

*While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of
Passover, many began to believe in his name
when they saw the signs he was doing.*

JOHN 2:23



The Long Arm of the Law

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ *The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?*
- ★ *Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?*

Dear Padre,

Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?

Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."

We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and

train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

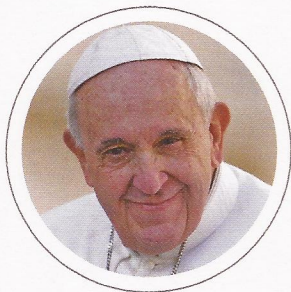
The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on *metanoia*. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to *metanoia*.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2018, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1—15ab

Lk 4:24—30

Tuesday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34—43

Mt 18:21—35

Wednesday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5—9

Mt 5:17—19

Thursday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23—28

Lk 11:14—23

Friday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2—10

Mk 12:28—34

Saturday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1—6

Lk 18:9—14

Sunday

MARCH 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14—16,

19—23

Eph 2:4—10

Jn 3:14—21



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MARCH 7, 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 8th	NO MASS
Tuesday, March 9th	5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City +Margie Kuttenkuler
Wednesday, March 10th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, March 11th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Judy Cunningham
Friday, March 12th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Claire Benney
Saturday, March 13th	5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City +Vincent & Delores Schimweg
Sunday, March 14th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City-Our Parish Family



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021			
Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
January 2021	\$34,759.00	\$46,965.65	-\$12,206.65
Fiscal Year July - Jan. 2020-21	\$326,240.66	\$314,391.54	\$11,849.12
Needed Weekly - \$ 11,835.50			
March 7th - \$12,384.00			
March 14th - \$			
March 21st - \$			
March 28th - \$			

Last Week's Envelopes: 62 of 179

With God all things are possible

(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 to 4:10 PM Saturday or call for an appointment. Additional times have been schedule for Lent. See page 2

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Hartley.

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 March 13th & 14th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	<u>No ministries will be assigned at this time.</u>	
Children's Liturgy		
Communion Ministers		
Ministers of Hospitality		
Servers		
Gift Bearers		
Money Counters		

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

Through the example and intercession of St. Joseph, husband of Mary, may a gentle disposition rule our hearts and allow for charity, reconciliation, and mercy in our lives.

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, March 8th	7:00 PM St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, March 9th	1:00 PM KOC Ladies Aux. Mtg. 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Confessions 7:00 PM Worship & Spiritual Mtg.
Wednesday, March 10th	
Thursday, March 11th	10:00 AM Ministerial Alliance Mtg. 6:00 PM Parish Council/Finance Committee Mtg.
Friday, March 12th	2:30 PM Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Confessions after Stations
Saturday, March 13th	
Sunday, March 14th	9:20 AM Confessions 8:30 AM 3rd/4th Grade PSR 6:00 PM 5th/6th Grade PSR 6:00 PM Confirmation Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

Terry & Vicki Parker - 49 years of marriage on March 11th

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvement	\$ 90.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 2,875.00
Bulletin Ads	\$ 00.00
Special Collections:	
3 in 1 Collection	\$ 55.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 300.00

Capital Campaign Update



Cornerstone Campaign
OUR COMMUNITY OUR CHURCH
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The Capital Campaign Committee met on Tuesday, March 2. We are happy to share our new total in donations and pledges is \$209,000. Our current bank balance is \$110,027.24 which includes an insurance claim on the steeple of \$9,108.00. The video providing information on our progress and process has been viewed 67 times and we hope it has been helpful for those who have watched. If you are still interested in more information, please feel free to view the video. The web address to view it is listed below.

In addition, we are tentatively looking for the concrete work to begin in the next week or two. It is the contractor's goal to only tear out at any one time what can be replaced. He is also hoping to keep all entrances open for weekend Masses. However, we know there could be changes to that and will try to spread the word if only one entrance will be usable at any weekend Mass. We appreciate your patience as we update and make our entrances safer for everyone. This will be an exciting step for sure!

If you have a pledge card to return, it can be placed in the collection basket at the back of the church or dropped off or mailed to the rectory office. Thank you for your generosity and for your prayerful consideration in donating to our Capital Campaign.

tinyurl.com/1xrbdaeo

From Deacon Wayne



Seventeen years ago God brought Pam and I to this community, to begin a new phase in our life. We hardly knew anyone when we moved here. Immaculate Conception Parish and the community as a whole welcomed us as a part of your families. You invited us to your celebrations and together we mourned losses. God truly blessed us with more than just a job, it has been an adventure.

We feel that God is taking us to another phase in our life as we move back to our roots in Bowling Green partly to be closer to family, or at least part of them, and for reasons that have yet to be revealed to us.

We will miss being with you, and will keep you in our prayers. Our new address is 18910 Pike 9230, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Confirmation Candidates

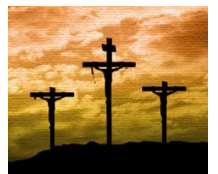
Fr. Hartley would like to meet with the Confirmation candidates so he can get to know them on Sunday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

The Thursday before Holy Thursday this year falls on March 25, and because the Solemnity of the Annunciation outranks the Chrism Mass, the Chrism Mass has been moved to Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Stations of the Cross

Please be mindful of the opportunity to make the Stations of the Cross during Lent. We will be offering them at least twice a week (twice on Fridays and some Tuesdays). If you feel more comfortable, we will have books in the church vestibule so you can pray them on your own during the day. What a wonderful way to commemorate Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.



Immaculate Conception School News



- March 5th - End of the 3rd Quarter
 - KC Fish Fry
 March 12th - KC Fish Fry
 March 19th - Early Dismissal @ 12:00 PM
 - Teacher Professional Development Day
 - KC Fish Fry

ICS is now enrolling for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

ECLC Happenings

ECLC is now enrolling for Preschool and school aged summer care with our ECLC program. For more information, please contact Peggy Brower at (573) 564-2679.

IC Scrip Program



We now have Bundy's gift cards. Thank you to Bundy's for their generous donation of 10%! We also have FastLane cards available.

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.ShopWithScrip.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.**



2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

(March 8th - March 14th)

- March 8th NO MASS
 March 9th 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at IC
 5:30 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception
 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Confessions at Immaculate Conception
 March 10th 8:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Confessions at St. Patrick
 March 11th 8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception
 March 12th **DAY OF ABSTINENCE**
 8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception
 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions at IC
 March 13th 3:30 PM Confessions at Immaculate Conception
 5:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
 March 14th **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARAE SUNDAY)**
 7:15 AM Confessions at St. Patrick
 8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick
 9:20 AM Confessions at Immaculate Conception
 10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

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

- March 5, 2021 - Drive-thru Lenten Fish Fry @ KC Hall
 March 14, 2021 - Spring Sausage Dinner @ St. Alphonsus in Millwood



St. Vincent DePaul Collection

This weekend is the first full weekend in March and there will be a collection for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul. There will be a basket marked "St. Vincent dePaul" in the church vestibule where contributions can be placed. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Annual Lenten Fish Fries

February 19 - March 26, 2021
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 4:30 - 6:30 PM



We want to thank all who came to the Drive-thru fish fry again last Friday. The \$10.00 plate this Friday will feature Cod and/or Catfish with sides. We hope to see you again!



Potato Peelers Needed

Thank you to all who has been helping peel potatoes on Thursdays! The KOC will be peeling potatoes at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday through March 25, 2021. Please bring your own paring knife! Anyone who is able to assist in peeling and making potato salad is invited to come to the KC Hall each week. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update



2021 - \$12,000.00 Parish Goal

<u>Committed</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
\$9,706.00	\$6,108.00	50.9	(\$5,892.00)

Confirmation

This year Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick will be combining their Confirmation into one ceremony, which will be held at Immaculate Conception on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 5:00 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 - Susan Ryan

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Karen Clark, Nick Schneider, Darlene Sachs, Alex Clark, Lucille Griesbauer, and Pat (Cobb) Hunn.

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, Michel James, and Daniel Lohmann.

Contact the parish office to have someone added



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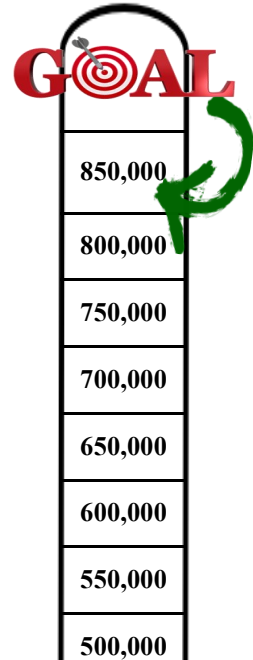
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February 26, 2021

Message from Ms. Schroeder

The Immaculate Conception School Board has approved for our 2021-22 school year to be changed to a 4-day school week for K-8. Our school week will be Tuesday-Friday. The calendar will be approved by the school board at the March meeting. Once the calendar is approved I will be sending the calendar out to school families. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

The Department of Elementary & Secondary Education requires 1,044 hours during a calendar year. We have built in hours for special circumstances such as our roof issue earlier this year, and inclement weather days. With the approval of virtual learning for inclement weather, ICS has decided to move the last day of school up to May 14, 2021 at 12 pm. The 8th graders last day will be May 11, 2021 at 12 pm. We will still have 8th grade graduation on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at the 8 am Mass.

A HUGE thank you to all who contributed to Catholic Schools Week. CSW 2021 was a huge success! Students and staff truly appreciate all that Home & School and the committee provided during this amazing week. THANK YOU!

We are still needing some volunteers to install plywood, paint, and hang new whiteboards before the new interactive boards can be installed. We would love to have all the updated work finished by Easter Break. Please contact the school office if you are willing to help.

Congratulations Mylie, Keagan, Steele and Adler for making their First Reconciliation! We are very proud of their journey with God. First Communion is scheduled for April 11, 2021 at the 10 am Mass.

Important Dates:

Mar. 2- Dr. Seuss Party & National Reading Day

Mar. 3- \$1 Spirit Day for SVDP

Home & School Meeting @ 6pm, KC Hall

Mar. 5- End of the 3rd Quarter

KC Fish Fry

Mar. 12- KC Fish Fry

Mar. 19- Early Dismissal @ 12pm

Teacher PD Day

KC Fish Fry

Mar. 26- NO School

Diocesan PD Day

KC Fish Fry

Mar. 29-Apr. 5. Easter Break

Apr. 2- Good Friday

Living Stations of the Cross at 12pm

Apr. 6- School Resumes

Inclement weather announcements will be made through FACTS alerts, KOMU (channel 8) and KRCG (channel 13). Please make sure we have updated contact information for all parents, so you can stay informed about the latest announcements.

We still have candy bars! Send in money and we will send home candy bars. Every \$10 = 1 dress down pass. \$30/box of 60 bars.

