

Be doers of the word and not hearers only,
deluding yourselves.

JAMES 1:22

One for All and All for One

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, I asked the eighth-graders I was teaching to imagine themselves on a fantasy journey. They had to pretend they were flying across the ocean in a small airplane when suddenly the plane has engine trouble. The pilot manages to land on a sandy island beach. Everyone survives, but a few passengers are injured.

The captain divides the passengers into groups, each with a specific task. One group is responsible for finding food; another for water; another to explore and map the island; another to care for the injured. After explaining the scenario, I divided the eighth-graders into groups of four or five to complete the same “pretend” tasks—to create a set of rules by which to live until they were all rescued. The rules each group created were much the same: share everything, no hoarding, no fighting, obey the captain, no stealing,

those who do not work do not eat. In effect, these eighth-graders created their own “commandments,” enabling the community to survive in its own kind of desert, likely in the same way the Ten Commandments helped the Israelites.

The teachings of Jesus do not abrogate the original Ten Commandments. They continue to hold a great deal of wisdom for surviving as a community. Jesus taught us to focus on how our behavior shapes the sort of individuals we become and, ultimately, what sort of community we form. What flows from one’s heart, Jesus taught, reveals who we are both alone and in community. ●

Reflect

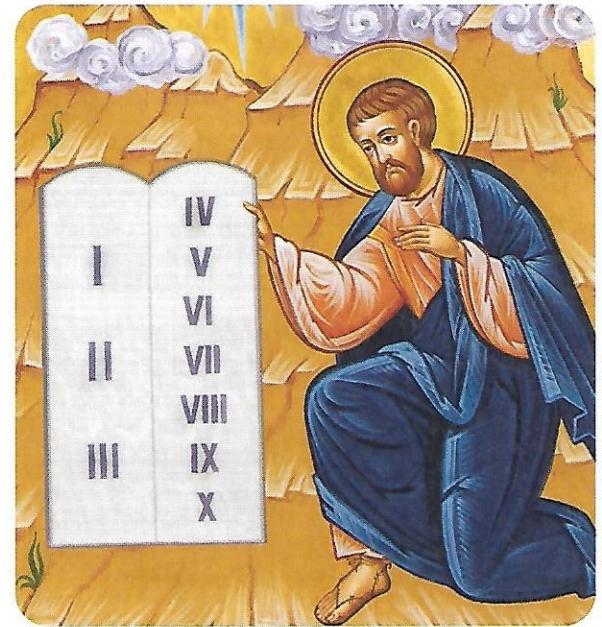
***What would you include in a set of rules
for yourself and your family?***

Dear Padre,

Do Christians need to follow the Ten Commandments, or are they the “Old Law”?

There is nothing arbitrary or old-fashioned about the commandments of God. The Ten Commandments, given to us by the Author of the World, are found in Exodus 20:2–17. They are: (1) I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me. (2) You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. (3) Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day. (4) Honor your father and your mother. (5) You shall not kill. (6) You shall not commit adultery. (7) You shall not steal. (8) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (9) You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. (10) You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

The first three Commandments were meant to guide us in our relationship with God; the remaining seven Commandments pertain to our relationships with others. Jesus gives us a new motivation for keeping the Commandments—the motivation of love. He gives a double commandment: love of God and love of neighbor (Mark 12:28–34). Saint Paul tells us these new commands fulfill those of the Old Law (Romans 13:8–10); and John writes that keeping the Commandments simply out of fear of punishment is not enough: love must be the driving force (1 John 4:18). ●

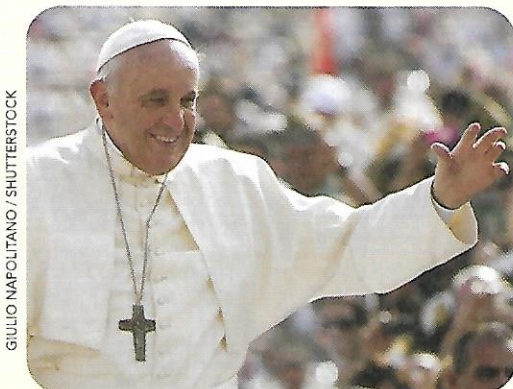


The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6	September 7	September 8
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Gregory the</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-third</i>
1 Cor 2:1–5	<i>Great, Pope and</i>	1 Cor 3:1–9	1 Cor 3:18–23	1 Cor 4:1–5	1 Cor 4:6b–15	<i>Sunday in</i>
Lk 4:16–30	<i>Doctor of the</i>	Lk 4:38–44	Lk 5:1–11	Lk 5:33–39	Lk 6:1–5	<i>Ordinary Time</i>
	<i>Church</i>					Is 35:4–7a
	1 Cor 2:10b–16					Jas 2:1–5
	Lk 4:31–37					Mk 7:31–37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We spend time assigning blame; but spending time blaming others is wasting time. We become angry, bitter, and keep God away from our heart.... One cannot be truly religious while complaining: complaining poisons, it leads you to anger, to resentment and to sadness...which closes the door to God. Let us ask the Lord today to free us from blaming others....

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 29, 2021



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions



Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Monday, September 2nd **NO Mass - Montgomery City**
 Tuesday, September 3rd **NO Mass - Montgomery City**
 Wednesday, Sept. 4th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
 Thursday, September 5th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** - Clint Cunningham
 (for healing)
 Friday, September 6th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Comfort Dike
 Saturday, September 7th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** - Our Parish Family
 Sunday, September 8th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Marlyn Rybacki

<u>Church & School Financial Report:</u>	Income	Expenses	Difference
July 2024	\$56,779.88	\$74,665.11	-\$17,885.23
Fiscal Year July-July, 2024-25	\$56,779.88	\$74,665.11	-\$17,885.23
Needed Weekly - \$13,967.97			
Aug. 4th - \$8,175.91-Church; \$5,502.50-ICS/Daycare; \$13,678.41 - Total			
Aug. 11th - \$4,717.59-Church; \$5,711.00-ICS/Daycare; \$10,428.59 - Total			
Aug. 18th - \$3,015.00-Church; \$8,247.00-ICS/Daycare; \$11,262.00 - Total			
Aug. 25th - \$3,717.00-Church; \$6,549.00-ICS/Daycare; \$10,266.00 - Total			

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 for your support!

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation: 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.

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 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 September 7th & September 8th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Beth Cobb	Jerry Witthaus
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Bonnie Walker
Communion Minister	Ruth Ann Longstreet	Megan Hans
Ministers of Hospitality	Don & Lila Broz Steve & Beth Cobb	Ron & Dianne Talley Jerry Neale Tony Wessel
Servers	Mercer Cothren Beth Roesner	Tinley Anderson Leyla Beabout
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes Judy Cobb	Elaine Winford Dottie Brueggen

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

For those who serve our community as first responders; may God keep them safe as they serve with honor the safety and well-being of all.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, September 2nd	NO Mass - Montgomery City	Monday, September 2nd	Labor Day - Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, September 3rd	NO Mass - Montgomery City (Central Deanery Meeting)	Tuesday, September 3rd	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration NO Benediction or Devotion to Divine Mercy (This is a change in the September Calendar.) 6:30 PM - Central Deanery Mtg.
Wednesday, September 4th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, September 4th	6:00 PM - Home & School Meeting 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, September 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Thursday, September 5th	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass
Friday, September 6th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Friday, September 6th	
Saturday, September 7th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)	Saturday, September 7th	
Sunday, September 8th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)	Sunday, September 8th	4:15-6:15 PM - Gr. 1-7 PSR Class & Confirmation Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

There are no anniversaries this week.

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	412.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$	125.00
Mass Intentions	\$	30.00
Diocesan Missions	\$	120.00

HARVEST PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Our Harvest Picnic is only 2 weeks away! We are still looking for more **Picnic Sponsors**. Any vendors that want to set up at the **Vendor Fair**, contact Dianne Talley. At the Harvest Picnic, besides having delicious **food**, there will also be fun **games** and activities for kids and adults, a **bake sale**, a **country store**, **raffles**, and a **Live and Paddle Auction**. We will need many hands to work at the picnic. Please decide what kinds of **items you will donate** as well as where **your talents** will best serve the parish for this event. If you are interested in buying a \$20 chance for the **Sporting Goods Raffle** with the prize of \$600 store credit to DC Sporting Goods in Hermann, see a committee member. Return your **volunteer sheet** and **quilt raffle** tickets in the lock box in the back of church, the rectory, or a committee member by Friday, August 30. We need everyone's help to make this **8th Annual Harvest Picnic** a success!



Committee members:

Julie Worsham - 573-489-2778 - Paddle Auction
Pat Korman - 636-359-0001- Live Auction
Dianne Talley - 573-590-3158 - Vendors
Megan Hans, Judy Cobb, Gina Smith, Dottie Brueggen, Anna Harrell,
Tony & Betty Wessel, Don & Lila Broz, Kim Schroeder
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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On this Labor Day weekend, when we recognize all those who work—in whatever way they can—to provide for their families, their communities, and this nation, we also celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, praying that together we can work to ensure that the world God made can be enjoyed by future generations for centuries to come. Let us praise God for this wonderful world and the opportunity to work in it.



Question of the Week

Where do I see injustice in my family, workplace, community, or the world? What will I do to help bring justice to those who need it in each of those places?

Parish School of Religion (PSR) To Resume

Religious Education Classes for students Not attending Immaculate Conception School will resume Sunday, September 8th. Students in Grades 1-8 as well as any students requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are to attend the opening class on September 8th with their parents. Location: IC School Cafeteria from 4:15-6:15 PM. Class schedule will be reviewed at this class as well as discussion on class subject matter. Registration for the PSR Program will take place after weekend Masses on August 10-11, August 18, August 24-25. Any questions, please contact Dottie Brueggen (573-564-2183) or Michelle Schroer (573-826-5086).



Come Join Us for Movie Night!

We hope you will be able to join us on **September 11th & 25th for "Movie Night"**. Season one of "The Chosen" will be shown at 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall here in Montgomery City. Admission is FREE! Popcorn is FREE! (You may want to bring a drink.) Bring a comfortable chair!





Thursday, September 5 at 8am is the first Prayer Partner Mass. All students in the upstairs classes will be paired with a parishioner. Ruth Ann is in charge of the Prayer Partners. Students make cards for them and sit with them at Mass. After Mass, all stay in the pews for about 10-15 minutes to visit more to learn about each other.

Sunday, Sept. 15 - Harvest Picnic
ICS families are encouraged to work the kids' games at the Harvest Picnic. Confirmation students will help Dottie with the older games.



Pick-A-Prize Winners

...and the winner of the August 18th drawing was **Bonnie Walker!** She chose gift cards to Subway, Dos Primos, Bundy's, 2nd Place, Papa B's Wing Shack, and Rugged Roots. Congratulations Bonnie! Winners are drawn on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Past winners and prizes include:

- George Boes - \$500.00 gift card to Sams/Walmart
- Angela Keller - \$500.00 gift card to Amazon
- Daryl & Nancy Cobb - \$250.00 Cash/\$250.00 in lottery tickets
- Eileen Lotton - \$500.00 Visa gift card
- Joe Oden - Texas Roadhouse/Olive Garden/Culvers/Sybergs gift cards
- Wesley Cobb - Mystery Prize (\$500.00 in cash!)
- Richard Bainbridge - \$500 Gift Certificate to Montgomery Home & Hardware
- Sydney Peak - \$500.00 Gift Certificate to Yardbirds, LLC
- George Boes - \$500.00 Gift Certificate to Bratcher's

Fall Pilgrimage - September 8th

The Fall Pilgrimage at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg will be held on **Sunday, September 8th**. The day begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10:00 AM followed by a Rosary procession and Stations of the Cross. Lunch will be served from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 12:30 PM followed by Benediction. Outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 PM. Cost for the lunch is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and is free for children under 6.

Liturgical Ministries Training

Hosted by The Diocesan Liturgical Commission

August 31, 2024

Our Lady of Lourdes
903 Bernadette Dr., Columbia, MO
Gather in the Church @ 9:40 am

September 7, 2024

St. Patrick Chapel
415 E. 4th St., Sedalia, MO
All are welcome to celebrate 9:00 am Mass

September 28, 2024

St. Patrick Catholic Church
17 St. Patrick Ln., Rolla, MO

October 5, 2024

St. Joseph Cathedral
2305 W. Main St. Jefferson City, MO

November 9, 2024

Immaculate Conception
402 N. Rollins St., Macon, MO



10:00 am Welcome and Prayer

10:05 am Keynote by Fr. Dan

- What is Liturgy?
- What are the postures used during the Liturgy and when?
- What does it mean to be a minister of the Liturgy?

10:30 am Breakout Sessions

- Lectors
- Sacristans
- Musicians
- EMHCs
(VIRTUS trainer available throughout)

12:00 pm Sharing of the Wealth & Questions

12:15 pm Closing Prayer

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

September 10th- Second Tuesday Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg. 11:00 AM-Reconciliation, 11:40 AM-Rosary, 12:00 Noon-Mass. Lunch after Mass.

September 22nd - Fall Festival at Our Lady, Help of Christian Parish in Frankenstein from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

October 6th - Fall Festival at St. Mary's Parish in Hawk Point from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

On Tuesday, September 3rd from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, the Knights of Columbus are holding a Red Cross Blood Drive at the KOC Hall, 318 Sturgeon, Montgomery City.



With all the current disasters in our country, there is a great need for donated blood. If you are able to donate blood, please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are allowed.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.



James 1:21b-22

The command at the end of Holy Mass means to go out into the world and be "doers of the word" and not just "hearers." We do this in love, charity, and with a servant's heart towards others, which is a grace of receiving Holy Communion.



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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 - Susie Ryan, Bill & Lucille Muenz, and Mike Busken.

Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann, 1800 Wein St, Hermann, MO 65041 - Tony & LaVerne Wessel, Sr.

Resident in Victorian Manor, 2120 Village Lane, Hermann, MO 65041 - Peggy Gardner



Please pray for: Dan Grieshaber, Susie Ryan, John Rybacki, Tom Eggering, Clint Cunningham, Avery Penn, Jim Wortmann, Lindsey O'Bryan, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Evelyn Strauss, Larry Brueggemann, Beau Boschenreither, Sheryl Gibbs, Ed Grillo, Tony Wessel, Sr, Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, RaeJean Rhoads, Lucille Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath, Al & Christine Barger, Don Zerr, Marla Daniels, Matt Brumagin, Ingrid Keller, Margaret Van Beek, and Terry Parker.



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Brandon Wells, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.

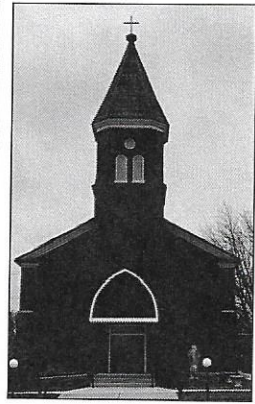


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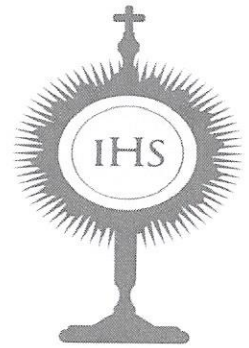
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See!
 I will not forget
 you, I have carved
 you on the palm of
 my hand.
Isaiah 49:15

Welcome
 everyone, anytime
 on Tuesdays
 starting at
 6:00 AM we have
 Eucharistic
 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
 Adoration will
 close with
 Devotion to the
 Divine Mercy and
 Benediction.
 Mass will start at
 5:30 PM.