



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

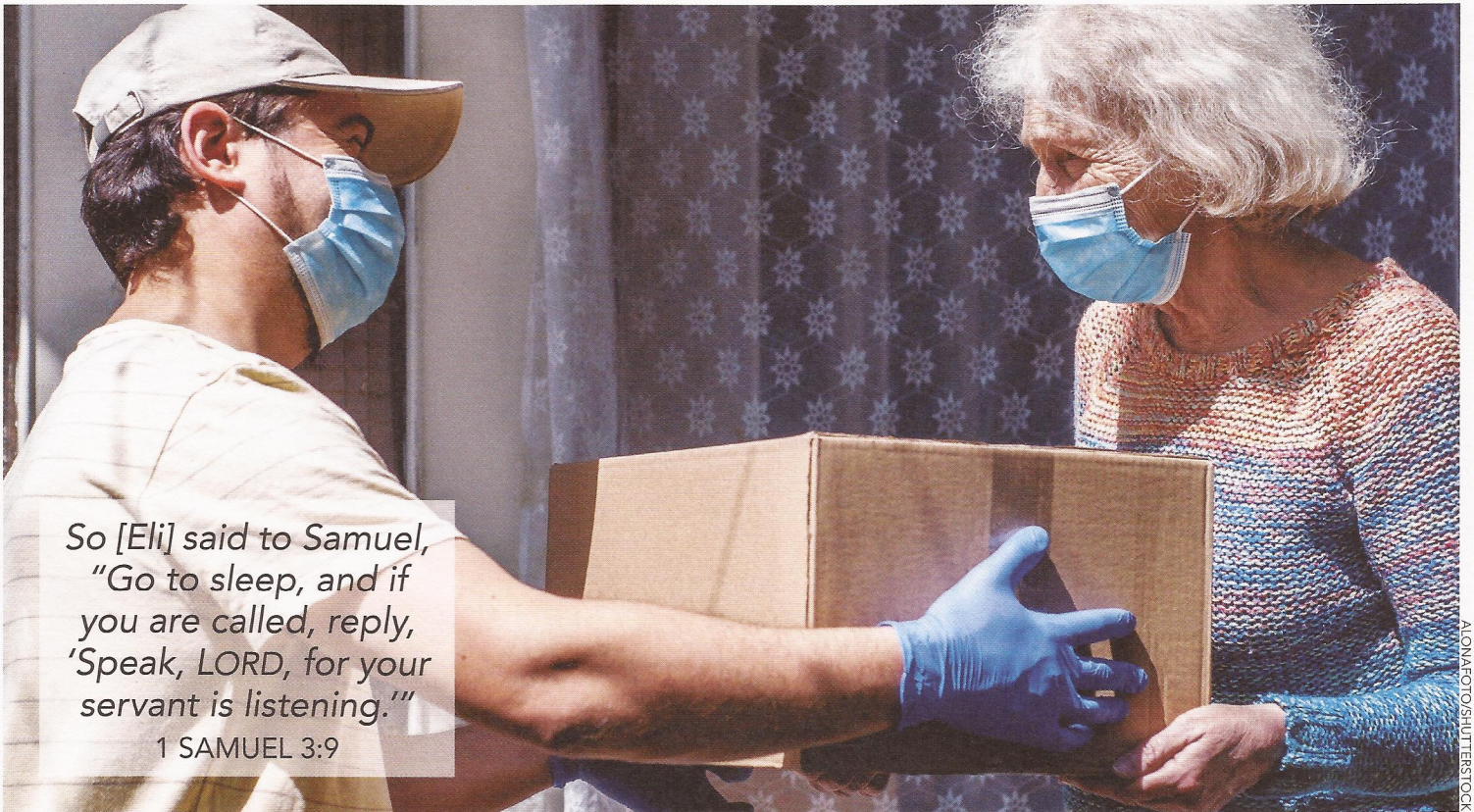
January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42



So [Eli] said to Samuel,  
"Go to sleep, and if  
you are called, reply,  
'Speak, LORD, for your  
servant is listening.'"

1 SAMUEL 3:9

## You Called?

**T**oday we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?*
- ★ *What kind of goodness attracts you?*

# Dear Padre,

## Can the Eucharist be celebrated outside of a church—for example, inside my home?

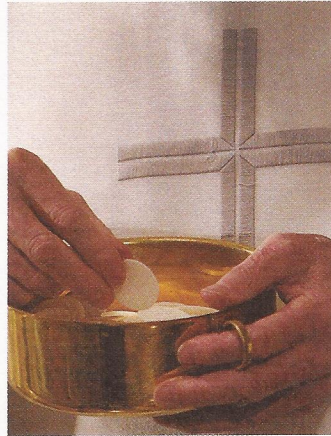
**W**hat an interesting question. The earliest celebrations of the Eucharist were held in the homes of the early Christians. As centuries evolved and the Christian population grew, larger rooms were rented and later built to house the community gathering. The word *church* is what we now call a building in which people worship. If we were to be completely accurate, we would call the building the house or shelter for the Church because the Church is understood primarily as the baptized community living in faith and charity.

Unfortunately, because of changing demographics and priest shortages, many communities are consolidating and church buildings are being shut down and even destroyed. As a result, communities and places for liturgy grow larger. Large communities can easily become impersonal and pastoral leadership increasingly difficult.

Recently, some large parishes have developed neighborhood communities in an attempt to subdivide into smaller faith-sharing units—not unlike the original house churches. These smaller communities gather for regular prayer and catechesis. The parish priest occasionally attends their meetings and celebrates the Eucharist with them. This is one example of celebrating the Eucharist outside of a church building.

So, although there can be exceptions for pastoral necessity, canon law indicates that celebrating Mass in a sacred place is the norm. The bishop may clarify this law for his own diocese to best meet the needs of his people while respecting the dignity of the Eucharist.

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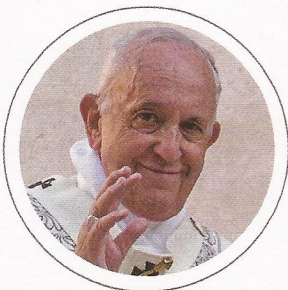


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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope, with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving; above all loving because the power of the resurrection makes Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its motivation.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 4, 2017



## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

### Thursday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,

Virgin and Martyr

Heb 7:25—8:6

Mk 3:7-12

### Friday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the

Legal Protection of

Unborn Children

Heb 8:6-13

Mk 3:13-19

### Saturday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Mk 3:20-21

### Sunday

JANUARY 24

Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20



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## JANUARY 17, 2021 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

Monday, January 18th **NO MASS**  
 Tuesday, January 19th **NO MASS** - Montgomery City  
 Wednesday, January 20th **NO MASS** - Jonesburg  
 Thursday, January 21st **NO MASS** - Montgomery City  
 Friday, January 22nd **NO MASS** - Montgomery City  
 Saturday, January 23rd **5:00 PM Mass** - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, January 24th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
**10:00 AM Mass** - Montgomery City +Robert Merz



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
December 2020	\$53,698.42	\$41,521.65	\$12,176.77
Fiscal Year July - Dec. 2020-21	\$291,481.66	\$270,011.03	\$21,470.63
Needed Weekly - \$ 11,835.50			
January 3rd - \$ 10,691.50			
January 10th - \$ 9,640.42			
January 17th - \$			
January 24th - \$			
January 31st - \$			

Last Week's Envelopes: 61 of 179

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

*With God all things are possible*

**Parish Membership:** Call the parish office to register.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 3:30 to 4:10 PM Saturday or call for an appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Celebrated during Mass or at another arranged time. 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 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 January 23rd & 24th

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 January prayer intention for our Local Church is:**

For those seeking employment; that through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, January 18th	<b>NO MASS</b>	Monday, January 18th	7:00 PM - St. Vincent DePaul
Tuesday, January 19th	<b>NO MASS</b> - Montgomery City	Tuesday, January 19th	1:00 PM -KOC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 PM - Worship & Spiritual Mtg.
Wednesday, January 20th	<b>NO MASS</b> - Jonesburg	Wednesday, January 20th	7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus
Thursday, January 21st	<b>NO MASS</b> - Montgomery City	Thursday, January 21st	
Friday, January 22nd	<b>NO MASS</b> - Montgomery City	Friday, January 22nd	
Saturday, January 23rd	5:00 PM - Mass - Montgomery City	Saturday, January 23rd	
Sunday, January 24th	8:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM - Mass -Montgomery City	Sunday, January 24th	10:30 AM - 2:00 PM - KC Sausage Dinner 6:00 PM - Confirmation Class

### *Wedding Anniversary*



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

*There are no anniversaries to celebrate this week.*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvement	\$ 120.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 650.00
Special Collections:	
Holydays	\$ 120.00
First Offering	\$ 50.00
Seminary	\$ 65.00

### **Knights of Columbus News**

The Knights of Columbus Annual Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021, from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM. It will be drive-thru ONLY! Bulk sausage sales on Sunday will utilize the drive-thru line. Only Knights will be allowed in the building!



Bulk sausage sales will be on the Friday, January 22, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on Saturday, January 23, 2021, from 8:00 AM until Noon at the KOC hall. People wanting to buy bulk sausage on these two days may enter the hall.

February 19, 2021 is the first fish fry. Information on it will be forthcoming.

We appreciate the support received from our fellow parishioners on our fundraising events!

### **Tax Statement**



Some parishioners are inquiring about receiving a titling tax statement. If you **WANT** a tax statement, please call the parish office at (573) 564-2375 and let Janet know. She will prepare one for you. You may pick it up at the Parish Office or have your statement mailed to you.

### **Holy Water**



Holy Water has been blessed and put in the receptacle in the back of the church by the confessional for your personal use. If you need a bottle, one can be purchased from the St. Vincent DePaul gift shop.

### **Poinsettia Plants**

If you donated a poinsettia to the church for Christmas in memory of a loved one, Please feel free to take one after Mass this weekend.

### **Missalettes**

As you may have noticed, the Missalettes have been placed in the pews. If you feel comfortable, feel free to use them.



### **Prayer Lists in Bulletin**

Beginning with next week's bulletin, we will clear the names from the Prayer List and Military List. If you would like to have a name remain on the list or add a new name, please send an email to: [imm-con@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imm-con@sbcglobal.net) or call the office at 573-564-2375 and let Janet know.

### **Rosary Before Masses**

The Rosary will be prayed a half hour before the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary, please contact Dennis Cobb at (573) 253-9257.



**Fr. Hartley will be gone all next week.**



Jan. 18- No School Martin Luther King Day

The school newsletter may be found in the church vestibule.

**ECLC Happenings**

The ECLC kids were so excited to receive Christmas gifts from 1954 ICS Alumnus Kenny Devin. Thank you, Mr. Devlin, for continuing to spread great joy in our classroom!

**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.ShopWithScrip.com](http://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.**

**Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update**



**2021 - \$12,000.00 Parish Goal**

<u>Committed</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
\$8,765.00	\$5,230.00	43.58	(\$6,770.00)



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**Scholarships Available**

Applications for the 2021-2022 [Simon Scholarship](#) are being accepted through March 31, 2021. Applications can be acquired through the pastor or parish life collaborator or may be downloaded at [di-jeffcity.org/scholarship](http://di-jeffcity.org/scholarship).

**Women's Ministry Video Series**

The Women's Ministry of Jefferson City was established to help the women of our diocese connect with each other so that we can support each other in our spiritual journeys. We find inspiration and comfort in praying with each other, in talking with each other, and in sharing the stories of our faith journeys. Some of the women of our diocese have shared their stories in podcasts. These stories ([diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/reflections-from-within/](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/reflections-from-within/)) are from ordinary women doing the best they can to serve their families, their parishes, their communities and, above all, their God. Their experiences tell our story, too, about times of sorrow, challenges, hope, faith, love and joy. Each week, there will be a new podcast on this website. Let us go to our favorite resting places with our favorite beverages and spend some time with our sisters in Christ by listening to these podcasts.

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

January 24, 2021 - Knight of Columbus Sausage Dinner

**Martinsburg KOC Auction Postponed**

The annual Martinsburg Knights of Columbus Auction in February is going to be rescheduled for a later date, yet to be determined. We consider community health and well-being a priority and hope that you can join us when we are able to safely come together

*Thank you!*

We want to thank parishioners who donated Christmas flowers in memory of: Ken, Mickey, & Duaine Hauskins, John & Mary Dryden, Raymond & Margaret Brueggen, Norbert Brueggen, Doug McRae, David James Morrow, Roger Richard, Edward & Dorothy Conner, Charles & Polly Richard, Ryond Richard, Ethel Topel, John Topel, James H. Cobb, Tom & Mary All Cobb, Wilbert Schmidt, Scott Schulte, Bill Readey, Walter Boyd, Pearl Boyd, Judy Cunningham, Galen & Rose Bethel, Tom & Babe Cunningham, Shery'l Schierhoff, Elliot Richard Smith, Harlan Horton, Elizabeth Koprivica, Rosemary Horton, Al & Rosalie Jenisch, Barb Miller, Margie Wessel, Grant Gardner, Earl & Margaret Gardner, Bill & Helen Myers, Leroy & Virginia Wright, Bill Peveler, Elroy & Virginia Salfen, Alan Salfen, Patricia Devlin, Jack & Julia Robertson, Charlie & Ruby Nelson, Frank & Anna Belle Broz, Vincent & Delores Schimweg, Jim Longstreet, Bill & Dione Auchly, Joseph & Mildred Payne, Dale Hagedorn, Harold & Anna Marie Cobb, Larry & Jeff Myhren, Ralph & Ruby Schroeder, Ed & Cora Torbeck, and all the Souls in Purgatory.

We would also like to thank parishioners who made a donation towards the Christmas flowers: Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Dick) Arens, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Cochran, Sr., Dottie Brueggen, Jerry & Diane Witthaus, Ron & Dianne Talley, Jesse & Anna Harrell, Hilda Schreiner, James Cochran, Jr., John & Tудie Simpson, Charles Casaday, and David & Mary (Sis) Falloon.

Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase and "deck the church out" many beautiful poinsettias.

**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:** Nick Schneider, John Goodwin, Marlene Cunningham, Mackenzie Hagemeyer, Julie Thielmeier, Susan Schipper, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Angela Witthaus Keller, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jo Scott, Bobby Cochran, Mary Hertel, Joshua Cochran, Anita Jones, Jim Cochran, Jr., Jim Cochran, Sr., and Lynn Cunningham Duncan.



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.** Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Travis Thebeau, Jacob Merz, Daniel Lohmann, Jared Korman, Tom Kraust, Tim O'Fallon, Brandon Benney, Gary Frey, John Burce, Chris Burce, Jacob Jones, Matt Vedder, Michel James, Michael Adams, and John Martin.



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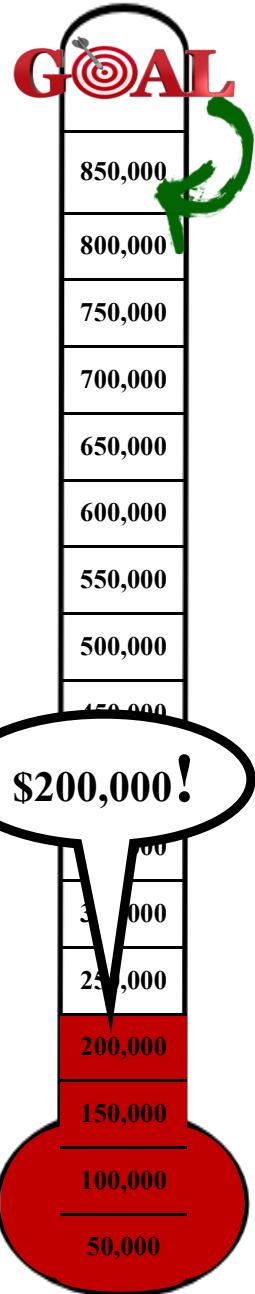
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