



*Humble yourself the more,  
the greater you are, and you will  
find mercy in the sight of God.*

SIRACH 3:18

## I'm Nobody! Who Are You?

**T**his is the title of one of Emily Dickinson's most beloved poems. Did she really think she was nobody? Probably not. But neither was she eager to get bogged down by the approval of others. She seems to have been satisfied with who she was and how she lived her life.

Unlike Dickinson, many of us live for the approval of others. In fact, we almost glorify celebrities—and not simply for their accomplishments. Their taste becomes our choice in buying clothes; their opinions shape our thinking; their social life becomes our entertainment. This is a strange turnaround, for the only reason they are famous is that we have given them our approval. We made them celebrities.

We all know people who, in the eyes of the broader society, might be considered “nobodies” but who really are the “somebodies.” They are like Dickinson. They know who they are and do not pretend to be someone or something else. They do not put on airs; they do not expect to be treated better than others. They simply are who they are. These are the people described in today's readings. They have lived as Sirach counsels: “Humble yourself” (Sirach 3:18). This does not mean humiliate yourself or put yourself down. It means be who you are, the *you* that God made. Don't try to be someone else. The Gospel story shows what might happen if you think you are more than you really are. The proud man was literally put in his place.

So, who are you?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *What do you do to gain other's approval? Does that change who you are?*
- ✧ *How often do you describe yourself as better than others? Is it true?*



# Dear Padre,

**Isn't natural family planning (NFP) a form of birth control? The couple still controls the potential of human life that God may have wanted to create at a particular moment.**

**C**ouples who use NFP aren't practicing contraception. By giving themselves completely to one another in body and soul, they're preserving the integrity of the marriage sacrament. In God's design, women



are naturally infertile for many days of the menstrual cycle. The marital act during these times promotes bonding and yet is open to new life. There is no sin in abstaining from the marital act. When a husband and wife use NFP appropriately, they share responsibility for living with their combined fertility. Neither spouse takes

the other for granted. NFP is a healthy and holistic way to plan for children.

Many couples find that living an NFP lifestyle gives them a better understanding of their fertility, frees them from fear of medical side effects, increases their communication, encourages a greater sense of sharing and a generosity toward life, fosters sexual self-control, and gives them the peace of following their spiritual, religious, cultural, or ethical beliefs. Periodic abstinence encourages couples to focus on aspects of their relationship beyond the physical, resulting in a "honeymoon effect."

NFP's most important benefit is that it enables spouses to live the mutual gift of self that is an essential element of marriage. The Church values marital sexual love. NFP helps couples to be authentic in the expression of that love.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus teaches this: "The one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). God does not exalt us because of our gifts, because of our wealth, or because of our skills, but because of humility. God loves humility. God lifts up those who humble themselves; he lifts up those who serve.*

ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 29

*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mk 6:17-29

### Tuesday

AUGUST 30

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 3

*St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 4

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33



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

## AUGUST 21, 2022 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

Monday, August 29th **No Mass - Mont. City**  
 Tuesday, August 30th **No Mass - Wellsville**  
 Wednesday, August 31st **8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg**  
 Thursday, September 1st **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Judy Cunningham  
 Friday, September 2nd **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Don Benney  
 Saturday, September 3rd **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** - Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, September 4th **8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg**  
**10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Robert Merz



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

### 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 - \$			

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

Last Week's Envelopes: 46 of 189

*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 3rd & 4th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Beth Cobb	Michael Smith
Children's Liturgy	None at this time	None at this time
Communion Minister	Vicki Oden	Tudie Simpson
Ministers of Hospitality	Sharon Pottebaum Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Ron & Dianne Talley Charlie & Pat Korman
Servers	Jacob Roesner Mallory Schulte	Carl Smith Kendra Rakers
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes Judy Cobb	Megan Hans Steve Williams

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

For a new commitment to building an America where children are welcomed, cherished and cared for; where mothers and fathers are encouraged and strengthened; and where marriage and the family are recognized and supported as the true foundations of a healthy and flourishing society.



## Weekly Mass Schedule

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Sunday, September 4th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> <b>(Rosary @ 9:30 AM)</b>

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, August 29th	
Tuesday, August 30th	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration
Wednesday, August 31st	6:00 PM - Parish Council/Finance
Thursday, September 1st	6:00 PM - Home & School
Friday, September 2nd	
Saturday, September 3rd	
Sunday, September 4th	

### *Wedding Anniversary*



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

*Brent & Kristin Farrell - 2 years of marriage on August 29th*  
*Harold & Sharon Pottebaum - 49 years of marriage on Sept. 1st.*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Harvest Picnic Donations & Vendor Fee	\$	00.00
Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	00.00

#### Special Collections:

Holydays (Assumption)	\$	140.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	819.00

### **Harvest Picnic September 18, 2022**

The picnic is only THREE weeks away! By now everyone should have received their letter regarding the picnic along with quilt raffle tickets. Please return the slip from the bottom of your letter by next weekend. There is a box in the back of church or you can give it to any committee member. A special raffle will be held for all those who volunteer. Sign up for your specific job and time slot this weekend before and after Mass. Continue selling quilt raffle tickets! If you need more, let us know. We need everyone's help to make this 6th Annual Harvest Picnic a success! We could use more vendors for the Vendor Fair. Please see the included flyer for more information. Please share and post! We are still in need of more events and items for the Live and Silent Auctions. Gun raffle tickets are now available from committee members.



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

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells guests at a feast to accept their invitations with humility, to be satisfied with the lowest place at the table. We are guests at a feast today, invited by our Lord to this wonderful eucharistic meal. We come with humility, acknowledging our imperfections and sinfulness. Jesus also tells the host to invite those who are not well-off, who cannot repay him in kind. Our host today at this feast is Jesus, who offers his very Body and Blood for our redemption. There is no way we can truly repay him for his generosity and mercy. Let us give thanks for his constant invitation.

### **Thank You Fr. Hartley!**

Fr. Hartley's sisters, Jane Evatte and Monia Hartley, were by for visit last week. During their visit, they made a \$25,000.00 contribution to Immaculate Conception Parish in memory of Fr. Hartley. They said he wanted us to have the money and use it in the general operating fund. We want to thank them for this memorial, and Father too! He is still looking over us!

### **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.

### **Question of the Week**

Whom can I welcome into my life who is unlikely to be able to repay me and how can I do so?

## Immaculate Conception School News



ICS students and staff will be leading 8:00 AM Mass on Thursdays and Fridays during the school year. All are welcome to attend!

Mark your calendars:

September 1st - Prayer Partner Mass-8:00 am  
September 1st - Home and School Meeting at ICS- 6:00 pm  
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

### 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.**

### Parish Religious Education Program

**Children's Liturgy** - We plan to resume the Children's Liturgy on September 25th and will be held on Sundays during 10:00 AM Mass. It is for our youngest parishioners who have not yet received their First Communion.

**First Reconciliation and First Communion** - Parents of students not enrolled in ICS will prepare their children for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion. Students are usually in 2nd grade. Please contact Bonnie Walker at (636) 297-4032 for books and resources.

**PSR (Parish School of Religion)** - PSR is for the children after they have received their First Communion thru 6th grade. Registration will be held after Mass the next few weekends. Class time and dates will be set after registration is completed. We can always use more teachers for this program.

**Confirmation** - The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered for our youth once they enter 7th grade. Those teaching the class assume the students have been participating in PSR Class and have a basic knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

**Youth Ministry Program** - We are working to provide a Youth Ministry Program for students after they have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Youth and leaders are currently making plans to lead games and events at the Parish Harvest Picnic in September.

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

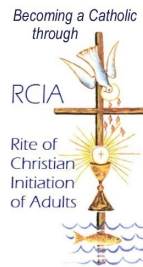
September 11th - Pilgrimage at Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg starting at 10:00 am. Bishop Shawn McKnight will preside at the 2:00 PM Mass, with neighboring priests concelebrating.

### Red Cross Blood Drive



The Knights of Columbus is hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All Covid restrictions have been lifted and masks are not required. Thank you for giving!

### Parish Religious Education Program - Con't.



**RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation)** - RCIA also falls under the Catholic Education Commission umbrella. This program is for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and possibly joining the Church at Easter. It can also be used by those who are already full members of the Catholic Church. For anyone interested in participating in this program, an "Inquiry Night" will be held on September 12th at 6:30 PM in Church.

Watch in future bulletins for more details on the programs! In order for us to properly plan, we do need the parents to register their children in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you!

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection.

Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

### 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.

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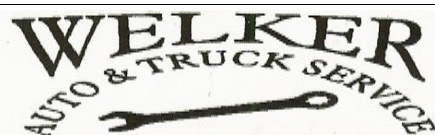
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Deuteronomy 31:6

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Pedal Power Pull

Backseat Drivers Contest

Silent Auction - 11 am-2 pm

Live Auction - 2:30 pm

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**Dinner:** Kettle Beef(GF) or Porksteak, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, roll (carry-outs available)

**Sandwiches:** Porksteak ~ Porkburger ~ Fish ~ Hot Dog

French Fries ~ Nachos ~ Pie ~ Sno Cones ~ Cotton Candy ~ Kettle Corn

Help/Volunteer/Questions contact Dianne Talley 573-564-2359 or 573-590-3158



# LIVE AUCTION

## items so far:

1. **Mangia Bene! (Evening with an Italian meal & wine)** - Donated by Jeff & Amanda Arens and Ty & Courtney Cothren
2. **Dessert of the Month** - Donated by Parishioners of IC
3. **Soup or Casserole of the Month** - Donated by Parishioners of IC
4. **Sunday Brunch on the Patio** - Donated by Mike & Gina Smith and Charlie & Pat Korman
5. **Special "BBQ" Sauce (2)** - Donated by Charlie & Pat Korman
6. **Champagne** - Donated by Bill and Liz Huston
7. **Vintage Quilt** - Donated by Mary Dryden Estate
8. **Norwex Products Basket** - Donated by Sharon Pottebaum

# SILENT AUCTION

## items so far:

1. **Super Chef Knife Set** - Donated by Gary Hoette
2. **Wine Basket** - Donated by Brian & Karen Schmidt
3. **Flower Bulb Basket** - Donated Beth Cobb

## Country Store items

Plants, Honey, Garden Items, Crafts,  
Watercolor Cards

## GUN RAFFLE

**\$20/chance, only 100 chances sold**

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