



## A Call from the Wild

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**S**ometimes, as if by divine instinct, life draws us into new and uncharted lands, a kind of “call of the wild.” It happens when we leave childhood, when (if) we leave the single life, and when we grieve the loss of love or health. The call, then, is also to trust that God will walk with us and show us the way through the coming wilderness.

At other times that wild divine instinct is to go where we would rather not go, but somehow we also sense we must, if for no other reason than to be true to ourselves. It happened to Jesus, as this week’s Gospel begins with our Lord picking up where John the Baptist left off. “When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee...From that time on he began to preach” (Matthew 4:12, 17). Who could know where that divine instinct would lead him?

Sometimes that call pulls us into what life needs at this moment, whether we choose it or not. It may come in the face of the premature death of a spouse that finds us raising a young family alone, or it may be an aging spouse’s needs that require us to be a caregiver. It may be the daily grind of a job we can’t stand but have to keep for one reason or another, or it may be no job at all that forces us to reorganize our lives. The call of God may come out of the blue and from the many wilds of life. ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever felt called to go where you did not want to go?  
How did faith help you decide what to do?***



As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers....He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.  
MATTHEW 4:21B–22

# Dear Padre,

**Could you explain “lead us not into temptation” from the Lord’s Prayer? That doesn’t seem like something God would do.**

Part of the problem lies in the translation of the Greek verb. *Lead* is the word used, but it means a request that we not enter into or yield to temptation (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). As we read in the Letter of James, “No one experiencing temptation should say, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and he himself tempts no one” (James 1:13).

Pope Francis agrees with you that this translation is confusing. He has approved changing this one line of the Lord’s Prayer from “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” This wording places the focus on us and our activity, as the original Greek implies. It is a plea that we do nothing to put ourselves in the way of temptation or give in to temptation.

This change will appear in the latest edition of the Italian *Roman Missal*, but there are no plans now to change the wording in English-speaking countries. If you would like to read more about the Lord’s Prayer, the *Catechism* includes an article that goes into a lot of detail (CCC 2777–2865). ●



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## MONDAY

January 23  
*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*  
Heb 9:15, 24–28  
Mk 3:22–30

## TUESDAY

January 24  
*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Heb 10:1–10  
Mk 3:31–35

## WEDNESDAY

January 25  
*Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*  
Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22  
Mk 16:15–18

## THURSDAY

January 26  
*Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops*  
Heb 10:19–25  
Mk 4:21–25

## FRIDAY

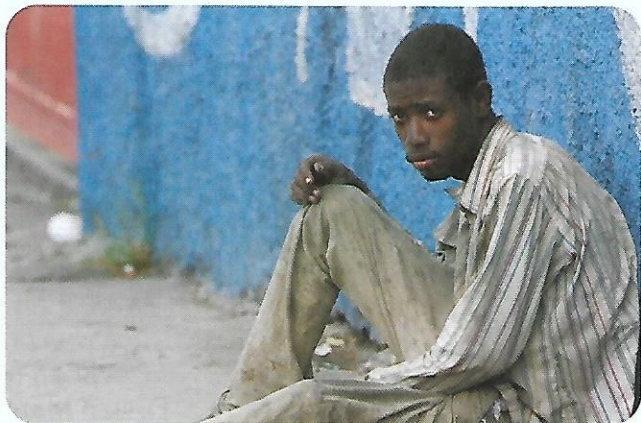
January 27  
*Weekday*  
Heb 10:32–39  
Mk 4:26–34

## SATURDAY

January 28  
*St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19  
Mk 4:35–41

## SUNDAY

January 29  
*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Zep 2:3; 3:12–13  
1 Cor 1:26–31  
Mt 5:1–12



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are... disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor! It is vital that government leaders and financial leaders...[work] to ensure that all citizens have dignified work, education, and health care. Why not...ask [God] to inspire their plans?***

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# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



## 162nd YEAR OF SERVICE

### 307 N. Walker St. | Montgomery City | Missouri | 63361

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Society of St. Vincent DePaul - 573.835.3631

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

### January 22, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Mass Intentions



July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Monday, January 23rd  
Tuesday, January 24th

**No Mass - Montgomery City**  
**5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Brad  
Hilkemeyer

**Church & School Financial Report:** **Income** **Expenses** **Difference**  
**December 2022** \$72,876.48 \$53,491.25 \$19,385.23  
**Fiscal Year July-June 2022-23** \$386,944.55 \$350,831.55 \$36,113.00  
**Needed Weekly** - \$ 13,232.95

Wednesday, January 25th  
Thursday, January 26th

8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
**8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Charles & Peggy  
Stumbaugh

January 1st - \$3,838.00-Church; \$9,003.00-ICS/Daycare; \$12,841.00-Total  
January 8th - \$5,083.90-Church; \$6,052.00-ICS/Daycare; \$11,135.90-Total  
January 15th - \$5,754.00-Church; \$4,841.50-ICS/Daycare; \$10,595.50-Total  
January 22nd -  
January 29th -

Friday, January 27th  
Saturday, January 28th  
Sunday, January 29th

**8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Rose Lagana  
**5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Susan Schipper  
8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
**10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** - Our Parish Family

Last Week's Envelopes: 70

**A friendly reminder: That if there is a funeral at any of the two parishes or a school cancellation due to weather, there will be no scheduled Mass.**

*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.

If you are hospitalized or if you have a family member who is homebound, please call the office/rectory at 573-564-2375.

#### 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 January 28th & 29th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	IC Students	Michael Readey
Children's Liturgy	No During Saturday Evening Mass	Geri Park
Communion Minister	Vicki Oden	Jacob Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	IC Students	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlies & Pat Korman
Servers	IC Students	Owen Merz Carl Smith
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes Judy Cobb	Megan Hans Steve Williams

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

For foster parents and adopting parents; may they experience the support of the Church and the love of God as they expand their homes to make room for more children in their families. We pray to the Lord.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, January 23rd	No Mass - Montgomery City	Monday, January 23rd	
Tuesday, January 24th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City	Tuesday, January 24th	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion To Divine Mercy
Wednesday, January 25th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, January 25th	
Thursday, January 26th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Thursday, January 26th	
Friday, January 27th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Friday, January 27th	
Saturday, January 28th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)	Saturday, January 28th	Confirmation Students @ Retreat - Jefferson City
Sunday, January 29th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 PM)	Sunday, January 29th	

### *Wedding Anniversary*



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

*Dennis & Michelle Allen-32 years of marriage on January 26th  
Thomas & Margo Nichols-54 years of marriage on Jan. 27th  
Keith & Wendy Schmidt-5 years of marriage on January 28th*

### Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 216.00
Seminary & Infirm Priests Fund	\$ 100.00
First Offering	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 45.00

(This is NOT included in Page 1 totals)

### Future Important Dates



March 28th - Confirmation at 6:30 PM  
April 21st - ICS Spring Special at 6:00 PM  
April 23rd - First Communion at 10:00 AM Mass  
April 28th - Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner

### Old Palms Needed



Looking for a proper way to dispose of your old palms? Please bring them and leave them in the church vestibule. We are going burn them and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday this year!

### Cope and Humeral Veil

The Parish needs to purchase a Cope and Humeral Veil which are used when giving the blessing at the end of adoration when the exposition takes place with the monstrance. If you would like to donate towards this purchase (or donate), please let the parish office or Father Ernest know. Thank you!

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, recognizing the centrality of God's word in the life of the church, Saint Jerome, who translated most of the Bible into Latin in the fourth century, wrote, "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Every time we come to Mass we listen to the words of scripture, conscious that God's word is a living word, speaking to us in our age as powerfully and relevantly as when it was written. Let us resolve to make God's word a guiding force in our lives.

### Question of the Week

Can I commit myself to studying scripture daily in 2023, making it central in my life?

### Adoration



As Father spoke in his homily a couple of weeks ago everyone is invited to attend Adoration on Tuesdays. We have a couple of people who would like to step down from their 1-hour time. If you would like to commit to an hour each Tuesday, please let the office or Ruth Ann O'Keefe know. Thank you!

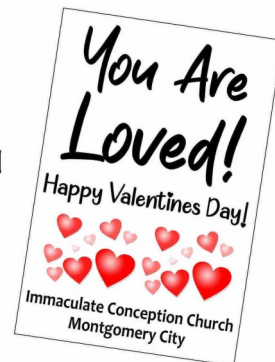
### Spread Kindness Parish Fundraiser

Spread kindness and love by sending a Valentine Yard Sign from Immaculate Conception!

For just \$15, we'll put a 12x18 coroplast sign in someone's yard here in Montgomery City.

Contact Amanda or Jeff Arens to place your order by Feb 12th!

Your name will be on the back so they know who sent it! Or leave it blank if you want!



## Immaculate Conception School News



January 28th thru February 4th- Catholic Schools Week  
 January 28th - Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 5pm  
 February 1st - Home & School Meeting @ 6m at school  
 February 3rd - PK4-8th Grade Catholic Schools Week Field Trip  
 February 8th - Donuts with Dad @ 7:15am

### IC Scrip Cards



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](http://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.**

### College Scholarships Available

The Diocese of Jefferson City is pleased to offer our parish families college scholarship opportunities through a generous donation from the families of William H. (Bill) Simon and John Warack.

To be considered for these scholarships, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Student must be a registered Catholic in the Diocese of Jefferson City.
- Student must be graduating high school or older, including current or returning college students.
- Student must submit a completed application by March 31, 2023.
- Student must demonstrate a financial need by submitting a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Student must submit a letter or recommendation from: 1) School official (teacher, counselor, principal, coach, etc.) 2) Current or present pastor
- For the John L. Warack Scholarship, student must attend University of Missouri-Columbia.

For more information and to complete an application, visit [www.diojeffcity.org/scholarships](http://www.diojeffcity.org/scholarships).

### 2022-23 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

**\$12,485.00 - Parish Goal**



<u>Committed</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
\$5,020.00	\$3,670.00	29%	(\$8,815.00)

### Head Count for January

January 1st - 109	January 7th - 62
January 8th - 101	January 14th - 77
January 15th - 117	January 21st -
January 22nd -	January 28th -
January 29th -	

**Grand Total for January -**

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

February 10, 2023 - Martinsburg Knights of Columbus 63rd Annual Auction. Soup - Sandwiches - Wings - Supper at 5:00 PM, Auction at 6:30 PM  
 February 12, 2023 - Church of the Risen Savior "All You Can Eat" Breakfast at Starkenburg from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
 February 24th thru March 31st - Friday Lenten Fish Fries at the KC Hall in Montgomery City.

### Annual Knights of Columbus Dinner



The Knight of Columbus 57th Annual Whole Hog Sausage Dinner is this Sunday (January 22nd)! Serving will be from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. "Rain, Ice, Sleet, or Snow, IT'S A GO"! There will be in-house seating as well as carry-out service.

Bulk sausage sales will start Friday, January 20th at the KC Hall.



### Deserts Needed for Sausage Dinner

The annual Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner is right around the corner. If you like to bake, they would love to have your pies, cakes, and/or cookies for deserts. Thank you!

### Quilt Raffle Tickets Available



The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary have quilt raffle tickets available for \$1.00/each or 6/\$5.00 donation. The tickets will be available thru the Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner when one lucky person will receive it! Please see any auxiliary member for tickets. They will also be available at the sausage dinner.

### 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 - Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, and Susie 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, Marla Daniels, John Rybacki (father of Sue Beck), Kim Dryden, Christine Welter (niece of Kathy Holtz), Matt Brumagin, Don Zerr, Peggy Readey, Becky Queathem, and Warner Walton (great, great nephew of Vicki Parker).

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.** Corey Stulce, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, and Daniel Lohmann.

Steve (Hip) Hill is back in the states. Thank you for your prayers while he was deployed.

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



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 you on the palm of  
 my hand.  
*Isaiah 49:15*

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 our  
 Parish Family!**

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 starting at  
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 Adoration: A  
 special time to  
 worship and praise  
 our Lord and  
 Savior, Jesus  
 Christ and to  
 deepen your  
 intimate friendship  
 and be nourished  
 and strengthened  
 by his Presence  
 and Love. At  
 5:00 PM  
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 close with  
 Devotion to the  
 Divine Mercy and  
 Benediction.  
 Mass will start at  
 5:30 PM.

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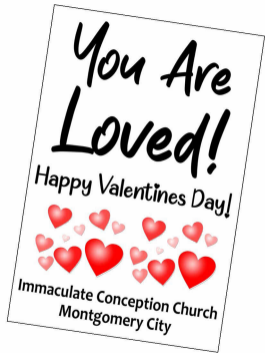
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# Celebrating Our Catholic School

January 28 - February 3

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## Saturday

### **Celebrating our Parish**

Handing out cookies after Mass to all parishioners in attendance.

Wear Nice Clothes - No Jeans

Arrive by 4:45pm

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## Tuesday

### **Celebrate our NATION**

Wear your most outrageous

**RED, WHITE, & BLUE**

Playing Patriotic BINGO

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## WEDNESDAY

### **CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY SUPERHEROS**

Wear your favorite Superhero attire

*Visit from Fire Department and Staff Lunch from Dos Primos*

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## Thursday

### **Celebrating Vocations**

**I Wanna Be a Cowboy or Cowgirl Day**

*Celebrating those who have chosen the Religious Vocations by making Rosaries & playing rodeo games for those who have chosen other Vocations.*

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### **CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

## FRIDAY

Wear Your IC Spirit Gear to go ICE skating.

Having pizza and watching a movie upon arrival back at school.

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All outfits for the week must still follow the "dress down" school dress code as we are showing our love and support of attending a Catholic school!