



Food for the Journey

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As the story is told, two men were talking about why they go or do not go to church every weekend. One argued why he no longer comes to Mass: “I went every Sunday for almost thirty years and I can’t remember a single sermon from all those years that I sat in a pew.” The other thought about that and then replied, “You know, my wife and I have been married for more than twenty-five years. Just about every day during those years my wife and I sat down and shared a meal at least twice a day. Now I can’t say that I remember more than one or two of those meals, but if we hadn’t sat down to share those meals every day, I don’t think we would still be married today.”

Surely there are many reasons why Catholics come

to the Eucharist each weekend. Some come for the homily, some for receiving holy Communion, others for the singing, and still others to be part of a faith community. For most, it is probably some of each. Yet behind all of it, though most might not think of saying so, is a commitment to be people of faith, to believe in the Lord Jesus, and to live as his disciples. It is the same commitment the Hebrews made in the desert in Exodus 24:3: “We will do everything that the LORD has told us.” Indeed, how long would we be believers and disciples of Jesus without being fed at his table? ●

Reflect

Why do you come to Mass each week?

[Jesus said,] “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.”

MARK 14:24

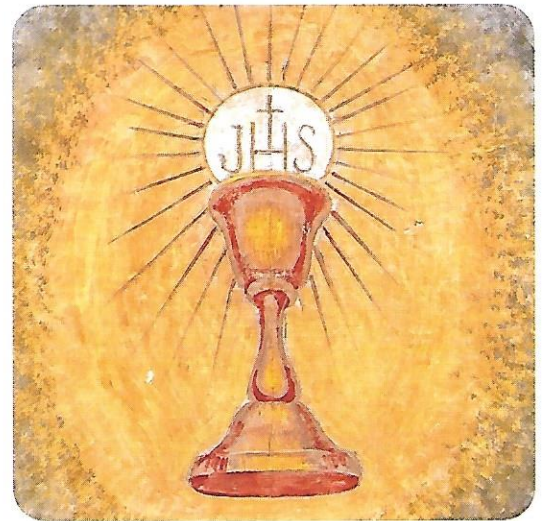
Dear Padre,

Do we need both bread and wine to receive Christ's Body and Blood? If I receive only the host—not the Precious Blood—am I participating fully in the Eucharist?

By only taking the host you are participating fully. And if you only drink from the chalice, you also are participating fully. Christ is always fully present in each form.

Many times, it is not possible to offer the chalice to a large congregation. There are also times when one cannot receive the host, especially a person who is very ill, and consuming the Precious Blood is easier.

In the Church's teaching on the Eucharist, we are invited to receive both. The *Eucharisticum Mysterium* (32) says it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a feast that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the kingdom of God is established in its fullness. In John 6, Jesus invites us to both eat and drink, so it is good to do both if you are able. If you aren't able, or if the chalice isn't offered at your church, you still participate fully by taking the host. Both forms are always present, because the priest must always receive both. ●



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MONDAY

June 3
*St. Charles
Lwanga and
Companions,
Martyrs*
2 Pt 1:2-7
Mk 12:1-12

TUESDAY

June 4
Weekday
2 Pt 3:12-15a,
17-18
Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY

June 5
*St. Boniface,
Bishop and
Martyr*
2 Tm 1:1-3,
6-12
Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY

June 6
Weekday
2 Tm 2:8-15
Mk 12:28-34

FRIDAY

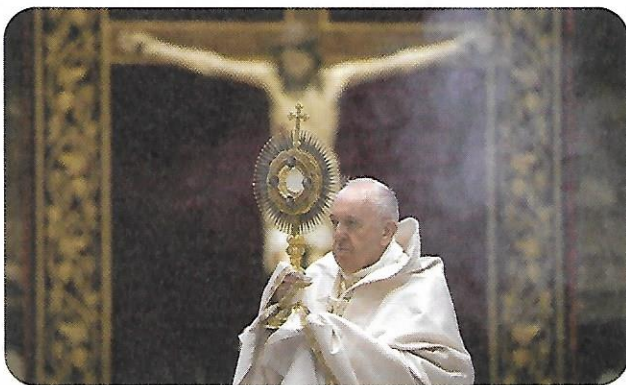
June 7
*Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus*
Hos 11:1, 3-4,
8c-9
Eph 3:8-12,
14-19
Jn 19:31-37

SATURDAY

June 8
*Immaculate
Heart of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary*
2 Tm 4:1-8
Lk 2:41-51

SUNDAY

June 9
*Tenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Gn 3:9-15
2 Cor 4:13-5:1
Mk 3:20-35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ... we receive his love within us, not to hold it back selfishly, but rather to share it with others. This logic is inscribed in the Eucharist: we receive his love within us and we share it with others. This is the eucharistic logic.

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JUNE 2, 2024 - THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Mass Intentions



Monday, June 3rd **NO Mass - Montgomery City**
 Tuesday, June 4th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**
 Wednesday, June 5th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
 Thursday, June 6th **8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City** +Don Benney
 Friday, May June 7th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** - Wayne Flagg Family
 Saturday, June 8th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Lafe O'Bryan
 Sunday, June 9th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family

Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
April 2024	\$121,899.96	\$64,602.09	\$57,297.87
Fiscal Year July-April, 2023-24	\$705,494.68	\$656,835.90	\$48,658.78
Needed Weekly -	\$13,397.08		

May 5th - \$11,748.34-Church; \$5,141.75-ICS/Daycare; \$16,890.09 -Total
 May 12th - \$3,007.00-Church; \$5,385.00-ICS/Daycare; \$8,392.00 -Total
 May 19th - \$3,984.00-Church; \$6,555.00-ICS/Daycare; \$10,539.00 -Total
 May 26th - \$6,215.00-Church; \$4,523.00-ICS/Daycare; \$10,738.00 -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.

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 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 June 8th & 9th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Jacob Roesner	Jerry Witthaus
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Bonnie Walker
Communion Minister	Mary Pottebaum	Dennis Cobb
Ministers of Hospitality	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
Servers	Beth Roesner Lila Broz	Emelia Hans Ella Hans
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Bill & Liz Huston Darryl Rhoads	Elaine Winford Dottie Brueggen

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

For our seminarians and deacon candidates preparing for the sacrament of Holy Orders: May they follow the example of the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for his sheep.

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, June 3rd	
Tuesday, June 4th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration NO - Benediction or Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, June 5th	7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus
Thursday, June 6th	
Friday, June 7th	
Saturday, June 8th	
Sunday, June 9th	

Wedding Anniversary



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

Justin & Gabrielle Talley - 9 yrs of marriage on June 6th
Jerry & Diane Witthaus - 49 yrs of marriage on June 7th

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00
School Fundraiser Donation	\$ 200.00
Vacation Bible School Donation/Grant	\$ 1,500.00

ICS Recruitment Information

The Recruitment Committee has included an updated flyer for Immaculate Conception School in this week's bulletin. Please support our parish in sharing the information about ICS in any way that you can - including passing along the flyer to neighbors, family, friends, etc. There are additional flyers in church, at the rectory and at ICS. Please help in our parish endeavor to do all that we can to share the information about ICS!

Congratulations!

Alfred Dean Dixon, child of Craig & Cassie (Schwartz) Dixon and grandson of Larry & Pam Schwartz was Baptized after Mass last Sunday. We want to extend our congratulations and welcome him into our parish family!

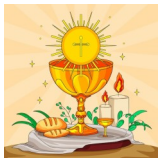


The Parish Office hours next Thursday, June 6th, will be from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

~Thank you!

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

We are a Eucharistic people, receiving sustenance from the Body and Blood of our Lord in the eucharist so that we may be sent out as disciples, manifesting the real presence of Jesus in our lives as we build up the body of Christ. In this year of the National Eucharistic Congress, may our appreciation of his real presence in his Body and Blood be revived and may our enthusiasm for the Christian mission be rekindled.



Question of the Week

How does the Eucharist transform me? Thinking back to a time when it was not possible for me to receive the Eucharist, for instance during the pandemic, how did its absence affect me?

June 9th Bulletin Articles



Articles for the June 9th bulletin should be submitted to the parish office by 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 4th.

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Mark 14:22-25

As we celebrate the glorious solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us remember that Jesus gave us the gift of himself so that we can be in full communion with him as we journey to the kingdom of heaven.




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Thank you to Bob & Kim Dryden, Jerry & Diane Witthaus, Michael Auchly, and the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary for providing the sweet treats for our last day of school celebration. We really enjoyed them!

Head Count for May

May 4th - 66	May 5th - 149
May 11th - 97	May 12th - 103
May 18th - 83	May 19th - 102
May 25th - 72	May 26th - 106

Grand Total for May - 778

Vacation Bible School



Come join us this summer July 30th—August 2nd from **4:00 PM to 7:30 PM** (this is a time change) at Immaculate Conception School! Information and registration forms are inserted in this week's bulletin. Due to the generosity of our local Knights of

Columbus and a grant received from the State Knights of Columbus, there is **NO CHARGE** to attend and every child who registers by June 30th will receive a free shirt. Geri Park will also have information/registration forms after Mass the next couple of weekends! We are in need of parent volunteers. If you can help, please call Geri at 573-590-2478 or the parish office at 573-564-2375.

Catholic Education Commission Meeting Summary

Following is a summary of the Catholic Education Commission Meeting on May 14, 2024:

- **OCIA** - Tentative plans for "Inquiry Night" the Monday evening following Labor Day.
- **ICS** - Gina Smith reported on end-of-the-school year activities as well as planning for students to do living stations of the cross the Wednesday and Friday of Holy Week next year.
- **Adult Religious Education** - several prayer groups are still meeting, Fr. Ernest is organizing a parish retreat for IC & St. Patrick's parishioners for the fall or spring at Starkenburg, also considering a parish event using "The Chosen".
- **PSR** - several students received the sacrament of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Communion either at the Easter Vigil or this spring. Several students are still preparing for sacraments. Plans for next year are underway and will have a calendar at next meeting.
- **Children's Liturgy** - great participation at Sunday Mass, both students and parental supervision.
- **Confirmation** - 5 candidates with their parents attended the meeting on April 14th. Confirmation & PSR classes will be held on same night to accommodate parents with children in both classes.
- **Youth Group** - attended "Jason Everett" event in Jeff City, and plan to attend future events like this. Hope to grow in numbers in the future.
- **Vacation Bible School** - to be held July 30th –Aug. 2nd. Need adult/teenagers help, will invite St. Patrick's parish.
- **Pastor's Report** - Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be celebrated June 8-9.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13th, 6:30 PM @ ICS.

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

June 7th - Fried Chicken Dinner at Martinsburg KC Hall from 5:00-8:00 PM

June 11th - Second Tuesday Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg. 11:00 AM-Reconciliation, 11:40-Rosary, 12:00 Noon - Mass followed by lunch (\$10.00)

Marriage Encounter Weekend

For ALL Christian married couples. This is not exclusive to the Catholic faith, but does focus on putting Christ at the center of your marriage. The next weekend is **July 27-28, 2024**, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Cost is \$75 which includes 1 night hotel stay and all meals and materials. Register at jeffcityme.com (Scholarships are available) Questions? Visit website jeffcityme.com, call Matt Kuensting 573-424-2247, or email info@jeffcityme.com



Pick-A-Prize Winners!

George Boes was the winner of the April 7th drawing for Pick-A-Prize and chose the \$500.00 gift card to Sams/Walmart. **Angela Keller** was the winner of the April 21st drawing and chose the \$500.00 Amazon Gift Card. **Daryl & Nancy Cobb** were the winners of the May 5th drawing and chose the \$250.00 in cash and \$250.00 in lottery tickets. **Eileen Lotton** was the winner of the May 19th drawing. She chose the \$500.00 Visa card. Who will be the winner of the June 2nd drawing? Stay tuned!

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, Mary Pettig, Bill & Lucille Muenz, and Larry Jahner.

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

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Avery Penn, Jim Wortmann, Lindsey O'Bryan, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Evelyn Strauss, Larry Brueggemann, Rosemary Brower, Beau Boschenreither (son of Cameron & Carolyn Bethel Boschenreither), Sheryl Gibbs (daughter of Sue Fox), Ed Grillo, Tony Wessel, Sr., Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, Bill Dryden, Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Rae Jean Rhoads, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath, Al & Christine Barger, Don Zerr, Marla Daniels, Matt Brumagin, Ingrid Keller, Margaret Van Beek, and Terry Parker

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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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 Isaiah 49:15

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 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.



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Early Childhood - 8th Grade

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★ Small Class Sizes

Our double-graded classrooms have an average size of eight, which allows for our teachers to customize learning for their students, whether for enrichment or remediation.

★ Faith-Filled

Students of all faiths are welcome to enroll. All attend Mass and participate in the liturgies twice a week. There is daily prayer school-wide and in classrooms. Catholic students are prepared for sacraments during the school day.

★ Curriculum

We utilize curriculum in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies as well as Religion, Art, Music, P.E., and Library Skills. Students participate in community service as well as extra-curricular opportunities within the classroom.

★ Partnership with MCR2

Students in the 7th and 8th grades are eligible to participate in Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, and Track & Field with the Montgomery County R-2 Middle School.

★ Student Enrichment

Students participate in a variety of academic activities including Bellarmine Speech Contests, Spelling Bee, Science Fair, and Wax Museum. After-school tutoring is also available at no additional cost.

★ Character Education

Aside from the curriculum, students are also taught respect, responsibility, teamwork, and social formation and are held accountable for their actions. They are also taught natural consequences and conflict resolution.

★ Additional Info

We offer affordable tuition, before & after school care, and a calendar similar to MCR2. We are accredited through the Missouri Nonpublic School Accrediting Association. We belong to the Jefferson City Diocese and have certified and dedicated teachers.




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