friday, Sept. 9th **8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City** +Delores Schmidt  
 Saturday, Sept. 10th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Brad Hilkemeyer  
 Sunday, Sept. 11th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
**10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family**

### Church & School Financial Report:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
<b>July 2022</b>	\$42,063.64	\$49,080.85	-\$7,017.21
<b>Fiscal Year July-June 2022-23</b>	\$42,063.64	\$49,080.85	-\$7,017.21
<b>Needed Weekly</b> - \$ 13,232.95			
August 7th - \$11,970.00			
August 14th - \$14,672.00			
August 21st - \$11,640.09			
August 28th - \$ 8,835.00			

Last Week's Envelopes: 51 of 189

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

*Thank you!! With God all things are possible!*

**Parish Membership:** Call the parish office to register.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 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 September 10th & 11th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Dennis Benney	Jerry Witthaus
Children's Liturgy	None at this time	None at this time
Communion Minister	Mary Pottebaum	Jenidean Readey
Ministers of Hospitality	Ty & Courtney Cothren Family	Dave & Janet Cobb Dana Schneider & Brady Craven
Servers	Reed Pottebaum Jacob Roesner	Leyla Beabout Owen Merz
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Rea Jean & Daryl Rhoads	Dottie Brueggen Elaine Winford

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

For all who serve in our community as first responders: that God may protect them from all harm, and that we be grateful for the sacrifices they make for the common good.



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, September 5th	<b>No MASS - Montgomery City</b>
Tuesday, September 6th	6:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Wednesday, September 7th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, September 8th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Friday, September 9th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Saturday, September 10th	<b>5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Sunday, September 11th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> <b>(Rosary @ 9:30 AM)</b>

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, September 5th	Labor Day - Office Closed 7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Met.
Tuesday, September 6th	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration
Wednesday, September 7th	7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Mtg
Thursday, September 8th	
Friday, September 9th	
Saturday, September 10th	
Sunday, September 11th	6:00 PM - Confirmation Orientation

### *Wedding Anniversary*



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

*There are no anniversaries this week.*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Harvest Picnic Donations	\$ 1,410.00
Harvest Picnic Vendor Fee	\$ 50.00
Harvest Picnic Quilt Raffle	\$ 150.00
Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 361.00

### Special Collections:

Retirement for Religious	\$ 20.00
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### **Harvest Picnic September 18, 2022**

The picnic is only TWO weeks away! We will have the sign-up sheets available after Mass this weekend. We still need a lot of volunteers. We changed the times a bit from last weekend, so you may want to double check your shift. We will also have Gun raffle tickets available after Mass. Continue selling quilt raffle tickets! We are still needing more donations for the Country Store, Live Auction, and Silent Auction. If you are donating cakes, pies, or any other item, they can be dropped off at the Fairgrounds next Saturday morning, after Saturday Mass, or before Mass on Sunday. You can also contact a committee member to make special arrangements. We have fun games and activities planned for the Harvest Picnic for ALL ages. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our event! It is going to be a great day of food, fun and fellowship!



For donations or questions contact Beth Cobb, Judy Cobb, Megan Hans, Pat Korman, Mary Pottebaum, Gina Smith, Dottie Brueggen or Dianne Talley.

### **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Holy Spirit draws us here today to worship our Lord, to listen to God's word, and to celebrate the Eucharist. On this holiday weekend, as we recognize the blessings of human labor and of all those who work, whether they are paid or unpaid, we are also inspired to take part in the Lord's work. May this Eucharist strengthen us as we labor in the vineyard, helping to bring Christ's saving message to a hungry world.

### **RCIA Inquiry Night**



An "Inquiry Night" will be held on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 at the church for anyone wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process for unbaptized adults as well as those who were raised in another religious tradition and those who were baptized as an infant or a small child but did not participate in religious education and have not received their First Communion. Inquiring about the Catholic faith does not obligate anyone to become Catholic. Participation in the process helps one become more aware of the presence of God in their life. One's relationship with God is strengthened through personal and communal prayer.

Parishioners are encouraged to personally invite anyone who may have expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith to attend the "Inquiry Night". For more information, please call Sue Kyle 573-564-3221 or the parish office at (573) 564-2375.

### **Question of the Week**

How strong is my commitment to being a disciple? What am I willing to give up and what am I willing to accept?

**The Parish Office will be closed, Monday, September 5th, in observance of Labor Day.**

**Immaculate Conception School  
News**



Mark your calendars:

September 12th - Diocesan Profession Development  
Teacher Day  
September 18th - IC Harvest Picnic  
September 23rd - Grandparents' Day at ICS  
September 28th - See You at the Pole at ICS-7:15am

**See You at the Pole**

As many of you may know, public schools no longer say a morning prayer to start the day. We, as Catholics, believe in the "Power of Prayer". We acknowledge that prayer indeed helps us throughout our day or in stressful times.



On September 28, 2022, the students at our school will be gathering in front of the school by the flag pole to observe a morning of praying. Anyone is welcome to join them.



**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.**

**New Parish Pictorial Directory**

It has been five years since our last photo directory, many changes have occurred in our parish. We have remodeled, we have growth in membership as well as loss due to death or moving. Many are no longer using land lines and phone books seem only to have business numbers. It would be a good time to update our parishioners' numbers and photos. We need volunteers to help organize this project. If you are interested please contact the parish office at 573-564-2375 or [imm-con@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imm-con@sbcglobal.net).

**Thank You!**

On behalf of the Crisis Food Closet of Montgomery County, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in giving non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, paper products and persona hygiene items that we received on August 23, 2022. Without your support we could not continue to help those most vulnerable.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Wehrman, Secretary

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

September 13th - Second Tuesday Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg at noon.  
Confessions and rosary before Mass.  
Luncheon following Mass in Valentine Hall.

**Shrine of  
Our Lady of Sorrows**  
**Starkenburg, MO**



Annual Fall Pilgrimage

**Sunday – September 11, 2022**

**Bishop W. Shawn McKnight**

**Pilgrimage starts 10:00 a.m.**

Followed by Traditional Dinner

*Serving 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

12:30 p.m. Confessions

1:00 p.m. Benediction

2:00 p.m. Outdoor Mass

**Serving: Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Slaw and Dessert for \$12.00, Children under 6 is \$5.00**

Located: 197 Hwy P, Rhineland, MO 65069

Directions: HWY I-70 take Hwy 19 south 7 miles to Big Spring. Hwy K west 6 miles. Hwy P south 4 miles to Starkenburg.

Shrine and Valentine Hall are handicap accessible. [www.historicshrine.com](http://www.historicshrine.com) or 573.236.4390

**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, Barb Kliethermes, Marla Daniels, Valerie Readey Neudecker, 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, and Dylan Willis.

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*





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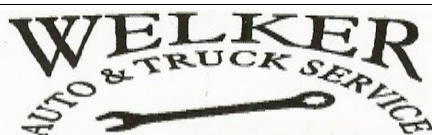
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# Immaculate Conception School

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September 2, 2022

## Message from Ms. Schroeder

*Welcome back to another fantastic year of learning at Immaculate Conception School! I want to extend a very special welcome to all of our new students and families. We thank you all for choosing ICS for your child/ren's education!*

*At our first Home and School meeting on September 1, 2022 several items were discussed and voted to approve. Please review the list below to stay up to date.*

- *Grandparents' Day- September 23*
- *Harvest Picnic-September 18-will need volunteers for games*
- *Trivia Night- November 4*
- *Each family will donate \$20 to H&S to help cover the cost of the Grandparents' Day and Prayer Partner Lunches.*
- *Melissa Beabout is now the NEW Vice-President of H&S.*
- *H&S approved purchasing blackout curtains and hardware for the classrooms.*
- *Every family is responsible for signing up and helping with at least 2 H&S committees.*
- *Mandatory volunteering/work hours (see attached note)-Dennis Benney from Parish Council talked about the importance of helping and taking ownership of the upkeep of our school.*
- *Mum sales are starting! Each family will receive 5 mum tickets to sell. If you need more, contact the office.*
- *Friday lunches once a month provided by H&S for a small donation*
- *Moving H&S meetings back to the first Wednesday of every month*
- *Book Fair is coming soon. Be on the lookout for more information.*
- *Officers: Pres-Anna Harrell, VP-Melissa Beabout, Sec-Jessi Blaue, Treas-Dana Schneider*

*Please join us for our next meeting on October 5 at 6pm in the IC cafeteria.*

## Important Dates:

**Sept. 12- Diocesan Teacher PD Day**

**Sept. 18- IC Harvest Picnic**

**Sept. 23- Grandparents' Day**

**Sept. 28- See You At The Pole™ @ 7.15am**

**Oct. 4-7- Iowa and CogAT Testing**

**Oct. 5-Home & School Meeting @ 6pm**

**Oct. 6- Prayer Partner Mass**

**Oct. 17- Teacher PD Day**

**Oct. 27- Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**Oct. 28- Little Bit of Heaven Party/All School Celebration**

**Nov. 1- No School**



Please remember ICS is following the recommendations of the MCHD for Covid-19 protocols. Please notify the office if anyone in your household tests positive for Covid so we can give you the most up to date protocol. We are all needing to work together to ensure everyone stays healthy.



## *2022-23 Mandatory Volunteer/Work Hours*

After many long hours of discussion with the School Advisory Committee, Home and School, and Parish Council/Administration, each family is now responsible for 5 volunteer hours & 5 work hours for the school per semester (10 volunteer & 10 work hours per year). If those hours are not completed, a fine of \$250 per semester will be added to your account. We will have 4 opportunities for work days (2 days in the Spring & 2 days in the Winter) to attend to help receive the hours. Those days will include outside and inside work which will include painting, yearly maintenance, playground work, deep cleaning, etc. Volunteer hours will consist of committee hours, volunteering at school/classrooms, attending and helping with classroom parties, helping at H&S and school events, etc. We are a family and a family works together to ensure everything is working and running properly. Please do your part to show ownership and pride within our school.

Thank you and God Bless,

Dana Schroeder, Principal

Anna Harrell, Home and School President