

Live By Faith

The story of Abraham is one of extraordinary blessing. However, his story is also one of extraordinary faith. At major points of his life, Abraham had no idea what was in store for him or his family. He was directed to leave his home and become a wandering herder. He was an immigrant in a foreign land, bereft of social support structures. He was promised descendants but waited many years for that promise to be realized. Once he had an heir, he was then told to sacrifice that son of promise without any assurances of a favorable future. Time and again, Abraham was asked to live by faith.

The phrase “seeing is believing” is misleading. It is really an expression of skepticism that means, “I won’t believe it unless I see it.” However, true belief means that we accept something even though we don’t see it, don’t understand it. That is a very difficult way for most of us to live. Yet live like this we must, whether

we are believers or unbelievers, because so much of life is beyond our control or understanding.

So how do we learn to live by faith? We have something that Abraham did not have. We have his story to encourage us. In that story we see that again and again he stepped forward in faith, and God brought things together. If God did this in Abraham’s life, surely God can and will do it in ours. We must only live by faith.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *Do you always need certainty before you act? Has that always worked?*
- ★ *Be grateful for the times when you stepped forward in faith and God brought things together.*

*So it was that there came forth
from one man, himself as good
as dead, descendants as numerous
as the stars in the sky.*

HEBREWS 11:12

Dear Padre,

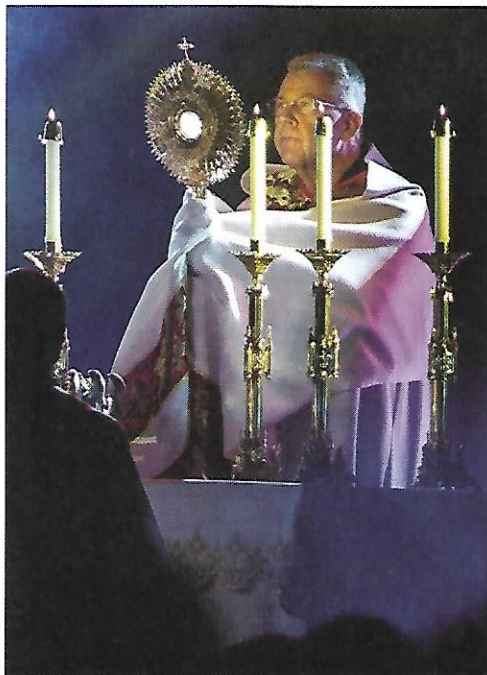
When I was young, we never had eucharistic devotions. Why are they so popular now?

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, many Catholics found solid food for their spiritual lives in eucharistic devotions, which include visiting the Blessed Sacrament (eucharistic adoration), attending Forty Hours devotion, and assisting at benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

However, as the modern liturgical movement began picking up steam, scholars and theologians began questioning the amount of energy and attention going toward eucharistic devotion. They urged us to focus our spirituality more clearly on the Mass—the action of the sacred liturgy and the Eucharist itself—and to understand that all eucharistic devotions outside of the sacred liturgy are meant to direct us back to the action of the Mass, the eucharistic sacrifice, and its high point of Communion.

The drop-off in eucharistic devotions after Vatican II can be positively understood as an attempt to take the insights of liturgical reform seriously and develop a more liturgical piety. At the same time, the resurgence of eucharistic adoration is a worthy retrieval of a beloved practice that both scholars and the faithful understand as complementing a full, conscious, and active participation in the sacred liturgy that is the “source and summit” of our lives.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We do well to spend time in adoration before the Eucharist....Let us allow Jesus the Living Bread to heal us of our self-absorption, open our hearts to self-giving, liberate us from our rigidity and self-concern, free us from the paralyzing slavery of defending our image, and inspire us to follow him wherever he would lead us.

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c

Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

AUGUST 9

Weekday

Ez 2:8–3:4

Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence,

Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6–10

Jn 12:24–26

Thursday

AUGUST 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Ez 12:1–12

Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

AUGUST 12

Weekday

Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63

or 16:59–63

Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

AUGUST 13

Weekday

Ez 18:1–10, 13b, 30–32

Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

AUGUST 14

Twentieth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4–6, 8–10

Heb 12:1–4

Lk 12:49–53



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Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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

AUGUST 7, 2022 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 8th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, August 9th	6:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Wednesday, August 10th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, August 11th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Ruth Huenefeld
Friday, August 12th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Tommy Walker
Saturday, August 13th	5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City +Fr. Paul Hartley
Sunday, August 14th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
	10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Rose Lagana



July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
June 2022	\$ 77,917.97	\$ 63,509.91	\$14,408.06
Fiscal Year July-June 2021-22	\$712,620.06	\$643,822.45	\$68,797.61
Needed Weekly - \$ 13,232.95			
July 3rd - \$14,538.00			
July 10th - \$ 6,929.00			
July 17th - \$ 8,499.39			
July 24th - \$10,219.01			
July 31st - \$13,348.81			

Last Week's Envelopes: 66 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 August 13th & 14th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	ICS Students	Richard Schierhoff
Children's Liturgy	None at this time	None at this time
Communion Minister	Dennis Cobb	Jacob Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	ICS Students	Dave & Janet Cobb Steve Williams
Servers	ICS Students	Chase Queathem Elizabeth Schierhoff
Gift Bearers	ICS Students	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Rae Jean & Daryl Rhoads	Cathy McCormack Pam Schwartz

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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Thursday, August 11th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, August 12th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, August 13th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Sunday, August 14th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, August 8th	7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, August 9th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration 1:00 PM - KC Ladies Aux. Mtg.
Wednesday, August 10th	
Thursday, August 11th	11:00 AM-Ministerial Alliance Mtg
Friday, August 12th	
Saturday, August 13th	
Sunday, August 14th	



Wedding Anniversary

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

Jim & Kiristie Hogue - 16 years of marriage on Aug. 12th
Ed & Dorothy Torbeck - 45 years of marriage on August 13th

Additional Financial Information

Harvest Picnic Donations & Vendor Fee	\$ 700.00
Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 153.00
Bulletin Advertisements	\$ 300.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 50.00

Special Collections:

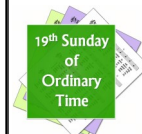
Retirement for Religious	\$ 50.00
Holydays (Assumption)	\$ 50.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 15.00
Diocesan Missions	\$ 155.00
Infirm Priests	\$ 15.00

Thank you! Thank you!

The Immaculate Conception Parish would like to send a HUGE **THANK YOU** to the crew of **Central Heating and Cooling** for their generous donation of materials and labor to repair the sewer line in the ECLC playground, east of the school. God loves a cheerful giver. **-2 Corinthians 9:7**

Office Hours This Week

This week the parish office will be open Tuesday, August 9th thru Friday August 12th. The hours will be the same, 9:00 AM thru 3:00 PM. Thank you!



Be prepared always, Jesus tells his disciples in Sunday's Gospel, for the Son of Man will come like a thief in the night. This is our challenge now.

Are we prepared for the day when our time here on earth comes to end? Will we be prepared if it comes this year, this week, or even this day? Today, let us pray that with God's grace we may always be ready for that day when we see the Lord face to face. May the Eucharist nourish and strengthen us as we grow as disciples.

How can I be a faithful servant to the Lord as I wait patiently upon him?

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Ernest **will be celebrating Mass** here at Immaculate Conception on **Monday, August 15th at 8:00 AM**. "It is considered a Holy Day of Obligation, but if it falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, it is not obligatory by the church to attend Mass".



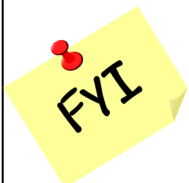
~Amended by United States bishops in 1991

Adoration Substitutes & Prayer Partners

We are looking for substitutes for **Adoration** on Tuesdays from 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

We are also needing **Prayer Partners** for the students at Immaculate Conception School. It would involve attending 8:00 AM Mass (which has typically been on a Thursday) once a month.

If you would like to volunteer for either of these two, please contact Ruth Ann O'Keefe at (573) 823-2676.



Immaculate Conception School News



Summer has FLOWN by which means school will be starting back in session very soon. We are all very excited to see our amazing ICS students!

Back-to-School Mass and Open House will be held on August 13, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

August 17th is the first day of school!

ECLC News

We wanted to share some exciting news with parishioners. ECLC received a \$5,000.00 Enhancement Grant to repair the floors in the ECLC Daycare room!

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 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.**

Thank You



For the beautiful flowers in our church, we thank Mike Dorlac who donated them from Jane's funeral. Our thoughts and prayers are him during this time of sorrow.

B-I-N-G-O!



At the Harvest Committee Meeting it was decided to have Bingo with CASH prizes at another time. With our license, we can have two events a year and the first one will be on **October 15, 2022** at the Knights of Columbus Hall here in Montgomery City. The actual time is still in the planning stage, but it will be after 5:00 PM Mass.

With that being said, we will need people to help work this event. If you are able to help, please let Pat Korman know as soon as possible. When we apply to the State Gaming Department we also have to submit a list of the names of people who will be working along with the application. Thank you!

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

August 9th - Second Tuesday Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg at noon. Confession and rosary before Mass. Luncheon following Mass in Valentine Hall.

August 12th-KofC Drive-Thru Fish Fry-4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. KC Hall in Montgomery City. \$13.00/meal. Cod/Catfish, slaw, potato salad & hush puppies.

August 14th-Sacred Heart Picnic at Rich Fountain, 11:00AM to 7:00 PM. All-U-Can Eat (indoor & outdoor seating) and carry-outs of Fried Chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Quilt display & auction, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Country Store, Kettle Corn, Raffle, Auction, and games!

Harvest Picnic Information



We are starting to receive donations from **Picnic Sponsors**. If you know an individual or business that would like to be a sponsor, please let Beth Cobb or Mary Pottebaum know. We only have five vendor spots sold for the **Vendor Fair**. At the Harvest Picnic, besides having delicious food, there will also be fun games and activities for kids and adults, a cake walk, a country store, raffles, and a **Live and Silent Auction**. We will need many hands to work at the picnic. We have a **special raffle** for all those who volunteer. **We haven't received any items for the auctions.** Please be thinking about what kinds of items you will donate as well as where your talents will best serve the parish for this event. Packets will be handed out next weekend (August 6th & 7th) with more information along with quilt raffle tickets. We need everyone's help to make this 6th Annual Harvest Picnic a success!

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

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), and Kim Dryden.

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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