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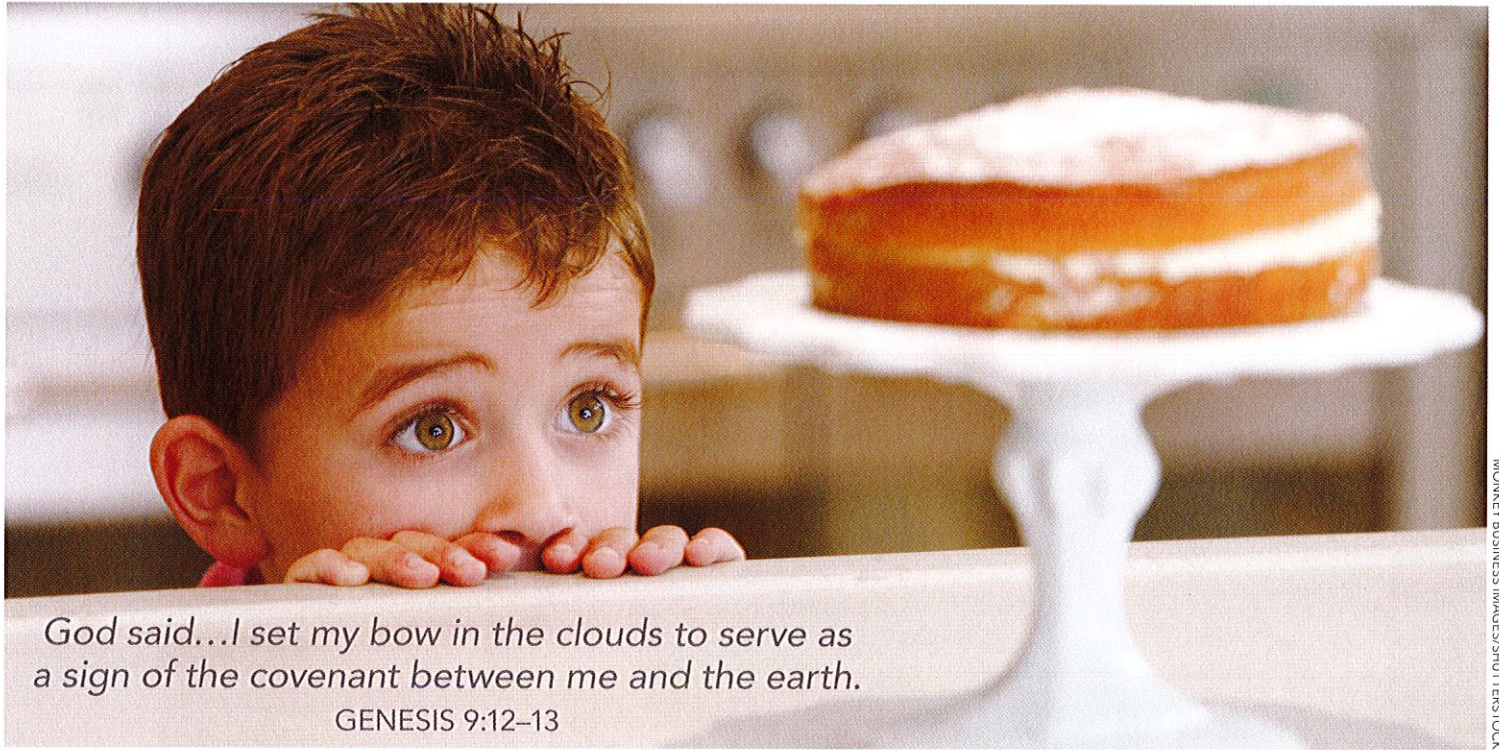
February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 9:8–15

1 Pt 3:18–22

Mk 1:12–15



*God said...I set my bow in the clouds to serve as  
a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.*

GENESIS 9:12–13

## Lost at Sea

**We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus.**

Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of

temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even “lost at sea.” However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God's covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *When you feel “lost at sea,” recall that through baptism you have a close covenant relationship with God who is always there for you.*
- ✦ *How do you strengthen yourself when you face temptation?*



# Dear Padre,

**As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?**

**O**ver the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

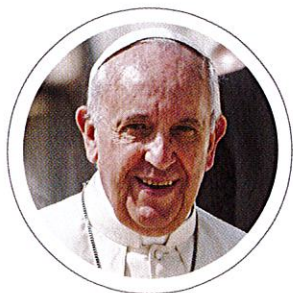
In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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THOMAS SHUTTERSTOCK



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.*

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER  
FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MARCH 27, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 22  
*The Chair of  
St. Peter the Apostle*  
1 Pt 5:1-4  
Mt 16:13-19

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 23  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 55:10-11  
Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 24  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 25  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Est C:12, 14-16,  
23-25  
Mt 7:7-12

### Friday

FEBRUARY 26  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 27  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 28  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,  
15-18  
Rom 8:31b-34  
Mk 9:2-10





# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb- President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Secretary-Open, Laura Yelton, Vicki Parker, & Mary Pottebaum

## FEBRUARY 21, 2021 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass Intentions

Monday, February 22nd

Tuesday, February 23rd

Wednesday, February 24th

Thursday, February 25th

Friday, February 26th

Saturday, February 27th

Sunday, February 28th

**NO MASS**

5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City +Martha Hartley

8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg

**8:00 AM Mass** - Mont. City +Don & Claire Benney

**8:00 AM Mass** - Mont. City - Claude Kruse

**5:00 PM Mass** - Mont. City +Mary Alice Wilson

8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg

**10:00 AM Mass** - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family



**July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

**Church/School Financial Report:**

|  | Income         | Expenses     | Difference   |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>January 2021</b>                    | \$34,759.00    | \$46,965.65  | -\$12,206.65 |
| <b>Fiscal Year July - Jan. 2020-21</b> | \$326,240.66   | \$314,391.54 | \$11,849.12  |
| <b>Needed Weekly</b>                   | - \$ 11,835.50 |              |              |
| February 7th -                         | \$11,900.32    |              |              |
| February 14th -                        | \$10,960.40    |              |              |
| February 21st -                        | \$ 3,964.00    |              |              |
| February 28th -                        | \$             |              |              |

Last Week's Envelopes: 28 of 179

*With God all things are possible*

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

**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:** 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 February 27th & 28th

| 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 February prayer intention for our Local Church is:**

For parents: may they have the spiritual and material resources they need to provide their children a home in which charity and mercy are practiced, and knowledge of our faith is shared.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Monday, February 22nd    | <b>NO MASS</b>  |
| Tuesday, February 23rd   | 5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City  |
| Wednesday, February 24th | 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg  |
| Thursday, February 25th  | 8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City  |
| Friday, February 26th    | 8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City  |
| Saturday, February 27th  | 5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City<br>(Rosary @ 4:30 PM)                              |
| Sunday, February 28th    | 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg<br>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City<br>(Rosary @ 9:30 AM) |

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Monday, February 22nd    | 7:00 PM - St. Vincent DePaul Mtg.  |
| Tuesday, February 23rd   | 6:15 PM - Stations of the Cross  |
| Wednesday, February 24th |  |
| Thursday, February 25th  |  |
| Friday, February 26th    | 2:30 PM - Stations of the Cross<br>6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross                                     |
| Saturday, February 27th  |  |
| Sunday, February 28th    | 9:30 AM - 3rd/4th Grade PSR Class<br>6:00 PM - 5th/6th Grade PSR Class<br>6:00 PM - Confirmation Class |

### *Wedding Anniversary*



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

*Tim & Sandy Bethel - 26 years of marriage on February 25th*

### **Additional Financial Information**

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Capital Improvement            | \$ 00.00  |
| Capital Campaign (Cornerstone) | \$ 200.00 |
| Bulletin Ads                   | \$ 150.00 |
| Special Collections:           |           |
| Holydays                       | \$ 20.00  |
| Easter Flowers                 | \$ 10.00  |

### **Change in Confession Schedule**

The will be NO Confessions on February 25th. Fr. Hartley has a meeting that evening in Jonesburg.

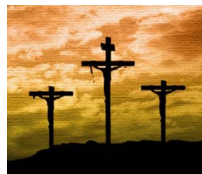
### **Rosary Rally Prayers to Our Lady of Fatima**



In honor of the Feast Day of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco, there will be a Rosary Rally on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 12 Noon here in the church. The intention for the rosary being prayed is for the conversion of sinners and for our country. Please plan to join us!

### **Stations of the Cross**

Please be mindful of the opportunity to make the Stations of the Cross during Lent. We will be offering them at least twice a week (twice on Fridays and some Tuesdays). If you feel more comfortable, we will have books in the church vestibule so you can pray them on your own during the day. What a wonderful way to commemorate Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.



### **Capital Campaign Update**

As we have been working for a little over a year now, we are proud of our total of pledges and donations of \$202,000, but we have a ways to go to get to our goal of \$850,000.

We are happy to share that we have accepted a bid on the concrete work that is to be done and we hope that work will begin just as soon as the weather allows. That work will include replacing all of the sidewalk on the north and south side of the building. It will also include the sidewalk in front of the building.

Even more importantly, it will replace the ramps to make them truly accessible and up to code. The front entrance of the church will also be made truly accessible as the concrete will be poured to make the entrance to the church the same height as the door opening. This will not only improve the looks of the outside of the church, but it will make our church grounds safer by eliminating the tripping points that have been a problem for some time.

Another bit of good news is that we did receive a claim on the steeple of the church and received a check for \$9,108 to use toward the repair of the damaged slate. This is very welcome news as the damage was far more extensive that we first realized.

If you were not able to attend either of the Town Hall meetings we hosted at the beginning of the Campaign, we now have a way for you to learn more about the process we have used and the projects we have yet to complete. At the end of this announcement is a URL or web address that will take you to the video.

In addition, I also linked it to the church Facebook page yesterday. If you are on Facebook, you can just click on the link and it takes you straight to the video. If anyone has trouble accessing it, please reach out and we can always email a link straight to you.

If you have not yet made a pledge or a donation, we do hope you will take the time to watch the video and see what this is all about. We need everyone's help to reach our goal and we think once you hear what we plan to do you will want to help.

This year, 2021, is the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this parish and we want our parish home – our place of worship – to be here for generations to come. The Capital Campaign is one way we can help that happen. Thank you for your donations and thank you for your prayerful consideration in being a part of this Campaign. God Bless.

Web address: [tinyurl.com/lxrbdaeo](http://tinyurl.com/lxrbdaeo)

## Immaculate Conception School News



February 26th - KC Fish Fry  
 February 27th - IC Students Lead Mass  
 March 2nd - Dr. Seuss Party (Pre-K-2nd) & National Reading Day  
 March 3rd - Home & School Meeting 6pm at KC Hall  
 March 5th - End of the 3rd Quarter

### ECLC Happenings

We are accepting applications for ECLC and Pre-School for next school year which begins in August 2021 and Summer Care for school-age kids after school lets out in May. For more information, please contact Peggy Brower at (573) 564-2679.

### 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> |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| \$8,890.00       | \$5,737.00         | 47.80            | (\$6,263.00)       |



### 2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

(February 22nd - February 28th)

February 22 NO MASS  
 February 23 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at IC  
 5:30 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception  
 6:15 PM Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception  
 February 24 8:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 5:15 PM  
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick  
 February 25 8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception  
 6:00 PM Parish Council/Finance Meeting at St. Patrick  
 February 26 **DAY OF ABSTINENCE**  
 8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception  
 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception (School Children)  
 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception  
 February 27 3:30 PM Confessions at Immaculate Conception  
 5:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception (Rosary at 4:30 PM)  
 February 28 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 7:15 AM Confessions at St. Patrick  
 8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick  
 9:20 AM Confessions at Immaculate Conception  
 10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

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

February 19, 2021 - Drive-thru Lenten Fish Fry @ KC Hall

### Our Condolences

Martha Hagedorn, mother of Beth Cobb, "passed away" Thursday morning. We offer our prayers and condolences to Beth and her family during this difficult time.

### Annual Lenten Fish Fries

February 19 - March 26, 2021  
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
 4:30 - 6:30 PM



Back by popular demand, the Lenten Fish Fries will be held! They will be drive-thru only. The \$10.00 plate will feature Cod and/or Catfish with sides.

Starting on Thursday, February 18, 2021, the KOC will be peeling potatoes starting at 10:30 a.m. and continue each Thursday at the same time through March 25, 2021. Please bring your own paring knife! Anyone who is able to assist in peeling and making potato salad is invited to come to the KC Hall each week. Your help is greatly appreciated!

### Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

To foster a greater spirit of penance, of reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, and so guide us more closely in the footsteps of Christ, Holy Mother Church reminds us of the following obligations of fast and abstinence during Lent and also admonishes us all to deeper prayer and worship.

- Abstinence:** all persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Fasting:** everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is generally understood to mean eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. But please note: when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest. Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

**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:** Karen Clark, Nick Schneider, Darlene Sachs, Alex Clark, Lucille Griesbauer, and Pat Reagan.

*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, Michel James, and Daniel Lohmann

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*





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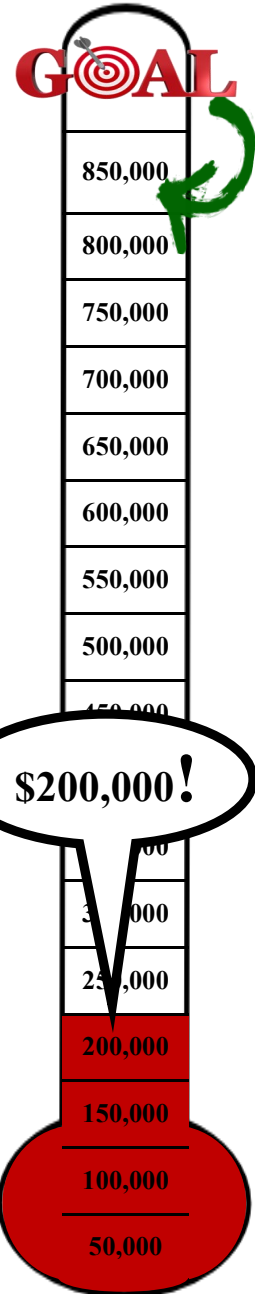
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