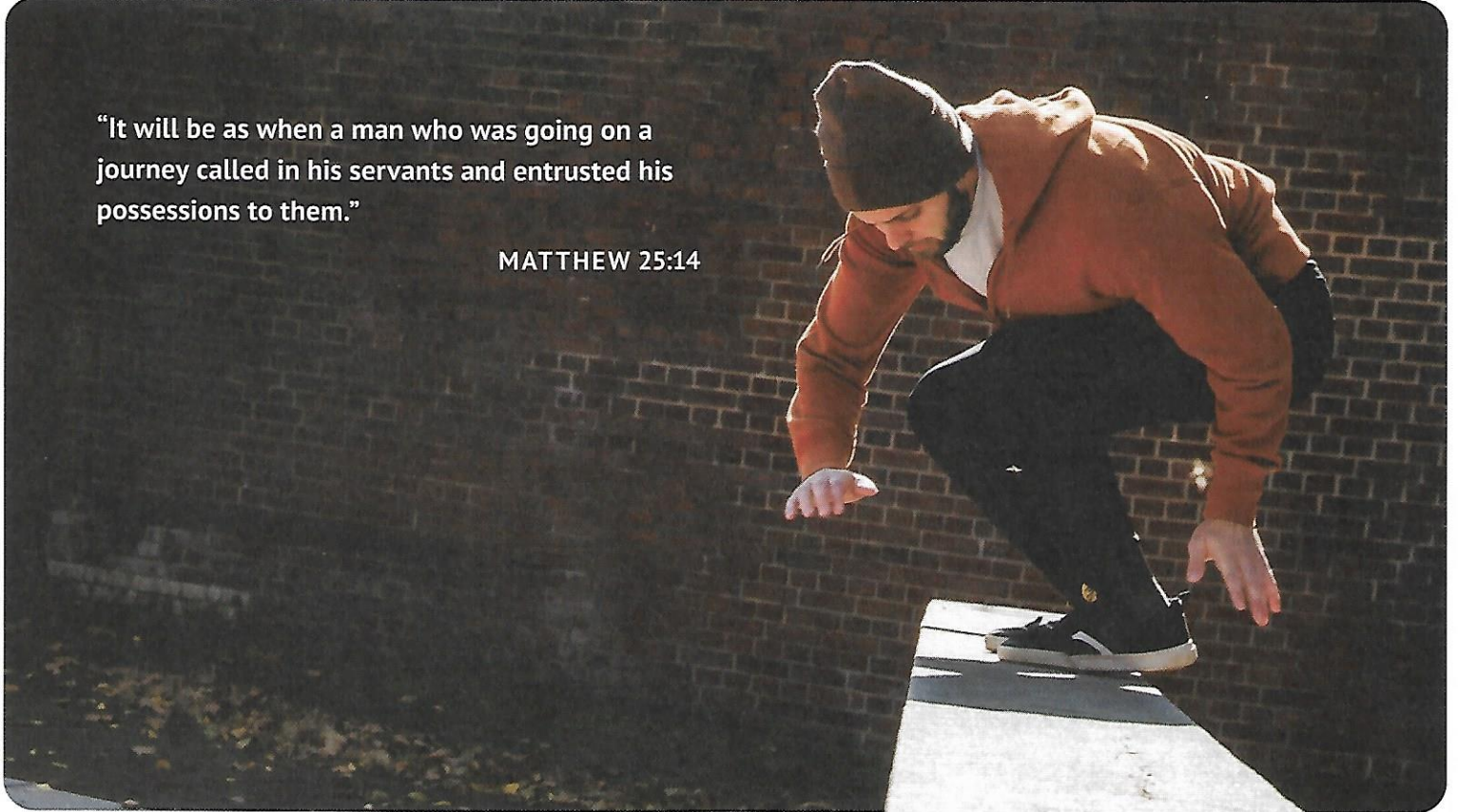




"It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them."

MATTHEW 25:14



The Edges: Where God Works

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Those who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God's reign, instruments of God bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week's Gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying it because he is stifled by fear. God's dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It's where God does God's best work: at the edges. ●

Reflect

When have you risked bringing about new life?

Dear Padre,

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today the Church tells us: "Use what God has given you and look at the poor." At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look...at those who are more in need.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



MONDAY

November 20

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63
Lk 18:35–43

TUESDAY

November 21

Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary

2 Mc 6:18–31
Lk 19:1–10

WEDNESDAY

November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin
and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31
Lk 19:11–28

THURSDAY

November 23

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15–29
Lk 19:41–44
Thanksgiving Day
Sir 50:22–24

1 Cor 1:3–9

Lk 17:11–19

FRIDAY

November 24

St. Andrew
Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
and Companions,
Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36–37,
52–59

Lk 19:45–48

SATURDAY

November 25

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1–13
Lk 20:27–40

SUNDAY

November 26

Our Lord Jesus
Christ,
King of the
Universe

Ez 34:11–12,
15–17
1 Cor 15:20–26,
28

Mt 25:31–46



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

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 - THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions



Monday, November 20th **No Mass - Montgomery City**
Tuesday, November 21st **5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City +Don Benney**
Wednesday, Nov. 22nd 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, November 23rd 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +James Longstreet, Sr.
Friday, November 24th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Larry Sachs**
Saturday, November 25th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family**
Sunday, November 26th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Punkey Boes

Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Church & School Financial Report:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
October 2023	\$55,695.45	\$52,223.98	\$3,471.47
Fiscal Year July-October, 2023-24	\$240,739.87	\$247,705.90	-\$6,966.03
Needed Weekly - \$13,397.08			

November 5th - \$6,368.00-Church; \$5,907.25-ICS/Daycare; \$12,275.25-Total
November 12th - \$3,534.13-Church; \$4,520.00-ICS/Daycare; \$ 8,054.13-Total
November 19th -
November 26th -

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.

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.

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 November 25th & November 26th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Gary Hoette	Elizabeth Schierhoff
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Dianne Talley
Communion Minister	Beth Cobb	Jacob Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Ty & Courtney Cothren Family	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman
Servers	Beth Roesner Jacob Roesner	Heath Gotsch Carl Smith
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Bill & Liz Huston	Dottie Brueggen Elaine Winford

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

For our family, friends and benefactors of our community who have passed from this world to the next; may they attain a share in eternal happiness through our Lord Jesus Christ risen from the dead.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, November 20th	No Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, November 21st	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, November 22nd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, November 23rd (Thanksgiving Day)	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, November 24th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, November 25th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, November 26th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, November 20th	6:30 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Meeting
Tuesday, November 21st	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - Catholic Education Mtg.
Wednesday, November 22nd	7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, November 23rd	Thanksgiving Day 
Friday, November 24th	
Saturday, November 25th	
Sunday, November 26th	



Wedding Anniversary

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

*Mike & Vicki Oden -32 yrs. of marriage on November 23rd
Walter & Debbie Heidelberger - 44 yrs. of marriage on Nov. 24th*

Additional Financial Information

PPP (Daycare Grant)	\$ 29,120.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 391.00
All Saints Day	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25.00

Thanksgiving Day Mass

At the 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass, we would love for those attending to bring a non-perishable food item or two and place it in the basket in the back of church. The basket of food will be offered up along with the other offertory gifts. After Mass the food will be given to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE NOTICE

The Social Concerns Commission will have the Christmas Giving Tree up starting November 18. Youth in Need (YIN) will take delivery of the gifts anytime until Dec 8th. YIN is located next to Dominos Pizza and they are open from 7:30am to 3:00pm Tuesday thru Friday. The Montgomery County Christmas Club recommends each gift be in the range of \$25. Keep in mind that each child that we are helping has 3 ornaments on the tree, so you only need to buy one item per gift tag in the \$25 range. If you would rather give a cash donation instead of shopping, please send Beth Roesner or Debbie Heidelberger the money by no later than December 3. New this year, you can return the gift wrapped with the ornament attached or unwrapped with the ornament. The Social Concerns Commission and the Montgomery County Christmas Club thank all of you that participate in this program.

Thanksgiving

It may be just a coincidence that Thanksgiving Day falls at the end of the liturgical year, which comes next week, but it is certainly appropriate, for as believers our entire attitude should be summed up as one of thanksgiving. We ought to give God thanks always and ever, for everything that we have, everything that is done for us, and everything that we are comes ultimately from God. The very word *eukharistia* means thanksgiving, and there is no better way to express our thanks for the One who has saved us than by sharing in his Body and Blood, as he asked us always to do.

Thanksgiving Day Mass Liturgical Ministers

We are needing liturgical ministers for Thanksgiving Day Mass. If you can help out, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the back of church. *Thank you for your time and talent!*

All Souls

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

Hilda Schreiner, Donna Boes Whitehead, Bill Broz, All Rakers, Gerald Feltmann, Steven Ross Dunlap, and the deceased relatives of our Parish Family.



Our Prayers & Condolences

Darlene Sachs, a long-time member of our parish family, passed away on November 12th. We offer our prayers and condolences to her family during this difficult time.

We also offer our prayers and condolences to Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger, our former pastor, whose father (Paul) passed away on November 13th. More information can be found on trimblefunerals.com.

Penance Service

Penance Services for the Christmas Season are as follows:

December 13th - St. Patrick's at 6:30 PM
December 14th - Immaculate Conception at 6:30 PM

Fr. Derek Hooper and Fr. Joseph Abah will be assisting.

Immaculate Conception School News



November 20th - School In Session
Stone Soup Presentation with Pat Korman
November 21st - Thanksgiving Feast
Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends
November 22-24 Thanksgiving Break
November 29th - Muffins with Mom

We are excited to receive the second PPP money. The \$29,120.00 grant received is to help supplement the cost of the ECLC program and salaries. Please see the enclosed newsletter for all the exciting things going on at ICS!

IC School Athletics:

Seventh and eighth grade ICS students are eligible to participate with the public school 7th and 8th grade sports throughout the school year. Winter sports season has started. Kendra Rakers and Max Angel – 8th graders are on the middle school basketball teams. All “Home” basketball games are at 6 p.m. at the R2 Middle School. You are welcome to attend the games to support the ICS students!

THANK YOU for supporting the ICS Middle School athletes!

The “Home” games for basketball are listed.
8G (8th Grade Girls) 8B (8th Grade Boys)
Nov. 13th 8B Nov. 14th 8G/8B Nov. 17th 8G
Nov. 20th 8B Dec. 5th 8B Dec. 8th 8G/8B
Dec. 11th 8G Dec. 14th 8G Dec. 19th 8B

December Prayer Partner Mass

The December Prayer Partner Mass will be on Thursday, December 7th at 10:00 AM. Following Mass there will be a meal and fellowship at ICS. We hope everyone can make it!

Thank You!

The Montgomery City Crisis Closet is very appreciative of the monthly Meal-A-Month donations St. Vincent de Paul donates to them. St. Vincent de Paul is so thankful to the generous donations given each month. They have suggested some items that they are low on such as cornbread mix, cereal, ramen noodles, deodorant and paper towels.

We are so happy to join them in their mission to help those in need in our community. Thanks again!

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 9 at Bratcher’s Market from 12:30-4. We would appreciate it if you could sign up for a half hour or an entire 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.

Youth Group Activities

On Sunday December 3, the Youth Group will be going to Columbia to take part in an escape room activity. Anyone wishing to go please contact either Steve Williams (573) 975-7494 or Gina Smith (573) 289-8635 for further information.



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

November 12th - 8:00-11:00 AM - All You Can Eat Breakfast at Martinsburg KC Hall

Head Count for November

November 4th - 84	November 5th - 93
November 11th - 58	November 12th - 111
November 18th -	November 19th -
November 25th -	November 26th -

Grand Total for November -

2023 No Hunger Holiday Montgomery City Knights of Columbus



Tuesday, November 21st, the 33rd annual No Hunger Holiday event will take place. This is an all-volunteer effort with many Montgomery charitable organizations involved. Please help someone less fortunate be thankful this year.

We appreciate (prefer) cash donations! A \$40.00 cash donation provides dinner for a family of four, \$80.00 – 2 families, \$120.00 - 3 families, and so on. No donation is too small or large! Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council #2044.

Immaculate Conception School Advent & Christmas Program

Please mark your calendar now for Friday, December 15th. The 2023 Advent & Christmas Program will be held at the church beginning at 6:00 PM. Seating is limited; plan to arrive early! Matinee/dress rehearsal is at 1:00 PM.

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, Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, and Ida Kopf.

Resident of Oak Point Nursing Home in Warrenton, 700 Forrest Avenue, Warrenton, MO 63383 - Judy Topel.

Resident of Stonebridge in Hermann, 1800 Wein St, Hermann, MO 65041 - Tony Wessel, Sr.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Darrel Prior, Pat Stumbaugh, Sheryl Gibbs (daughter of Sue Fox), Ed Grillo, Tony Wessel, Sr., Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, Bill Dryden, Rae Jean Rhoads, Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Marla Daniels, Matt Brumagin, Don Zerr, Kim Dryden, Ingrid Keller, Laverne Wessel, and Margaret Van Beek.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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Isaiah 49:15



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special time to
worship and praise
our Lord and
Savior, Jesus
Christ and to
deepen your
intimate friendship
and be nourished
and strengthened
by his Presence
and Love. At
5:00 PM
Adoration will
close with
Devotion to the
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