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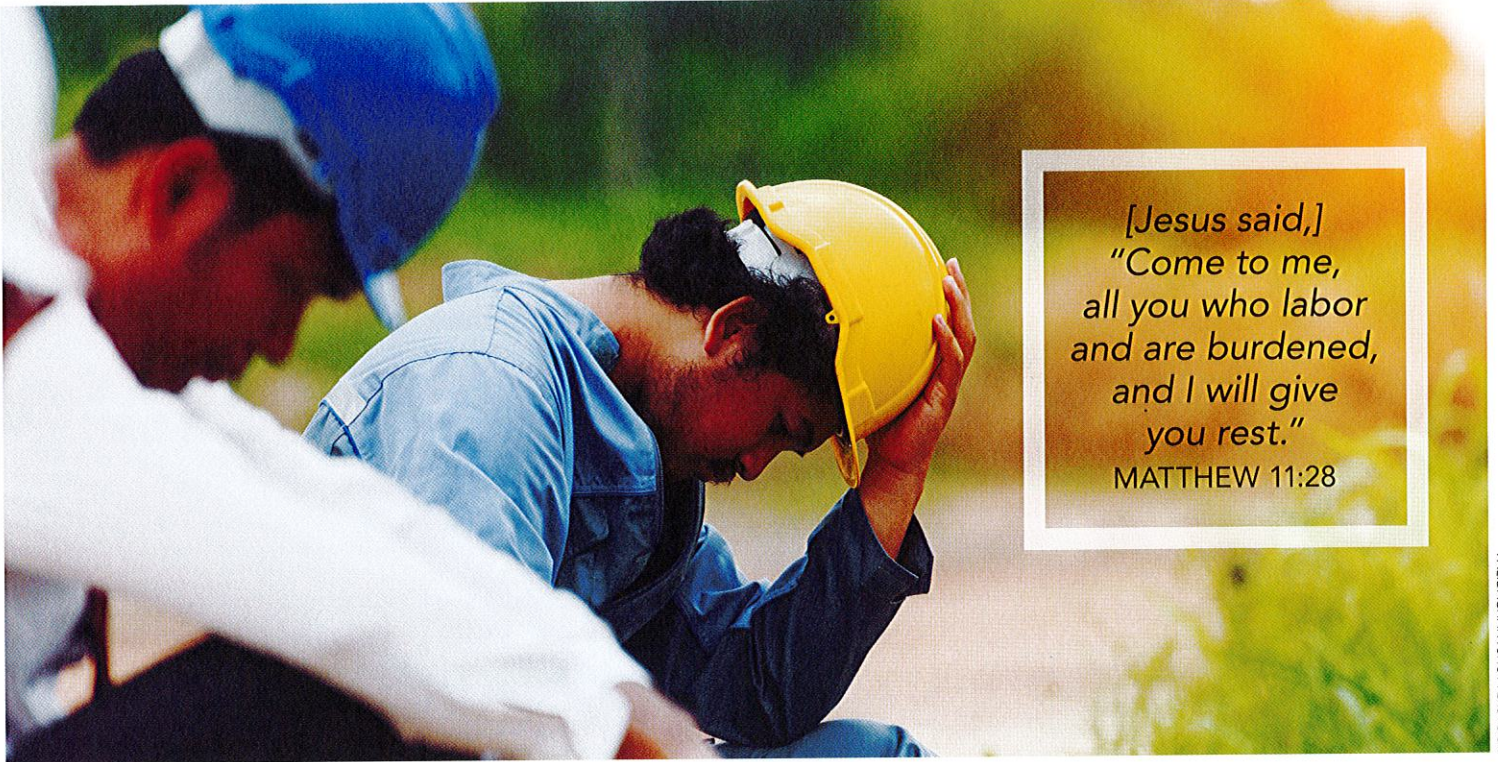
July 5, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zec 9:9-10

Rom 8:9, 11-13

Mt 11:25-30



[Jesus said,]
"Come to me,
all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give
you rest."

MATTHEW 11:28

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Do You Know Who I Am?

That question usually means: "Do you know how important I am?" Reputation, status, and celebrity are extraordinarily significant in today's society. Vulnerable, unsure beings that we are, we need to be reassured that we are important. And we *are* important, though usually not the way society might perceive it.

Each of us is unique. Yet our personal uniqueness does not diminish the uniqueness of others, and there's the rub! So often we think that it does. That's when we might try to put others down or demand: "Do you know who I am?" Often we don't really know who we are. This is where humility enters the picture.

In today's first reading, the king rides on a donkey. He doesn't need a mighty warhorse to show others his importance or to reassure himself of his royal identity. Nor does he need military armaments like a chariot or bow to establish peace. He is secure with himself. He knows who he is—no more, but no less.

The Gospel portrays Jesus as "meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). He knows who he is. He is the Son of the Father, sent by the Father to do the will of the Father. All things are in his hands, because he received everything from the Father. He does not have to broadcast this or argue with others to convince them. He knows who he is. He is the Son—no more, but no less.

And what about you? Do you know who you are?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

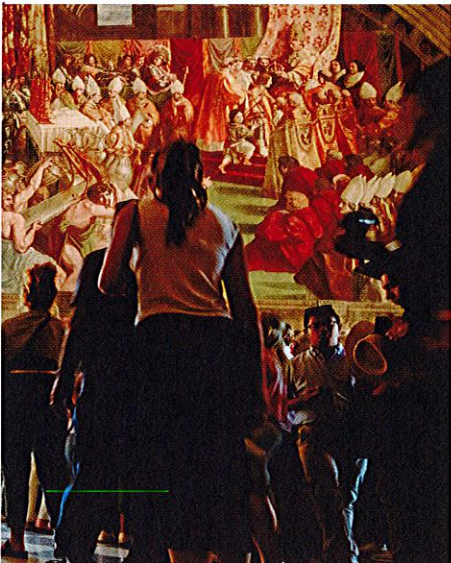
FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Do you sometimes put others down so that you can stand taller? Does it work?
- ★ Be grateful for your uniqueness. Use it to make the world you share with others better.

Dear Padre,

Why doesn't the Catholic Church practice what it preaches and sell off its considerable assets at the Vatican?

The Catholic Church, the world's largest charitable organization, has a legacy of ministry to the poor, the sick, and the ostracized. According to Pope Francis, the Church's real estate, for example, is used "to maintain the structures of the Church and to maintain the many works the Church does in needy countries: hospitals, schools." Thus, the old adage applies: Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, but teach him to fish and he's fed for a lifetime. Similarly, selling the Church's assets would add to its immediate efforts to assist the poor, but it would prevent the Church from maintaining greater long-term assistance.



Moreover, selling the Church's patrimony of artwork (such as Michelangelo's *Pietà*) into private or corporate hands would deprive future generations the transcendence that comes from praying before a priceless treasure. In 2015, Pope Francis was asked if he ever felt pressure to sell "the treasures of the Church." He responded that they weren't the Church's treasures, but "the treasures of humanity."

While popes aren't at liberty to sell what belongs to "humanity," they generally donate personal gifts to support the needy. Motorcycles, cars, and other gifts to Pope Francis have been given away or auctioned to benefit the poor. On his deathbed, St. John XXIII offered his doctor his fountain pen, saying it was the only thing of value he possessed.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To do good...that is what God wants. He, who became small for our sake, asks us to offer something for the least of his brothers and sisters. Who are they? They are those who have nothing to give in return, the needy, the hungry, the stranger, the prisoner, the poor.

—HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2018

Calendar

Monday

JULY 6

Weekday

Hos 2:16, 17b-18,
21-22

Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

JULY 7

Weekday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13

Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

JULY 8

Weekday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

JULY 9

Weekday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9

Mt 10:7-15

Friday

JULY 10

Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

JULY 11

St. Benedict,
Abbot

Is 6:1-8

Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

JULY 12

Fifteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23

or 13:1-9

BULLETIN NEWS 7-5-2020

The Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook from St. Patrick Church in Jonesburg, at 7:00 AM and from St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg, at 9:00 AM, on Sunday, July 5.

Fr. Austin's Schedule

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| Saturday, July 4 | Mass @ Montgomery - 5:00 PM - Intention: Our Parish Family |
| Sunday, July 5 | Mass @ Jonesburg - 7:00 AM |
| Sunday, July 5 | Mass @ Martinsburg - 9:00 AM |
| Sunday, July 5 | Mass @ Montgomery - 11:00 AM - Intention: +Roger Richard |
| Monday, July 6 | No Mass |
| Tuesday, July 7 | Funeral Service - Myers Funeral Home – 1:00 PM Mass @ Wellsville – 5:30 PM |
| Wednesday, July 8 | Mass @ Jonesburg - 8:30 AM Finance Council Meeting – 6:30 PM - Martinsburg |
| Thursday, July 9 | Mass @ Montgomery 8:00 AM - Intention: + Jim Cobb Parish Council - Martinsburg - 6:30 PM |
| Friday, July 10 | Mass @ Martinsburg 7:45AM |

Congratulations to the following couples as they celebrate their special day.



Richard & Carole Bainbridge - 55 years of marriage on July 3rd
Charles & Judy Nelson - 57 years of marriage on July 6th
Scott & Michelle Schroer - 19 years of marriage on July 7th
Jeff & Julie Thielmeier - 8 years of marriage on July 7th
Jean & Dennis Benney - 42 years of marriage on July 8th

Financials for the month of May 2020

Parish Income: \$42,066.72 SBA Income: \$29,777.64 Total Income: \$71,844.36 Expenses: 52,685.64
Difference: \$19,158.72

Financials for the week of June 28, 2020

Actual: \$4,665.45 Needed each week: \$11,775.43 Difference: (\$7,109.98) Catholic Missourian: \$92.00
Capital Improvements: \$142.00 Diocesan Missions: \$75.00 School Scholarship Fund: \$333.00

Condolences

Please keep Father Russell Judge in your prayers as his older brother Fred Judge (78) of Fairview Heights, IL, passed away on June 24, 2020 after a brief illness.

Bishop McKnight's July prayer intention for our Local Church



For the unity of our country: that the God of truth may open our hearts to the truth of the Gospel, that peace may rule our hearts, and that justice may guide our nation of one people of many races.

NEW MASS SCHEDULES - "BETTER TOGETHER"

BEGINNING JULY 2020

The weekend Mass schedules remain the same

Weekend Masses: Montgomery: Saturday 5:00pm (Confession 4:30pm-4:50pm)

Jonesburg: Sunday 7:00am (Confession 6:30am-6:50am)

Martinsburg: Sunday 9:00am (Confession 8:30am-8:50am)

Montgomery: Sunday 11.00am

The new weekday Masses will be as follows:

Weekday Masses: Wellsville: Tuesday 5:30pm

Jonesburg: Wednesday 8:30am

Montgomery: Thursday 8:00am

Martinsburg: Friday 7:45am

BLOOD DRIVE – JULY 7

United Methodist Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CARDS to schedule an appointment.



ST GEORGE PARISH RUMMAGE SALE

St. George School Gym

Thursday & Friday, July 9 & 10 from 7 AM to 7 PM

Saturday, July 11 from 7 AM to 4 PM

Sunday, July 12 from 7 AM to Noon

Hand Sanitizer available

(Masks & Social Distancing strongly encouraged & appreciated)

School News

Congratulations to Dana Schroeder! She has been selected as the new principal at our school. When you see her please take a few minutes to welcome and congratulate her. Please see the attached introduction letter from Ms. Schroeder.

Walking With God? Walk with us! The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Virtual Monastic Experience via Zoom July 12-14, 2020. We hope to digitally show discerners around, introduce some of our Sisters and share some tips on prayer and discernment. The experience will include one hour of input each day. There will also be an opportunity to connect with the vocation director one on one. There is no cost to attend. Visit our website to learn more: www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, please call Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ext. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

Updates on Youth Summer Activities

- **Camp Siena:** Young women of high school age are invited to participate in a one-day retreat in the spirit of Camp Siena: **Saturday, July 18 at the National Shrine of Mary located at St. Patrick Church in Laurie.** The day will include activities, talks, prayer, food, sacrament...and likely ice cream and dance parties! Who knows! Details and registration coming soon! Please contact [Kris Hartman](#), diocesan events coordinator, for details.
- **Camp Maccabee:** Week One of Maccabee has been consolidated into Week Two on **July 26-31.** Campers have been notified and space is still available. To learn more or to download camper registrations visit www.campmaccabee.com.
- **CHRISTpower:** The CHRISTpower retreat has been cancelled and transformed into a week-long #CHRISTpower challenge! CHRISTpower alumni and people from across the diocese will be invited to perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy in their homes and local communities and share their work through the social media campaign. Stay tuned for all the details!
- **Totus Tuus:** The 2020 Missionary Team has created a host of fun, entertaining, catechetical videos inspired by the 2020 TT curriculum, which will soon be made available. They've also developed teen talk videos and an Instagram page for teens to follow their spiritual adventures as summer unfolds! More info on this will be made available very soon. **If your parish would like to host a team this summer, we have spaces available in July. Please contact [John DeLaporte](#) directly to learn how to bring our missionaries to your parish this summer!**

Employment opportunities

Two administrative assistant positions are available at the Chancery and there are several openings in our Catholic schools.

Annunciation Parish in California is seeking a director of religious education and youth ministry. For more information, visit <https://diojeffcity.org/california-dre-youth-job-opening>

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri has an immediate opening for a Bilingual (English/Spanish) Disaster Case Manager. Disaster Case Management is a time-limited process by which a skilled Disaster Case Manager partners with a disaster-affected individual or family (Client) in order to plan for and achieve realistic goals for recovery following a natural disaster (including COVID-19/Coronavirus). This comprehensive and holistic Disaster Case Management approach to recovery extends beyond providing relief, providing a service, or meeting urgent needs. For a full job description visit the Catholic Charities website at: <https://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/about-us/careers/>. To apply please submit cover letter and resume to [Alissa Marlow](#), Director of Community Services.

Women's Ministry – Online Book Club

Women's Ministry is offering a series of online book club discussions this summer. Please consider promoting these wonderful opportunities to be inspired and to grow friendships!

How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul, led by Erin Boeckmann, will be offered on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, June 23 – July 22. More information and registration are available at <https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2020/05/15/how-to-find-your-soulmate-without-losing-your-soul/>

All In: Why Belonging to the Catholic Church Matters will be led by Denise Barnes on (Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, June 24 – July 22. More information and registration are available at <https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2020/05/18/all-in-why-belonging-to-the-catholic-church-matters/>.

The Catholic Woman's Guide to Making and Keeping Fabulous, Faith-filled Friends will be led by Whitney Lammers on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, July 8 – Aug. 8. More information and registration are available at <https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2020/05/18/the-friendship-project-the-catholic-womans-guide-to-making-and-keeping-fabulous-faith-filled-friends/>.



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Education through faith.

July 1, 2020

Dear Immaculate Conception School Families and Parishioners,

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new principal of Immaculate Conception School for the 2020-2021 school year. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with such persevering students, an extremely dedicated staff, and a supportive school community. I feel very fortunate to be part of this school and to support the students and families.

I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Central Methodist University and a Master's Degree in Administration from William Woods University. I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than ten years. I have worked with students ranging in age from Pre-K through 8th grade in a variety of roles. Immaculate Conception School has been my home for the past six years as a teacher and lead teacher. I am thrilled to bring my skills as an educational leader to Immaculate Conception School and to work with you as a partner in education to ensure each child's success.

On a personal note, I have lived in Montgomery City for over 30 years. I am the proud mother of five beautiful, kind, and smart children; Trenton (19), Camden (16), Hudson (13), Emersyn (11), and Fallon (9). My three youngest children attend Immaculate Conception School, Camden attends Montgomery Co. R-II High School and Trenton attends State Technical College of Missouri in Linn, MO. We are members of Immaculate Conception Parish-Montgomery City.

My leadership style is one that values the contributions of its members, encourages shared responsibilities and prioritizes service to others. I will strive to ensure that Immaculate Conception School is committed to educating students in Catholic values and traditions, developing a firm foundation in academics, and fostering respect and service.

Yours in Christ,

Ms. Dana Schroeder