



Truth-Sayers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The prophets were the truth-sayers of their day. They were willing to say difficult things—at times to kings, sometimes to religious leaders, and still at other times to the entire community when the community was unfaithful to the Lord God. In our own time, we continue to need those who speak the truth to us. While it is not always pleasant, it is a grace to have people in our lives who smooth out our rough edges. Spouses can be that for one another. Parents are that for their children, as they teach, correct, and discipline in ways that nurture the young ones into adulthood. Presidents need someone willing to say difficult things to them, as do pastors of parishes and anyone in a position of responsibility.

Sometimes social movements rise up and call our attention to injustices that need to be addressed.

Those voices can be prophet-like in our own time. The Church is such a voice when it advocates for the protection of the unborn, the immigrant, and those oppressed. The civil rights movement is such a voice in the face of violence and injustice to people of color. There are voices who call the Catholic Church to be accountable for abuse. Scientists call on us to pay attention to the environment. Whenever and wherever truth-sayers call human beings to become their better selves, there lies the Spirit of God raising a prophetic voice. ●

Reflect

*Who has been a truth-sayer for you?
How have they impacted your life?*



Whether they hear or resist—they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

EZEKIEL 2:5

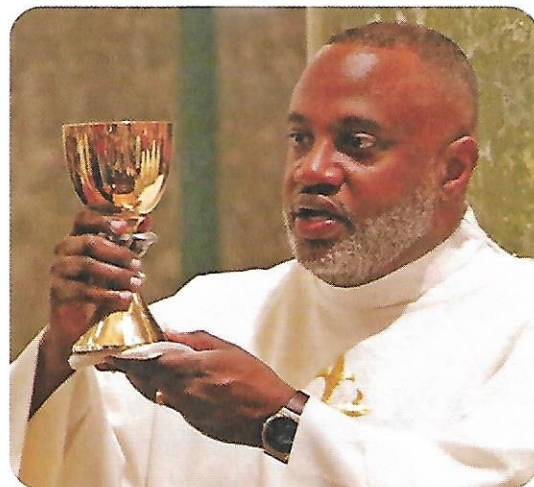
Dear Padre,

My Protestant friends asked me why we call priests “Father” when Jesus said not to. I don’t know how to answer.

Jesus instructs his disciples, “As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven” (Matthew 23:8–9). Taken in context, Jesus is denouncing the scribes and Pharisees for bestowing honors and titles on themselves. If taken literally, this passage would also prohibit us from calling our biological fathers by that name, or our instructors “professor.”

Jesus assures us that God is Father of us all. The early Christian community adopted family terms—father, mother, brother, sister—to show their affiliation through baptism and their mutual faith in the Lord (See Luke 8:21, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”)

Thus, St. Paul refers to Timothy as his “child in faith” (1 Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:22). He also tells his Christian converts, “I am writing...to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (1 Corinthians 4:14–15). Like St. Paul, who speaks of himself as a father in nurturing the faith, priests are called “Father” for their pastoral role in the Church. ●



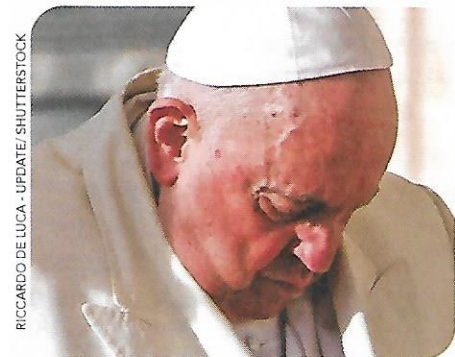
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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Benedict, Abbot</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Hos 2:16, 17c–18, 21–22	Hos 8:4–7, 11–13	Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12	Hos 11:1–4, 8e–9	Hos 14:2–10	Is 6:1–8	Am 7:12–15
Mt 9:18–26	Mt 9:32–38	Mt 10:1–7	Mt 10:7–15	Mt 10:16–23	Mt 10:24–33	Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10
						Mk 6:7–13



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination.... Today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God’s grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 8, 2018



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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

JULY 7, 2024 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions



Monday, July 8th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**
 Tuesday, July 9th **5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Darlene Sachs
 Wednesday, July 10th **8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg**
 Thursday, July 11th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** - Clint Cunningham (for healing)
 Friday, July 12th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Comfort N. Dike
 Saturday, July 13th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Don Benney
 Sunday, July 14th **8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg**
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family

Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
May 2024	\$71,729.33	\$60,011.74	\$11,717.59
Fiscal Year July-May, 2023-24	\$777,224.01	\$716,847.64	\$60,376.37
Needed Weekly -	\$13,397.08		

June 2nd - \$6,711.75-Church; \$4,559.00-ICS/Daycare; \$11,270.75 -Total
 June 9th - \$3,361.00-Church; \$6,423.54-ICS/Daycare; \$ 9,784.54 -Total
 June 16th - \$8,361.56-Church; \$3,245.00-ICS/Daycare; \$11,606.56 -Total
 June 23rd - \$3,921.00-Church; \$4,998.00-ICS/Daycare; \$ 8,919.00 -Total
 June 30th - \$7,668.00-Church; \$6,512.00-ICS/Daycare; \$14,180.00 -Total

Thank you for your support!

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.

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 July 13th & 14th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Jacob Roesner	Pat Stumbaugh
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Bonnie Walker
Communion Minister	Gary Hoette	Jenidean Readey
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Jacob & Megan Hans Family
Servers	Mercer Cothren Malorie Schulte	Kendra Rakers Keagan Rakers
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Daryl Rhoads John & Aggie Baldetti	Elaine Winford Dottie Brueggen

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

For the promotion of Eucharistic life among the faithful; that our participation in Mass and Eucharistic adoration may inflame our hearts to live out more effectively the Sacrament of Charity.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, July 8th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, July 9th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, July 10th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, July 11th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, July 12th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, July 13th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, July 14th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, July 8th	5:00 PM - Harvest Picnic Mtg @ ICS
Tuesday, July 9th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, July 10th	
Thursday, July 11th	10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance
Friday, July 12th	
Saturday, July 13th	
Sunday, July 14th	



Wedding Anniversary

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

*Dennis & Jean Benney - 46 yrs of marriage on July 8th
Donald & Sandra Oakes - 51 yrs of marriage on July 14th*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 296.00
Diocesan Missions	\$ 125.00
Priest & Religious Retirement	\$ 100.00
Seminary Formation & Infirm Priests	\$ 100.00



July Calendar Correction

St. Vincent DePaul meetings for July will be held on the 1st and 15th. They meet on the first and third Monday monthly unless the meeting falls on a holiday or for any unseen circumstances.

Stewardship Small Groups

The Stewardship small groups will start up again in August. We will have sign-up times later this month. If you are currently in a group you do not need to sign-up again. More information to follow!

Youth Group & Confirmation Information

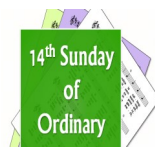
The Youth Group will meet on Sunday, July 28th, following Mass in the school cafeteria.



To all incoming Confirmation candidates, do not forget to meet with Father before July 31st. Call the rectory (573-564-2375) to set up an appointment. The first class will be September 8th.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Each Sunday the Holy Spirit draws us here to hear God's word, to receive Christ in the Eucharist, and to worship the Lord. We pray that our faith is strengthened by this time we spend in prayer. When Jesus preached in his hometown, he was amazed at the lack of faith of his neighbors. They came to the synagogue to pray but left questioning how this unassuming neighbor could teach with such authority. May we look beyond surface impressions to find nourishment for our faith.



Question of the Week

How do I react when someone criticizes or challenges me? Do I dismiss their words at once? How can I prayerfully consider their criticism or advice?

Fair Parade

Come show your support for our Parish and School by walking in the Fair Parade. Join us on Tuesday, July 16 near Family Pharmacy at 5:30. Home and School will purchase a ride wristband for children who walk with us! If you have ideas to promote our church, Harvest Picnic, VBS, and school in the float or for more information, call/text Anna Harrell at 636-487-2793.



Vacation Bible School



Come join us this summer July 30th—August 2nd from **5:30 PM—8:30 PM** (this is a time change) at Immaculate Conception School! Information and registration forms are posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. You can leave the registration forms in the lock box in the vestibule and drop them by the parish office. Due to the generosity of our local Knights of Columbus and a grant received from the State Knights of Columbus, there is **NO CHARGE** to attend. We are in need of parent volunteers. If you can help or have any questions, please call Geri at 573-590-2478 or the parish office at 573-564-2375.

Immaculate Conception School News



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

Head Count for June

June 1st - 71	June 2nd - 71 (not a typo!)
June 8th - 60	June 9th - 102
June 15th - 76	June 16th - 119
June 22nd - 76	June 23rd - 86
June 29th - 53	June 30th - 143

Grand Total for June - 857

"The Diocese of Jefferson City gave a parish a corn mill, and many people walk 20 miles to come to only one corn mill. So, it is so great – we have no words of thanking the generosity of people here."

– Fr. Joseph Luzindana

Associate pastor of our Cathedral of St. Joseph;
ordained in the Archdiocese of Kampala, Uganda



Missions Special Collection
July 20-21

Look for your envelope in the July 5 issue of *The Catholic Missourian* or donate now at diojeffcity.org/donate-missions



Women's Health Clinic Survey

Fr. Daniel Merz from our Diocese has been working with a number of women in Columbia to establish a Women's Health Clinic. Our Church is pro-woman and we need to significantly support women's health holistically and ethically with healthcare that listens in order to provide for what their needs are and how God designed their bodies. This is inspired by the Guiding Star Project (founded by Leah Jacobson, author of "Wholistic Feminism"): <https://guidingstarproject.com/>. Such a Clinic will offer essential services such as fertility care, pregnancy care, lactation consultation, pre and post menopausal care, family support, and several other female health services. Imagine a place where females can go during business hours to learn Natural Family Planning (NFP), feel safe, and know the care they receive aligns with their personal health needs on a regular basis. This could be a culture changing service for Columbia and the surrounding area!

At this point, they need to gather some survey data regarding the interest from women. Bishop McKnight is supportive of gathering information with a view toward supporting this project. PLEASE HELP! They have a very brief (7 question) electronic survey that they ask we to share with our parishioners. It will be available FOR THREE WEEKS over three weekends: July 13 - July 31.

WHC (Women's Health Center) Survey
Link: <https://forms.gle/m19TeMgVjN4gVCxJ8>



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

July 9th - 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)

July 9th - Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00-6:00 PM at First United Methodist Presbyterian Church in Montgomery City. Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred at Red Cross.org or Maria Stille (573) 929-3906.



Pick-A-Prize Winners

...and the winner of the June 16th drawing was **Wesley Cobb!** He chose the Mystery Prize which was \$500.00 in cash. Congratulations Wes! 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

Women's Ministry

The diocese is forming regional teams of 2 to 4 women from each parish to work together to be the connection between parishes and the women's ministry office at the diocese. The goal of these teams will be to help us grow and support the women in ministry throughout their region and also help us identify and meet the needs of the women in our communities.

If you are interested in serving as a parish representative, email Barb Prasad at bprasad@diojeffcity.org! We look forward to hearing from you!

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, and Larry Jahner.

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: Virginia Cochran, John Rybacki (Sue Beck's dad) Tom Eggering, Clint Cunningham, Avery Penn, Jim Wortmann, Lindsey O'Bryan, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Evelyn Strauss, Larry Brueggemann, Rosemary Brower, 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.



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 Isaiah 49:15

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 6:00 AM we have
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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
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 close with
 Devotion to the
 Divine Mercy and
 Benediction.
 Mass will start at
 5:30 PM.



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