



About Being Sent

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A cousin died recently. After the burial, I walked among the gravesites remembering many of those I had once known who were now buried nearby. I came across a tombstone engraved with the epitaph: "In all of life God brings us to where we should be." I noted the statement was not about where we *want* to be or where we think we *need* to be, but about where we *should* be. I agree. Even though we may find ourselves grumbling about how it is that we ended up where we are in life, the gospel suggests that God has sent us to that place.

We may think to ourselves: *this is not the life I chose; this is not the marriage I thought it would be; this is not what I thought raising a family would look like; this is not what retirement is supposed to be.* We may think that little of life is what we chose it to be. Yet somehow, God brings us to where we are, as if we've been sent as the Twelve were sent to overcome evil and bring about healing, even though no one ever asked if it was what we wanted. Wherever we are, it is there that we have been chosen to become holy. The Letter to the Ephesians tells us that God chose us, even before the world began to unfold, chose us to be holy, to be the presence of God in all that comes our way. ●

Reflect

How is God calling you to be holy where you are today?



[The Twelve] drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

MARK 6:13

Dear Padre,

Does praying to the saints really do any good?

Prayer can connect us, however mysteriously, to those who have gone before us in faith. If prayer can change people, opening them to God's grace and healing, then surely the saints and our deceased loved ones can facilitate similar healing from their communion at God's right hand. Such prayer also calls us, however subtly, to the central mystery that we also shall one day die and be a part of that communion. Thus, even as we seek the intercession of the saints for our earthly cares, such prayer reminds us that the fire of our own lives is being consumed daily, and that each of us will inevitably receive a call to death when it becomes God's will.

When Sr. Thea Bowman (1937–1990)—brilliant, creative, beautiful, and passionately alive—was diagnosed with cancer, she wondered how to pray. “I didn’t know if I should pray for healing or death. Then, I found peace in praying for what my folks call ‘God’s perfect will.’ As it evolved, my prayer became ‘Lord, let me live until I die.’ By that I mean I want to live, love, and serve fully until death comes. If that prayer is answered, I am able to truly live until I die. How long really doesn’t matter.” ●



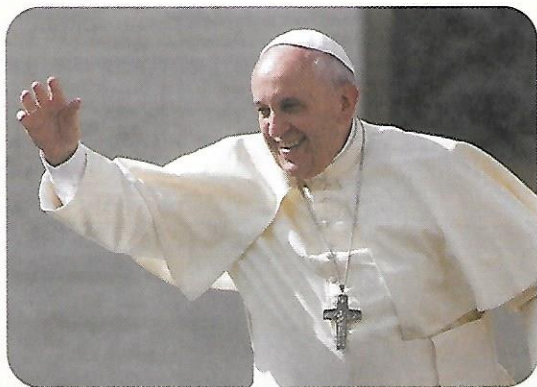
GERARD POTTEBAUM

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Weekday Is 7:1–9 Mt 11:20–24	Weekday Is 10:5–7, 13b–16 Mt 11:25–27	Weekday Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19 Mt 11:28–30	Weekday Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8 Mt 12:1–8	Weekday Mi 2:1–5 Mt 12:14–21	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 23:1–6 Eph 2:13–18 Mk 6:30–34
Is 1:10–17 Mt 10:34–11:1						



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus...makes [the disciples] see that the Christian journey is simply about changing hearts. One's own heart first all.... It is about learning to live differently, under a different law, with different rules. It is about turning from the path of selfishness, conflict, division, and superiority, and taking instead the path of life, generosity and love.

HOMILY, ÑU GUAZÚ, ASUNCIÓN (PARAGUAY), JULY 12, 2015



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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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

JULY 14, 2024 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 15th
Tuesday, July 16th

NO Mass - Montgomery City
10:00 AM - Mont. City. Funeral Mass
for Larry Jahner

Wednesday, July 17th
Thursday, July 18th

8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Clint Cunningham
(for healing)

Friday, July 19th
Saturday, July 20th
Sunday, July 21st

8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Maxine Witte
5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family
8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Charles & Peggy
Stumbaugh



Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Church & School Financial Report:

June 2024

Fiscal Year July-June, 2023-24

Needed Weekly - \$13,397.08

Income	Expenses	Difference
\$86,819.19	\$51,349.94	\$35,469.25
\$864,043.20	\$768,197.58	\$95,845.62

July 7th - \$5,983.00-Church; \$4,699.00-ICS/Daycare; \$10,682.00 -Total

July 14th -

July 21st -

July 28th -

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 July 20th & 21st

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Dennis Cobb	Michael Readey
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Anna Harrell
Communion Minister	Beth Cobb	Megan Hans
Ministers of Hospitality	Don & Lila Broz Bob Dryden Bonnie Walker	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
Servers	Jacob Roesner Beth Roesner	Carl Smith Josie Harrell
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes Judy Cobb	Rick & Gayle Adams Dave Teeter

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

For the promotion
of Eucharistic life
among the faithful;
that our
participation in
Mass and
Eucharistic
adoration may
inflame our hearts
to live out more
effectively the
Sacrament of
Charity.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, July 15th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, July 16th	10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Funeral Mass for Larry Jahner)
Wednesday, July 17th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, July 18th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, July 19th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, July 20th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, July 21st	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, July 15th	6:30 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Meeting
Tuesday, July 16th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, July 17th	7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, July 18th	
Friday, July 19th	
Saturday, July 20th	
Sunday, July 21st	



Wedding Anniversary

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

Jeffrey & Latricia Ferguson - 18 yrs of marriage on July 22nd

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 215.00
Diocesan Missions	\$ 25.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Bulletin Ads	\$ 450.00
School Donation	\$ 7,700.00

HARVEST PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

We are starting to send out some letters for **Picnic Sponsors**. If you know an individual or business that would like to be a sponsor, please let Megan Hans or Pat Korman know. We are also looking for vendors for the **Vendor Fair**. At the Harvest Picnic, besides having delicious food, there will also be fun games and activities for kids and adults, a bake sale, a country store, raffles, and **Live and Paddle Auctions**. We will need many hands to work at the picnic. Please be thinking about what kinds of items you will donate as well as where your talents will best serve the parish for this event. Packets will be handed out in August with more information and quilt raffle tickets. We need everyone's help to make this 8th Annual Harvest Picnic a success!



Committee members:

Julie Worsham - 573-489-2778 - Paddle Auction
Pat Korman - 636-359-0001- Live Auction
Dianne Talley - 573-590-3158 - Vendors
Megan Hans - 573-253-9476 - Cup Sponsorships
Judy Cobb, Gina Smith, Dottie Brueggen, Anna Harrell, Tony & Betty Wessel, Don & Lila Broz, Kim Schroeder

Save The Date!

Please save the dates of **September 11th & 25th**. We will be showing season one of the movie, "The Chosen". More information in future bulletins!

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist today, we are reminded that we are the Lord's disciples. In today's Gospel, the twelve apostles are sent out on their own for the first time. Jesus instructs them to preach repentance, cure those who are sick, and drive out demons. Jesus did not accompany them in person, but he was surely with them in spirit. This is our calling now. With the spirit of the Lord—and the Holy Spirit—in us, Jesus calls us to preach the Good News, to bring his healing touch to those in need, to confront evil, and to forgive wrongs. Let us listen to his instructions today.



Question of the Week

Can I accept the challenge the Twelve did? What "unclean spirits" do I see that I can try to drive out? For what do I see myself calling for repentance? To whom can I bring healing?

Cup Sponsors Needed!



We have added an additional way to support the Harvest Picnic this year – by becoming a cup sponsor! For just \$50 you can have your name, company's name, farm's name, etc. on the side of our 8th Annual Harvest Picnic cup for all to see!

To become a sponsor, please contact Megan Hans at 573-253-9476. The deadline to be a sponsor is August 15!

Youth Group & Confirmation Information

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday, July 28th, following Mass in the school cafeteria.



To all incoming Confirmation candidates, do not forget to meet with Father before July 31st. Call the rectory (573-564-2375) to set up an appointment. The first class will be September 8th.

Parish Office hours on Monday, July 15th will be from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Immaculate Conception School News



School's out for the summer! See you in August!

Head Count for July

July 6th - 76	July 7th - 124
July 13th -	July 14th -
July 20th -	July 21st -
July 27th -	June 28th -

Grand Total for July -

Fair Parade



Come show your support for our Parish and School by walking in the Fair Parade. Join us on Tuesday, July 16 near Family Pharmacy at 5:30. Home and School will purchase a ride wristband for children who walk with us! If you have ideas to promote our church, Harvest Picnic, VBS, and school in the float or for more information, call/text Anna Harrell at 636-487-2793.

Congratulations!

AnaBelle Mae, Caroline Joy, and Zoie Gracelyn, daughters of Gregg and Geri Park, and granddaughters of Jack Wells were Baptized after Mass last Saturday. We want to extend our congratulations and welcome them into our parish family!



"It's very important, and with great urgency, to touch the suffering Jesus – the needy Jesus...Your change, just a little change, can make a big difference in one's life."

— Fr. Joseph Luzindana

Associate pastor of our Cathedral of St. Joseph;
ordained in the Archdiocese of Kampala, Uganda



Missions Special Collection

July 20-21

Look for your envelope in the July 5 issue of *The Catholic Missourian* or donate now at diojeffcity.org/donate-missions



Vacation Bible School

Come join us this summer July 30th—August 2nd from **5:30 PM—8:30 PM** (this is a time change) at Immaculate Conception School! Information and registration forms are posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. You can leave the registration forms in the lock box in the vestibule and drop them by the parish office. 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. We are in need of parent volunteers. If you can help or have any questions, please call Geri at 573-590-2478 or the parish office at 573-564-2375.



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

There are no events this week.

Pick-A-Prize Winners



...and the winner of the July 7th drawing was **Richard Bainbridge!** He chose the \$500.00 gift certificate to Montgomery Home & Hardware. Congratulations Richard! Winners are drawn on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Past winners and prizes include:

- George Boes - \$500.00 gift card to Sams/Walmart
- Angela Keller - \$500.00 gift card to Amazon
- Daryl & Nancy Cobb - \$250.00 Cash/\$250.00 in lottery tickets
- Eileen Lotton - \$500.00 Visa gift card
- Joe Oden - Texas Roadhouse/Olive Garden/Culvers/Sybergs gift cards
- Wesley Cobb - Mystery Prize (\$500.00 in cash!)

Stewardship Small Groups

The Stewardship small groups will start up again in August. We will have sign-up times later this month. If you are currently in a group you do not need to sign-up again. More information to follow!

Society of St. Vincent dePaul News



St. Vincent dePaul would like to thank our parish for their support every month to help the needy of our county. We are so blessed to have your continued support! If you would like to be involved with this mission, please talk to one of the officers:

Dianne Talley - President
JoAnn Reagan - Secretary
Kelli Neale - Treasurer

We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday at the SVDP building. God Bless the less fortunate.

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, and Bill & Lucille Muenz.

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: John Rybacki (Sue Beck's dad) Tom Eggering, Clint Cunningham, Avery Penn, Jim Wortmann, Lindsey O'Bryan, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Evelyn Strauss, Larry Brueggemann, Rosemary Brower, Beau Boschenreither, Sheryl Gibbs, Ed Grillo, Tony Wessel, Sr., Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, 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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See!
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you, I have carved
you on the palm of
my hand.
Isaiah 49:15

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everyone, anytime
on Tuesdays
starting at
6:00 AM we have
Eucharistic
Adoration: A
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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