



"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

MATTHEW 16:25

Called to Be Faithful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Somewhere in every life, along its twisting curving path, we find ourselves wondering if we would not be better off somewhere else doing something different, as if with the flip of the channel we could live a parallel life. Except that changing life is never that simple. And so we live on with our foibles and our insecurities. We make do for one more day in a job that is less than satisfying, or a relationship that is worn and fraying, or caring for aging parents as we juggle the needs of two households. In every niche of life, we may find ourselves dealing with difficult people, listening to others' woes, wondering if anyone cares. Like

the prophet Jeremiah, we can feel we've been duped by the Lord God.

We don't need to go looking for crosses. They come our way. And it is our crosses that allow us to save our lives by losing our lives. It is these very same lives from which we wish we could escape that bring us to holiness, if for no other reason than that we *do* struggle not to have our own way all the time. Spirituality has been defined as an inner set of values by which we live an outer set of circumstances. As people of faith, we try to do just that: to live in the style of Jesus. Somehow, it seems that God brings us to places we should be. ●

Reflect

What does it mean to be faithful in the circumstances of your life?

Dear Padre,

Are we supposed to pray a specific prayer after we genuflect and kneel in the pew before we take our seats? What about after Communion?

There is no particular prayer to say when we genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel for a while. Genuflecting and kneeling are powerful expressions and prayers in themselves—we kneel only to God. But these gestures can become mere routine unless we accompany them with a moment of awareness and recollection and maybe a prayer like, “I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

Neither are there required prayers to say in the moments after holy Communion as we return to the pew. But this is a most special time. “Holy souls endeavor to remain as long as possible in prayer after Communion,” wrote St. Alphonsus Liguori in *The Holy Eucharist*. “There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion.” Eucharist is from the Greek *eukharistia*, which means “thanksgiving,” and this is a time for giving thanks. We remain silently focused on the astonishing passion and affection of our Lord in giving himself to us to eat and make part of ourselves. So much depends on awareness; so much depends on gratitude. Prayer books may help us enter a time of thanksgiving. But we can also say simply, “Jesus, I love you.” ●



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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 4	September 5	September 6	September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	The Nativity	St. Peter Claver,	Twenty-third
1 Thes 4:13–18	1 Thes 5:1–6,	Col 1:1–8	Col 1:9–14	of the Blessed	Priest	Sunday in
Lk 4:16–30	9–11	Lk 4:38–44	Lk 5:1–11	Virgin Mary	Col 1:21–23	Ordinary Time
	Lk 4:31–37			Mi 5:1–4a or	Lk 6:1–5	Ez 33:7–9
				Rom 8:28–30		Rom 13:8–10
				Mt 1:1–16, 18–		Mt 18:15–20
				23 or 1:18–23		



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. The cross is the holy sign of God's love.

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 4th	No Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, September 5th	5:30 PM Mass - Mont City +Larry Sachs
Wednesday, Sept. 6th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, September 7th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Mary Kay Johnson
Friday, September 8th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Judy Cunningham
Saturday, September 9th	5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family
Sunday, September 10th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Delores Schmidt



Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
July 2023	\$48,471.50	\$67,077.99	-\$18,606.49
Fiscal Year July-July, 2023-24	\$48,471.50	\$67,077.99	-\$18,606.49
Needed Weekly -	\$13,753.72		

August 6th - \$4,345.00-Church; \$4,637.00-ICS/Daycare; \$8,982.00 -Total
August 13th - \$6,082.91-Church; \$3,887.00-ICS/Daycare; \$9,969.91 -Total
August 20th-\$19,603.46-Church; \$8,385.00-ICS/Daycare; \$27,988.46 -Total
August 27th - \$7,319.00-Church; \$5,189.00-ICS/Daycare; \$12,508.00 -Total

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: 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 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 9th & 10th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Michael Readey
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Bonnie Walker
Communion Minister	Gary Hoette	Dennis Cobb
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Kasey & Mary Pottebaum	Melissa & Justin Beabout Ron & Dianne Talley
Servers	Jacob Roesner Malory Schulte	Leyla Beabout Natalie Beabout
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberger	Cathy McCormack Pam Schwartz

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

For the police, fire and EMS workers serving their communities in uniform; may all first responders be preserved from harm as they serve to keep us safe. We pray to the Lord.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, September 4th	No Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, September 5th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, September 6th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, September 7th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, September 8th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, September 9th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, September 10th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, September 4th	Labor Day - Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, September 5th	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Blood Drive - KC Hall 5:00 Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, September 6th	6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg. 6:00 PM - Home & School Meeting
Thursday, September 7th	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass
Friday, September 8th	
Saturday, September 9th	
Sunday, September 10th	5:00 PM - PRS Parent/Student Mtg. at ICS



Wedding Anniversary

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

There are no anniversaries this week.

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$ 212.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Holy Days (Assumption)	\$ 15.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 25.00
Harvest Picnic Income	\$ 1,637.00

(This is NOT included in Page 1 totals)

Harvest Picnic Update

Our Harvest Picnic is only TWO weeks away! We are still looking for more **Picnic Sponsors**. 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 decide what kinds of **items you will donate** as well as where **your talents** will best serve the parish for this event. Return your **volunteer sheet** and **quilt raffle** tickets in the Harvest Picnic box in the church vestibule, the rectory, or a committee member by Friday, September 1. We need everyone's help to make this **7th Annual Harvest Picnic** a success!



For donations or questions contact a committee member: Judy Cobb, Megan Hans, Pat Korman, Julie Worsham, Gina Smith, Dottie Brueggen, Anna Harrell, Dianne Talley.

Please remember next weekend (September 9th & 10th) we will have sign-ups for the second session of Stewardship Small Prayer Groups.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, as we honor all those whose labor enhances our lives and the lives of others, we recognize the holiness of the work we do. Whether we labor for an employer, for our own families, or both, we set aside our own desires to expend our time and effort to do something for others. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they must deny themselves and take of their crosses. We all have crosses that we are called to bear and some of them can be found in the work we must do for others. Let us strive to make the work we do more closely unite us with Christ.

Virtus Training



Anyone who is a teacher, volunteer or work around children is required to take VIRTUS training. To begin the process of completing your training in safe environment, go to www.virtusonline.org and create an account. Within the Virtus website you will be able to register for safe environment training (in person or online), read and consent to the Pastoral Code of Conduct and consent to the background screening applicable to your role. Once you have completed this training, please let us know. If you have any questions, please contact either the school or the parish office. Thank you!

Pillar of Hospitality



"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." Hebrews 13:1-2

We strive to make every parishioner and guest feel welcomed and appreciated in our parishes. We are one body-one community in Christ. The pillar of Hospitality brings parishioners together through social activities to foster fellowship and strengthen our union as a parish and with God. These activities help build relationships and encourage involvement in our parish ministries and service opportunities. In turn, Catholics grow in their faith and desire to evangelize and extend the same hospitality to those outside of our own community.

Immaculate Conception School News



Parish School Events:

September 6th - Home and School Meeting @ 6:00 PM
September 7th - Prayer Partner Mass @ 8:00 AM
September 17th - Harvest Picnic 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
September 22nd - Grandparents Day

Support For Maui

On behalf of our Catholic faithful, the Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, is directing the diocese to send \$10,000 in financial assistance to the Diocese of Honolulu as it seeks to aid in the recovery following the tragic fire on the island of Maui.

This gift is made possible by the Catholic stewardship practiced by the faithful of our diocese and their collective sharing of God's gifts with the individual parishes across our diocese.

If you wish to make a donation, the Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, has asked for gifts to be made to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation which will support relief efforts for community members affected by the Maui wildfires. Gifts can be made at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>

Head Count for August

August 5th - 56	August 6th - 104
August 12th - 65	August 13th - 128
August 19th - 145	August 20th - 76
August 26th - 70	August 27th - 121

Grand Total for August - 765

RCIA Inquiry Night

The last two weeks there was information about the upcoming RCIA Inquiry Night on Monday, September 11, 2023 @ 7:00 PM at church. 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.



Pick-A-Prize Winners!



May 1st - Nicole Hines - Lottery Jackpot (\$250.00 in lottery tickets and \$250.00 cash)
May 15th - Rachel Rakers - \$500.00 Visa Gift Card
June 5th - Paige Oden - \$500.00 Sam's Club/Walmart Gift Card
June 19th - Donald Grimes - Bass Pro & Cabela's Gift Cards (\$250.00 each)
July 3rd - Samuel Madrigal - Bundy's, Subway, Papa B's Wing Shack, 2nd Place, and Dos Primos - \$100.00 each gift cards
July 17th - Dana Schroeder - BP \$500.00 Fuel Card
August 7th - Paul & Kim Flake - Mystery Prize (\$250 in cash & \$250.00 gift card to Tractor Supply Co.)
August 21st - Julie Worsham - Pit Boss Navigator 550 Wood Pellet Grill

Congratulations to these winners!

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

September 5th - Blood Drive at KC Building 1:00PM-6:00 PM
September 8th - Fried Chicken Dinner at the KC Hall in Martinsburg from 5:00PM-8:00 PM.
September 10th - Fall Pilgrimage at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg. Starts at 10:00 AM. Mass at 2:00 PM.
September 12th - Second Tuesday Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg. Mass at 12:00 Noon
September 17th - Immaculate Conception Harvest Picnic - 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds.



Red Cross Blood Drive



The Knights of Columbus is hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 5th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This is a worthy cause, which will help many who may need a blood transfusion. Please call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter KCMC to schedule an appointment.

Youth Ministry Program



The members had their first planning meeting on Sunday, August 27th. They shared pizza provided by a generous parishioner. As their first activity, the members will help with the games at the September 17th Parish Harvest Picnic. The next meeting will be on Sunday, September 24th after 10:00 AM Mass in the school basement.

Question of the Week

In what ways do I find it difficult to deny my own desires, priorities, and will, to follow Christ? How can my faith in the resurrection ease my willingness to do so?

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.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Tony Wessel, Sr., Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, Brad Ellis, 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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Adoration: A
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
Divine Mercy and
Benediction.
Mass will start at
5:30 PM.



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