



God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✱ Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.
- ✱ You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.



[Jesus said,]
"Love one another
as I love you.
No one has greater
love than this,
to lay down
one's life for
one's friends."
JOHN 15:12–13

Dear Padre,

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019



Calendar

Monday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Saturday

MAY 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 16

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

or Eph 4:1–13

or 4:1–7, 11–13

Mk 16:15–20



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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Society of St. Vincent DePaul - 573.835.3631

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

MAY 2, 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 3rd
Tuesday, May 4th

NO MASS - Montgomery City
5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Delores Schmidt

Wednesday, May 5th
Thursday, May 6th
Friday, May 7th
Saturday, May 8th
Sunday, May 9th

8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +John & Zita Welter
8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Robert Merz
5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Mary Dryden
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**
March 2021 \$24,640.45 \$49,890.29 -\$25,249.84
Fiscal Year July-March 2020-21 \$426,449.29 \$443,150.75 -\$16,701.46
Needed Weekly - \$11,835.50
March 28th - \$13,072.00 (2 weeks)
April 4th - \$11,076.67
April 11th - \$ 9,462.00
April 18th - \$10,894.49
April 25th - \$ 9,942.75

Last Week's Envelopes: 57 of 179

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

With God all things are possible

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 to 4:50 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 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 May 8th & 9th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Beth Cobb	Amanda Arens
Children's Liturgy	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Communion Minister	Vicki Oden	Orlana Gardner
Ministers of Hospitality	Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Jacob & Megan Hans Steve Williams
Servers	Jacob Roesner Kendra Rakers	Emersyn & Fallon Schroeder
Gift Bearers	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Money Counters	Rea Jean & Daryl Rhoads	Gayle Adams Steve Williams

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

May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, this month by our support in charity for all mothers who struggle in poverty to raise their children.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, May 3rd	NO MASS
Tuesday, May 4th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, May 5th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, May 6th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, May 7th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, May 8th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 4:30 PM)
Sunday, May 9th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, May 3rd	7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, May 4th	
Wednesday, May 5th	6:00 PM - Home & School Mtg. 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, May 6th	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass
Friday, May 7th	8:00 AM - May Crowning at Mass
Saturday, May 8th	
Sunday, May 9th	

Wedding Anniversary



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

John & Ruth Schneider - 53 years of marriage on May 4th.

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$ 120.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 4,825.00
Special Collections:	
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$ 400.00
Infirm Priest Fund	\$ 100.00
Communication & Education Fund	\$ 20.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$ 20.00

May Crowning

Please join us on May 7th at the 8:00 AM Mass when the students from Immaculate Conception School will be honoring our Blessed Virgin Mother in a May Crowning.

Office Hours May 3-7, 2021

Janet will be on vacation next week and Mary Hedding will be filling in for her while she is gone. Please note the change in office hours.

Monday, May 3rd - Office Closed
Tuesday, May 4th - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Wednesday, May 5th - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Thursday, May 6th - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday, May 7th - Office Closed

Mother's Day Rose Fundraiser



Birthday will be selling long-stem silk roses for \$2.00 a rose after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Mass Mother's Day weekend (May 8th & 9th).

Capital Campaign Update



Dear Parishioners,

We thought it might be helpful to give a bit of a breakdown to set some goals along the way. We hope to do all of the projects we have named in the process, but we will only complete what we raise the money to do. On our way to \$850,000, we have some steps along the way to help you see where the money is going.

Our first big goal is to get to \$600,000. This will be the number that we hope will take care of all we want to do inside and out of the church building. The tasks included for that goal are new sidewalks, new accessible entrance at the front of church, new entrance to church including new front doors, steeple repair, repair and maintenance to our stained glass windows, construction inside the church to accommodate the new altars, remodel the bathroom, and switch the cry room and the confessional, painting, new flooring, and refurbishment and installment of the altars. That list is significant and we are very hopeful we will be able to get there with your help!

If we get to the \$700,000 mark, we will be able to remodel and update the rectory. One goal is to turn that into a fellowship space, but that means we have to get to the goal of \$850,000 so we can build a new rectory. Hopefully, this breakdown gives you an idea of where and how the money will be spent.

We need your help. Please, consider pledging and or donating to our Capital Campaign. We want to make our parish home a beautiful place to worship for generations to come. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Holy Hour in Honor of St. Isidore the Farmer



Mark your calendars for May 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. when Fr. Hartley will lead us in a holy hour in honor of St. Isidore the Farmer here at Immaculate Conception Church. It will include a blessing of everything agriculturally related.

Immaculate Conception School

News May 5th - Vocations Day

May 6th - Spring Concert at Church 6:00 PM

May 7th - May Crowning at 8:00 AM Mass

May 9th - Mother's Day

May 11th - 8th Graders last day of school @ noon

May 12th - 8th Grade dinner

May 13th - 8th Grade & Kindergarten Graduation

May 14th - Awards & last day of school - Fun Day @ Graham Cave



ECLC Happenings

ECLC is looking for a part-time daytime employee. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Peggy at the school (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 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.**

Teaching Positions Available At ICS

Immaculate Conception School is seeking a Part-Time Art/Music Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. This past year, our students have been learning instrumental music with keyboards, guitars, recorders, etc. ICS is a kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic School located in Montgomery City, with approximately 50 students. ICS runs on a 4-day school week (Tuesday-Friday). A successful candidate is a practicing Catholic in good standing who can minister to students regardless of subject area or a teacher who, consistent with the Mission of Immaculate Conception School, promotes and teaches the Catholic faith as reasonably determined by the principal. Applicants should hold the appropriate Missouri teaching certification, or its equivalent.

Immaculate Conception School (ICS), a kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic School located in Montgomery City, with approximately 40 students, is seeking a 3rd & 4th Grade Homeroom Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. ICS runs on a 4-day (Tuesday-Friday) school week. A successful candidate is a practicing Catholic in good standing who can minister to students regardless of subject area or a teacher who, consistent with the Mission of Immaculate Conception School, promotes and teaches the Catholic faith as reasonably determined by the principal. Applicants should hold the appropriate Missouri teaching certification, or its equivalent.

All interested persons should complete the application on the Jefferson City Diocesan website at: <https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2019/06/17/employment-in-our-catholic-schools/> and contact the Principal, Dana Schroeder at dschroeder@icschool-mc.org.

Hanging Basket Fundraiser

Immaculate Conception Home and School is sponsoring a Hanging Basket Fundraiser through May 31, 2021. Tickets for these baskets are \$19.00 can be purchased at IC School and A'la mode Salon & Boutique here in Montgomery City. These would make really nice Mother's Day gifts! If you have questions, please call (573) 564-2679.



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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$500.00 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary spaghetti luncheon. It was a great success! God bless you all!

Prayer to Our Holy Mother, Undoer of Knots

Dearest Holy Mother, Most Holy Mary, you undo the knots that suffocate your children. Extend your merciful hands to me. I entrust to You today this knot [mention your request here] and all the negative consequences that it provokes in my life. Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exist in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of his children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the evil one himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot. [Mention your request here] I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge! Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. Amen.

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, Alex Clark (granddaughter of Karen Clark), Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Pat (Cobb) Hunn, Susan Schipper, Charlee Kate (niece of Sue Beck), and Diane Happe.

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.

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