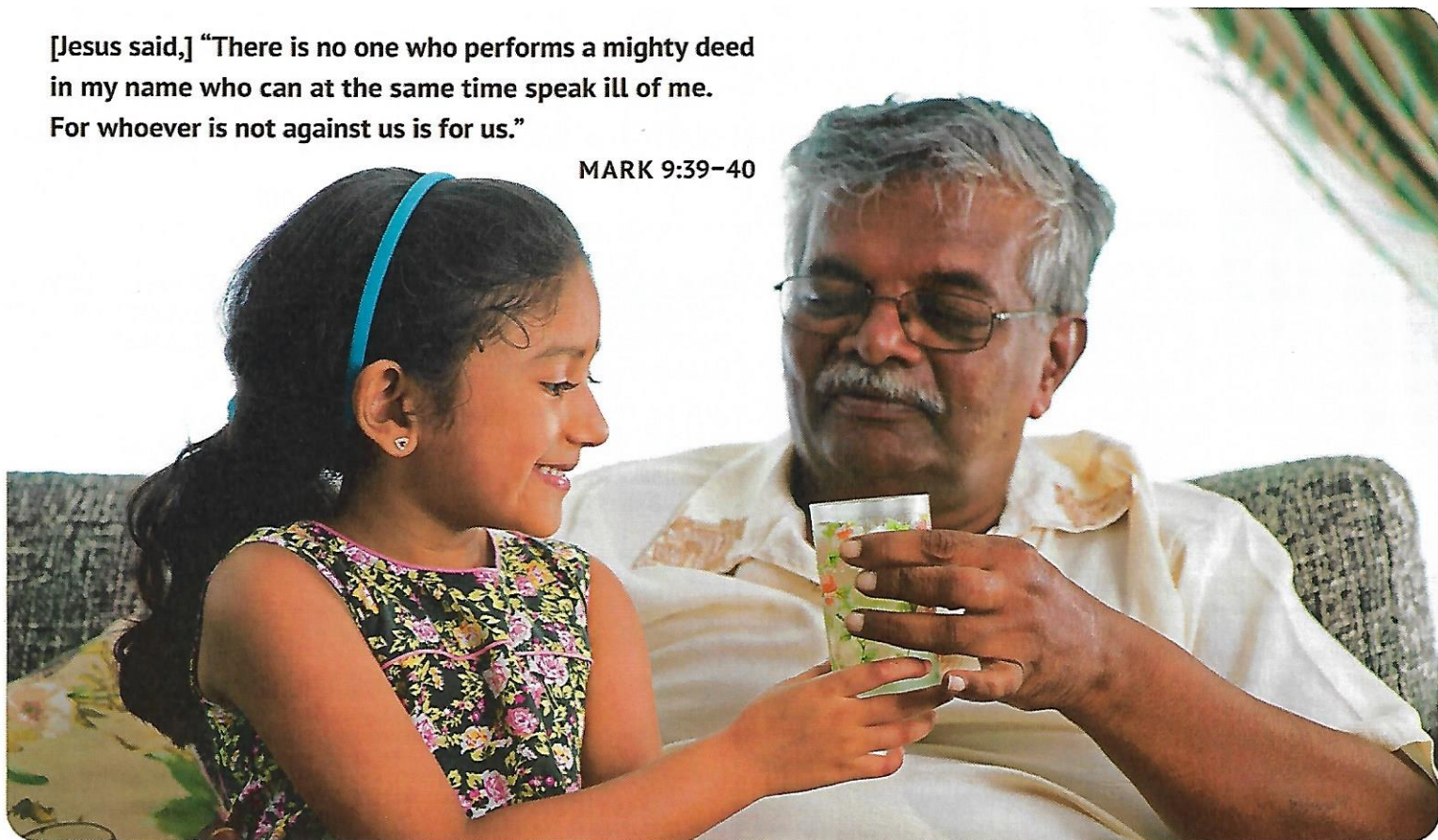




[Jesus said,] “There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

MARK 9:39–40



## Spirited Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It's not always easy to figure out where God's spirit of truth is revealed or by whom the truth is spoken. After “the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses,” some of that same spirit given to Moses was also bestowed upon the seventy elders. Two other men also received the spirit, although they were not specially designated, much to the consternation of the elders (see Numbers 11:25–26). These two outsiders were somehow included among those who saw themselves as insiders. How is one to know who speaks with the authority of the spirit?

Perhaps we all need to pay attention to the possibility that “outsiders” may be speaking the truth to us. Faith communities are often considered outsiders in the larger society, not worthy of a platform to be heard from; yet, many faith communities raise their voices in

defense of the unborn, the immigrants at our doors, and the lost souls adrift among us. Throughout life, we've been surprised by children who speak truth that is unrecognized by adults. We've been surprised by the voice of women to a patriarchal society, the sexually abused to the larger Church, those who defend victims of violence. But not all outsiders speak with the authority of the spirit. How is one to know? Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue—those who give others a cup of water to drink, which is to say, those who speak with compassion on behalf of others who are thirsty for justice and life. ●

### Reflect

***How have you been surprised by someone unexpectedly speaking God's truth and wisdom?***

# Dear Padre,

***After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?***

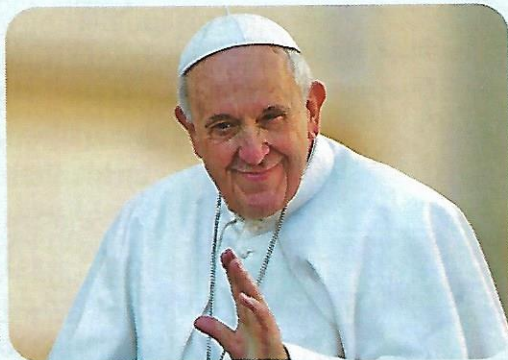
“The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus’ warning not to despise “little ones” because “their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we’ll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. “This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” (CCC 1024). Even though “this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description” (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●



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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
September 30 <i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Jb 1:6–22 Lk 9:46–50	October 1 <i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 Lk 9:51–56	October 2 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 Mt 18:1–5, 10	October 3 <i>Weekday</i> Jb 19:21–27 Lk 10:1–12	October 4 <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Lk 10:13–16	October 5 <i>Weekday</i> Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Lk 10:17–24	October 6 <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Gn 2:18–24 Heb 2:9–11 Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church.... Because the devil, who is the divider—this is what the word “devil” means, the one who divides—always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people.... The Holy Spirit does not want closure; he wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**



# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



## 163rd YEAR OF SERVICE

### 307 N. Walker St. | Montgomery City | Missouri | 63361

Fr. Ernest Dike, Parochial Administrator, edike@diojeffcity.org

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Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal | Judy Cobb, School Secretary | immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org | 573.564.2679 - School Office

Society of St. Vincent DePaul - 573.835.3631

Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb-President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Mary Pottebaum, Vicki Parker, Dennis Cobb, & Jack Wells

## SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions



Monday, September 30th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**  
 Tuesday, October 1st **5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Don Benney  
 Wednesday, October 2nd 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
 Thursday, October 3rd **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Maxine Witte  
 Friday, October 4th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Dolly Martin  
 Saturday, October 5th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** - Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, October 6th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
**10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Charlie Duff

### Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
<b>August 2024</b>	\$63,250.15	\$68,969.81	-\$5,719.66
<b>Fiscal Year July-August, 2024-25</b>	\$120,030.03	\$143,634.92	-\$23,604.89
<b>Needed Weekly - \$13,967.97</b>			

Sept. 1st - \$5,617.77-Church; \$7,481.50-ICS/Daycare; \$13,099.27 - Total  
 Sept. 8th - \$4,103.75-Church; \$3,299.00-ICS/Daycare; \$7,402.75 - Total  
 Sept. 15th - \$3,473.00-Church; \$4,753.00-ICS/Daycare; \$8,226.00 - Total  
 Sept. 22nd- \$3,065.00-Church; \$4,572.00-ICS/Daycare; \$7,637.00 - Total  
 Sept. 30th

**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 October 5th & October 6th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Jacob Roesner	Pat Stumbaugh
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Geri Park
Communion Minister	Megan Hans	Jack Wells
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Don & Lila Broz	Ron & Dianne Talley Jerry Neale Tony Wessel
Servers	Ella Hans Emelia Hans	Carl Smith Josie Harrell
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Dennis Cobb Don & Sandy Oakes	Dottie Brueggen Elaine Winford

**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

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Tuesday, October 1st	<b>5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Wednesday, October 2nd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, October 3rd	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Prayer Partner Mass)
Friday, October 4th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Saturday, October 5th	<b>5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, October 6th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, September 30th	
Tuesday, October 1st	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, October 2nd	6:00 PM - Home & School 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus
Thursday, October 3rd	
Friday, October 4th	
Saturday, October 5th	Introduction of Confirmation Candidates
Sunday, October 6th	Introduction of Confirmation Candidates 4:15-6:15 PM - 1-7 Grades PSR



### Wedding Anniversary

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

*Andy & Julie Worsham - 31 yrs of marriage on October 2nd  
Craig & Cassie Schwartz Dixon - 3 yrs of marriage on October 12th*

### Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	275.00
Mass Intentions	\$	10.00
All Saints/All Souls Days	\$	0.00

### Stewardship Renewal

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**



WITHOUT COST  
**YOU HAVE RECEIVED;**  
WITHOUT COST  
**YOU ARE TO GIVE.**

*Matthew 10:8b*



October is Stewardship Renewal Month. New forms will need to be filled out **ONLY** if you want to make a change from the ones you filled out last year, or if you are new to the parish and wish to fill one out. For your convenience, these forms will be in an envelope on the bulletin board in the church vestibule next weekend. Completed forms may be left in the locked mailbox also in the vestibule. We ask that all completed forms be returned by the weekend of October 19th and 20th. Janet Stumbaugh will talk more on the Stewardship Renewal the weekend of September 28th and 29th.

### Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office hours October 2nd & 3rd and the next week Monday thru Thursday (October 7th thru the 10th) will be from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. ~ *Thank you*

### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We come together today to worship God, to receive our Lord in the Eucharist, to encounter him in each other, and to open ourselves to God's continuing revelation in the word. Today's Gospel is a difficult one, with severe warnings about sin and hell. The second reading isn't much easier to take, warning of the corrosive effects of wealth and pleasure. Let us accept the challenge of taking a good long hard look at our lives and deciding what we need to cut from it in order to remain on the path to the kingdom.



### Question of the Week

In what way am I like the one who stores up treasure? In what way am I like the one whose wages are withheld? What can I do from my position to properly reflect the lessons Jesus taught?

### OCIA Inquiry Night

On Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Church will be hosting an OCIA inquiry night - "The Journey of Faith" for all those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process that allows adults who are interested in becoming Catholic an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith in a prayerful and supportive environment. OCIA is a process open to adults who are unbaptized, were raised in another religious tradition or were baptized Catholic as an infant or as a small child, but did not participate in religious education and have not received their First Communion. This Inquiry Night will be held at the Immaculate Conception School. Contact information for the OCIA team is as follows: Mike Readey 573-253-4728, Jenidean Readey 573-253-4736, Gayle Adams 573-544-4993, Rick Adams 573-544-5900, Steve Williams 636-359-8276, or the Parish Office 573-564-2375. Additional information will be available in the coming weeks.



**PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PARK IN THE STREET FACING MFA DURING HARVEST SEASON.**

## Immaculate Conception School News



Sept. 20 - Grandparents Day  
Grandparents' Day was WONDERFUL. Grandparents were invited to attend Mass with their grandchildren on Friday, September 20. Mass time was at 10am. Then they came to the classroom with their grandchildren for activities and lunch.

Sept. 30 - Diocesan Teacher PD  
ICS K-8 teachers and principal will attend the Diocesan PD event on Monday, September 30.

October - Saint Research  
Students will each have a saint that they will research. Depending on the grade-level, they may make posters, do coloring pages, and/or write essays. We plan to have a day in which the students present their saints to the whole school.

Oct. 2- Home and School Meeting at 6pm

Oct. 3 - Prayer Partner Mass

Oct. 8 - School Picture Day

Tuesday, October 8 is School Picture Day with Inter-State Studio. Students will wear their regular school uniform for individual photos as well as the whole school photo. We ask that Father and all staff get their photos taken this day. Mrs. Smith plans on taking class photos as well, since Inter-State Studio does not include this option for us.

### Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary *Spaghetti Luncheon*

**Friday, October 18, 2024**

Knights of Columbus Hall, Montgomery City, MO  
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***"Are you jealous for my sake?  
If only all the people of the  
LORD were prophets! If only  
the LORD would bestow his  
spirit on them!"***

**Numbers 11:29**

**Moses is teaching Joshua that we all have gifts that need to be shared. Rejoice in the gifts of others for the glory of God and reflect on how you will share your gifts with others.**



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

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

### **What would Amendment 3 actually do? Shield negligent health care professionals**

Amendment 3 prohibits any person from being penalized or prosecuted, regardless of the outcome of actions associated with "reproductive" health.

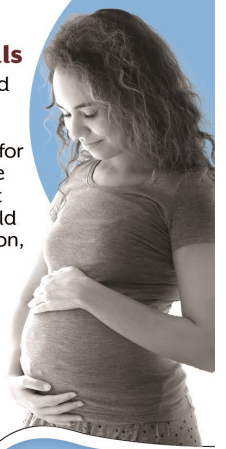
A health care professional could be directly responsible for the harm or death of a woman during an abortion, or the harm or death of a wanted child during delivery, and not be held liable for their actions. Women and families would not be allowed to sue the negligent person or organization, nor could the government prosecute them.

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### Harvest Picnic Winners & Information

Congratulations to the winners of the outdoor games at the Parish Harvest Picnic. Zander Beck, Aden Fortmann, Fallon Schroeder were the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners. They received \$20/\$15/\$10 Bundy's gift certificates. Justin Beabout won the "Pennies from Heaven" game. Thank you to all the workers and those who participated in the games.

We appreciate all the generous donations, donors, and bidders for a successful Live and Silent Auctions for the 8th Annual IC Harvest Picnic. Thanks to you, the two auctions netted \$9,612.00 for the Parish. ~The Live & Silent Auction Committee

**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:** 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, Rae Jean 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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