



Filled with Compassion

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

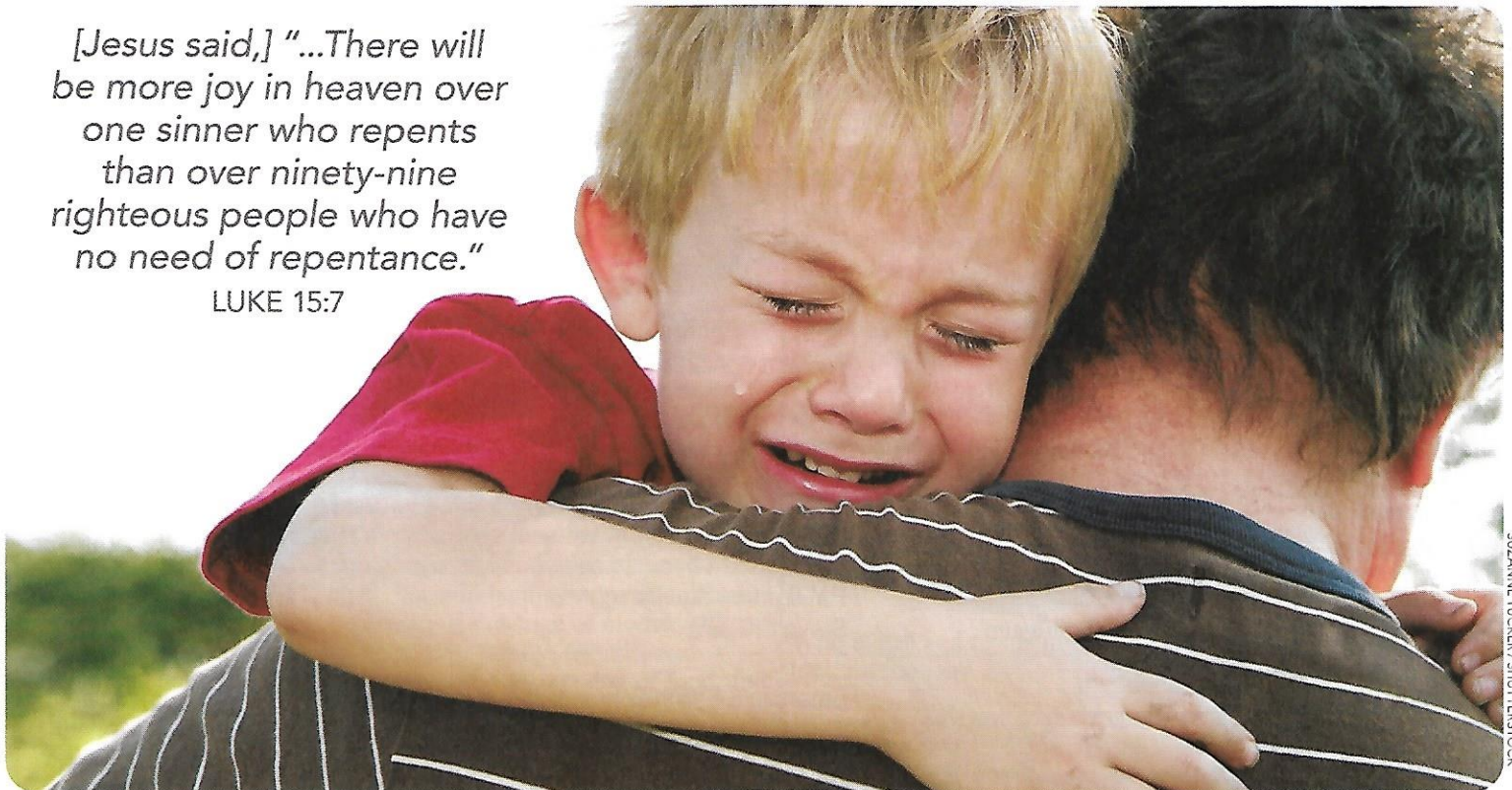
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FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15: "Can a mother forget...the child of her womb?"*
- ✦ *Where might you show compassion to others?*

[Jesus said,] "...There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

LUKE 15:7



SUZANNE TUCKER / SHUTTERSTOCK

Dear Padre,

My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith.

"The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism"

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's

faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.



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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*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 11:17–26, 33

Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom,

Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a

Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation of the

Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1–11

Jn 19:25–27 or

Lk 2:33–35

Friday

SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and

Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12–20

Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 18

Twenty-fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4–7

1 Tm 2:1–8

Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13



Immaculate Conception Parish Family

161st YEAR OF SERVICE

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions



July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Monday, Sept. 12th **No Mass - Montgomery City**
 Tuesday, Sept. 13th 6:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
 Wednesday, Sept. 14th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
 Thursday, Sept. 15th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Lorraine Brower
 Friday, Sept. 16th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Fr. Paul Hartley
 Saturday, Sept. 17th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Joe & Alice Schroeder
 Sunday, Sept. 18th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family

<u>Church & School Financial Report:</u>	Income	Expenses	Difference
July 2022	\$42,063.64	\$49,080.85	-\$7,017.21
Fiscal Year July-June 2022-23	\$42,063.64	\$49,080.85	-\$7,017.21
Needed Weekly - \$ 13,232.95			
September 4th - \$11,163.50			
September 11th -			
September 18th -			
September 25th -			

Last Week's Envelopes: 58 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 4:15 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.

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 17th & 18th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Beth Roesner	Richard Schierhoff
Children's Liturgy	None at this time	None at this time
Communion Minister	Gary Hoette	Dennis Cobb
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Kasey & Mary Pottebaum	Pat & Janet Stumbaugh Steve Williams
Servers	Reed Pottebaum Malorie Schulte	Emerson & Fallon Schroeder
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberg	Cath McCormack Pam Schwartz

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

For all who serve in our community as first responders: that God may protect them from all harm, and that we be grateful for the sacrifices they make for the common good.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, September 12th	No MASS - Montgomery City	Monday, September 12th	6:30 PM - RCIA Inquiry Night
Tuesday, September 13th	6:30 PM Mass - Wellsville	Tuesday, September 13th	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 1:00 PM - KofC Ladies Aux. Mtg.
Wednesday, September 14th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, September 14th	
Thursday, September 15th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Thursday, September 15th	
Friday, September 16th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Friday, September 16th	
Saturday, September 17th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City	Saturday, September 17th	
Sunday, September 18th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)	Sunday, September 18th	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Harvest Picnic

Wedding Anniversary



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

*Brad & Peggy Stahlhuth - 24 years of marriage on Sept. 12th
Mike & Marilyn Peveler - 47 years of marriage on Sept. 13th
Leroy & Betty Hanneken - 61 years of marriage on Sept. 16th*

Additional Financial Information

Harvest Picnic Donations	\$	0.00
Harvest Picnic Vendor Fee	\$	0.00
Harvest Picnic Quilt Raffle	\$	0.00
Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	35.00

Harvest Picnic September 18, 2022



The picnic is **NEXT WEEKEND!** Thank you for all of the slips that were turned in. We have gotten many volunteers, but there are still slots to be filled. Please check with the list to double check your volunteer time and location. Gun Raffle tickets are selling quick! If you'd like to purchase one, please see a committee member as we are only selling 100 tickets. We are still needing more donations for the Country Store, Live Auction, and Silent Auction. If you are donating cakes, pies, or any other item, they can be dropped off at the Fairgrounds on **Saturday, Sept. 17 in the morning, after Saturday Mass, or before Mass on Sunday, Sept. 18.** You can also contact a committee member to make special arrangements. We have fun games and activities planned for the Harvest Picnic for ALL ages. We will be playing water games if the weather permits. Plan on bringing a change of clothes/shoes as you might need them! Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our event! It is going to be a great day of food, fun and fellowship!

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we hear the Pharisees disparage Jesus for welcoming sinners and eating with them. Jesus turns their criticism on its head by telling them three parables that show how much joy God finds in one repentant sinner. We sinners are welcomed to this banquet today where Jesus provides himself as the meal to share. Let us approach the altar with repentant hearts, thankful for God's constant mercy.

RCIA Inquiry Night



An "Inquiry Night" will be held on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 at the church for anyone wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process for unbaptized adults as well as those who were raised in another religious tradition and those who were baptized as an infant or a small child but did not participate in religious education and have not received their First Communion. Inquiring about the Catholic faith does not obligate anyone to become Catholic. Participation in the process helps one become more aware of the presence of God in their life. One's relationship with God is strengthened through personal and communal prayer.

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.

Question of the Week

Who is lost and needs me? Am I willing to help to the point of looking foolish?

The Parish Office will be closed, Monday, September 12th.

Immaculate Conception School News



September 12th - Diocesan Teacher PD Day
September 18th - IC Harvest Picnic
September 23rd - Grandparents' Day
September 28th - See You At The Pole™ @ 7.15am
October 4th -7th - Iowa and CogAT Testing

Home and School Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month for the remainder of the school year.

Mum sales are running the month of September. \$9.50 for one gallon mums at Yardbirds. Must be picked up by 10-1-22. If you need tickets, contact the school office.

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.**



New Parish Pictorial Directory

It has been five years since our last photo directory, many changes have occurred in our parish. We have remodeled, we have growth in membership as well as loss due to death or moving. Many are no longer using land lines and phone books seem only to have business numbers. It is a good time to update our parishioners' numbers and photos. **Photos will be taken from 2:00 PM to 8:30 PM on Monday, November 14th, Tuesday, November 15th, Tuesday, November 22nd, and Wednesday, November 23rd. You will receive a complimentary 8" X 10" photo and parish directory, Any additional pictures ordered will be here in time for Christmas!** We still need volunteers to help with this project. If you can help, please contact the parish office at 573-564-2375 or imm-con@sbcglobal.net.



Declaration of Boundaries Decree

Please see the enclosed decree from Bishop McKnight regarding territorial boundaries of Immaculate Conception Parish.

The Bishop would like parishioners to know if they currently reside outside the parish boundaries they may continue to attend this parish. It is important for parishioners to know that the parish boundaries identify the territory for which the parish community is responsible.

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

September 9th - KC Drive-thru Fish Fry from 4:30 PM-6:30 PM

September 11th - Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows at Starkenburg, Mo. Pilgrimage starts at 10:00 AM. Dinner from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Confessions at 12:30 PM, Benediction at 1:00 PM. Bishop McKnight will be presiding at the 2:00 PM Mass

September 13th - Second Tuesday Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg at noon. Confessions and rosary before Mass. Luncheon following Mass in Valentine Hall.

Knights of Columbus Family Fun Poker Run



Come join the fun on Sunday, September 18th before the Harvest Picnic. Bring your golf cart or side-by-side vehicle to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds where registration will begin at 9:00 AM. The 5-card draw game will be \$10.00 per hand and you can play (buy) as many hands as your want. High hand wins 20% of the \$10.00 registration fee "pot". The 5-mile route through town will end at the fairgrounds in time to enjoy the Harvest Picnic! If you have any questions, please contact Randy Hinkel at (573) 220-0731.

See you at the Harvest Picnic! Fun for Everyone!

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), Kim Dryden, Christine Welter (niece of Kathy Holtz), and Matt Brumagin.

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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 and of good
 courage,
 do not fear
 or be in
 dread of
 them:
 for it is the
 Lord your
 God
 who goes
 with you;
 he will not
 fail you or
 forsake
 you."

Deuteronomy 31:6



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DECREE

Declaration of Boundaries for a Parish

I, the undersigned Bishop of Jefferson City, hereby state the following in regard to the parish of

Immaculate Conception, Montgomery City:

Whereas, the formal decree establishing the parochial territory of this parish no longer exists, and there is a need to provide for an orderly record of the boundaries of this parish; and

Whereas, having received the proposal of the former Mexico Deanery on the boundaries of this parish, and after consultation with the Presbyteral Council on 13 October 2020 in accordance with canon 515 §2;

Therefore, by this DECREE, I hereby declare that the territory of this parish shall be bounded by the following:

North – From the intersection of Hwy B and the Calloway/Montgomery Co. (east of Shamrock) following an imaginary line to an intersecting point on Hwy 19 halfway between Wellsville and Montgomery City, and continuing along a line to Buell on Hwy 161; following Hwy 161 south to the junction of Hwy V and east on Hwy V to the junction of Hwy F.

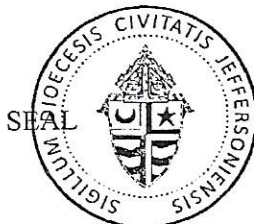
South – From the junction of Hwys 19 and K, following west on Hwy K to the junction of Hwy D at Readsville (in Calloway Co.).

East – From the junction of Hwys V and F, following Hwy F south to Interstate 70, at High Hill; following west on I-70 to the junction of Hwy 19 and following Hwy 19 south to the junction of Hwy K.

West – From Hwy B at Shamrock following a line due south to Hwy 40/I-70 and following Hwy 40/I-70 west to the junction of Hwy D, continuing south on Hwy D to the junction of Hwy K at Readsville.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Jefferson City on this 1st day of September 2022.



Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City

Mrs. Bernadette M. Adams
Vice Chancellor