



What's New?

Everyone gets a bit excited with the prospect of something new, whether it's a new job, a new car, or a new iPhone. This new thing might simply be a replacement. However, when it is a new model, an upgrade, we get even more excited. Revelation uses a distinctive Greek word, *kainós*, for this second kind of newness. The new heaven, the new earth, the new Jerusalem (and the new commandment mentioned in the Gospel) suggest radical newness—the kind resulting from an act of God. Centuries earlier, the prophet Isaiah had promised a new heaven and a new earth (see Isaiah 65:17). This metaphor pointed to a time of eschatological peace and fulfillment, a time when the covenant relationship between God and the people would be renewed and last forever. This was a promise the people held dear.

How are we to read this passage from Revelation today? Is it referring to a time in this life? Or, after this life? It may actually refer to both. We believe that, with his death and resurrection, Jesus inaugurated this time of fulfillment. However, its full establishment is not yet complete, hence the new commandment: “Love one another” (John 13:34). When we truly follow this commandment and love each other, we actually make present the new heaven and new earth; we make real the new Jerusalem, God's covenant partner. However, the ultimate fulfillment will come when God finally brings all things to completion. That is when everything will be new.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

*[Jesus said,] “As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another.
This is how all will know that
you are my disciples.”*

JOHN 13:34–35



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FOR Reflection

- ✦ *How has the love of other people made you a better person?*
- ✦ *In what ways does your love of others strengthen them?*

Dear Padre,

My aunt tells her husband he shouldn't watch a certain TV show. She says it's an "occasion of sin." What is that?

Occasions of sin are people, places, or situations that can easily lead a person to sin or give the individual an opportunity to commit a sin. There are two types: *remote* and *proximate* (or "near").

If the attraction is not strong or has only a small probability of leading to sin, the occasion is remote. Remote occasions of sin are always around us, and we have no obligation to try to avoid them.

If the attraction is powerful or the probability of its leading to sin is great, the occasion is called proximate. Saint Alphonsus suggested that if a person sins four out of ten times in a particular situation, that situation should be

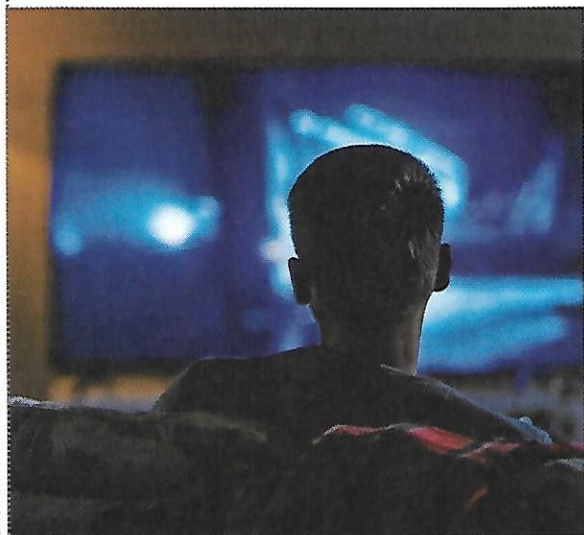
regarded as a proximate occasion of sin.

Proximate or near occasions of sin are further classified as *necessary* or *voluntary*. A necessary proximate occasion cannot be avoided or can be avoided only with great difficulty—for example, an occasion associated with doing one's job or being in prison.

A voluntary proximate occasion is freely and voluntarily entered. We must avoid voluntary proximate occasions of grave sin.

Among the many means at our disposal for avoiding occasions of sin, the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist have pride of place. Prayer and self-discipline also help.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Temptation in us truly works like this: it begins with something small, a desire, an idea, it grows, it infects others and in the end, it justifies itself....And all of us, when we are conquered by temptation, ...end up feeling calm, because we have found a justification for this sin, for this sinful attitude.

HOMILY, APRIL 4, 2020



Calendar

Monday

MAY 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

MAY 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

MAY 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

MAY 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7–21

Jn 15:9–11

Friday

MAY 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

MAY 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

MAY 22

Sixth Sunday
of Easter

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29

Rv 21:10–14, 22–23

Jn 14:23–29

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MAY 15, 2022 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 16th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, May 17th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, May 18th	8: 30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, May 19th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Kenneth Devlin
Friday, May 20th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Judy Cunningham
Saturday, May 21st	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Sunday, May 22nd	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
	10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Howard Witte



July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Church & School Financial Report:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
April 2022	\$47,101.01	\$65,348.33	\$-18,247.32
Fiscal Year July-March 2021-22	\$590,025.09	\$534,320.69	\$55,704.40
Needed Weekly - \$ 12,995.00			
May 1st - \$13,045.38			
May 8th - \$ 8,246.13			
May 15th -			
May 22nd -			
May 29th -			

Last Week's Envelopes: 42 of 189

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

Thank you!! With God all things are possible!

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass

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.

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 May 22nd

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	NO MASS	Amanda Arens
Children's Liturgy	NO MASS	None at this time
Communion Minister	NO MASS	Eileen Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	NO MASS	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman
Servers	NO MASS	Kendra Rakers Carl Smith
Gift Bearers	NO MASS	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	NO MASS	Megan Hans Steve Williams

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

For all expectant mothers, biological and adoptive; that through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, they may prepare for the new life in the womb and may receive the support of a nurturing community of faith in the raising of their children.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, May 16th	NO MASS
Tuesday, May 17th	NO MASS
Wednesday, May 18th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, May 19th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, May 20th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, May 21st	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Sunday, May 22nd	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, May 16th	7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, May 17th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration
Wednesday, May 18th	7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Mtg
Thursday, May 19th	
Friday, May 20th	
Saturday, May 21st	
Sunday, May 22nd	10:00 AM - Recognition of High School & Post High School Grads

Wedding Anniversary



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

*Jeff & Amanda Arens - 33 years of marriage on May 20th
Gary & Orlana Gardner - 44 years of marriage on May 20th*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$	26.00
Special Collections:		
Catholic Missourian	\$	15.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	10.00

Welcome New Parishioners!

We want to welcome Jeffrey & Latricia Ferguson and their family, Kannen (9th Grade), Maxton (8th Grade), Kaysen (5th Grade) and Baby Girl who is expected in June. They recently moved to the Montgomery City area. Jeffrey is a machine maintainer and Latricia is a teacher. We look forward to getting to know you!

Graduates Honored at Mass



Sunday, May 22, 2022 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass Immaculate Conception Church will be honoring parish high school and post-secondary graduates. Graduates are asked to wear their cap and gown at the Mass. This includes high school and any type of graduation or certification after high school. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a student that has graduated in the past year.

No Mass on Tuesday

There will be no Mass this Tuesday, May 17th. Fr. Ernest will be attending "Boot Camp" for phase 3 of the Stewardship Program the diocese is implementing.

Thank You!



A big "thank you" goes out from the Spring BBQ and Bingo Event Committee to the volunteers who helped with the event, those who donated pies, cookies, and items for the county store, the vendors for their prizes and support, and Korman Auction Service for the use of their PA system. It was estimated we had 114 bingo participants. A super thanks goes to the following sponsors who donated funds for this successful event: Bratcher's market, Warehouse Bar & Grill, Jesse Harrell, Matt Speno of Edward D. Jones, Mary Raterman, CPA, Phil York, Attorney, Dr. Charles Bukovac, DMD, PC, Uncle Ray's Chips, and the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall.

'Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes. All of us change in some way and this does us good.'

~~Pope Francis

Thank you From Birthright

Birthright of Montgomery City wants to thank the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish for their donations and purchasing roses last Sunday on Mothers' Day. Because of your generosity, \$94.00 was raised.

Immaculate Conception School News



Immaculate Conception School Early Bird
Registration will end on **May 20th**. Please register your child
now for the extra savings.

May 16th - School in Session
May 19- Last day of school @ Graham Cave State Park

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the brand new chairs in
7th and 8th grade!

IC Scrip Program



Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC
School Scrip Program, the school receives a per-
centage 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 **to create an account to purchase e-**
cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for physi-
cal cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coor-
dinator, 573-289-8635.

Thank You!

The KOC Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who
supported their 5th Annual Spaghetti Luncheon on April 29th.
It was a great success! God Bless you all!

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN!

Please take a moment
before June 1 to complete
a short online survey to
help us assess programming
needs in our diocese.

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Women's Ministry

EMBRACE, INSPIRE, ARISE

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

There are no events to publish this week.

Healing Prayer Service in Westphalia

St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia invites you to join us as we ask
for God's blessing of physical, mental, spiritual and emotional
healing for ourselves and our loved ones on Sunday, May 22.
Adoration and confession at 2 pm; healing rosary 3 pm; Father
Mark Bozada will speak at 3 pm and offer the opportunity for
individuals to be prayed over after the talk. Healing prayer
services may seem a bit foreign to many Catholics. St. Joseph
Parish has compiled information at
www.stjosephwestphalia.org/special-events.html to help
answer any questions.

Youth Summer Camps

One theme constant in our pastoral planning is the desire to
engage our young people more in the faith. We're excited to
offer a cadre of opportunities for middle school and high
school students, with an emphasis on friendship and joyful
fun. [Camp Lolek](#) (a childhood nickname of Saint John Paul II)
is new this year. Please use the graphics available through the
download link below (find the folder labeled "Youth Camps
2022") to promote Camp Lolek, Camp Maccabee, Camp Siena
and CHRISTpower. Dates, registration forms and other infor-
mation are [on our website](#).



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: Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer,
Marvin Griesbauer, Troy McCown, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath
(son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al Barger, Christine
Barger, Barb Kliethermes, Marla Daniels, and Lindsey
(Dryden) O'Bryan.

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, Steve (Hip) Hill,
and Noah Richard.

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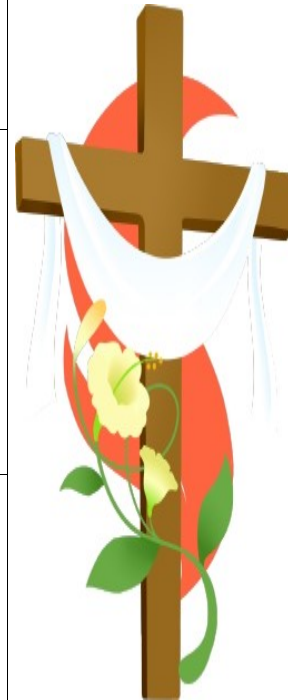
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