

Joshua said to all the people....,
“As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.”

JOSHUA 24:2, 15C

Taking a Stand Matters

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day I happened to be sitting and chatting with some teenagers. When the discussion turned to parents, expectations, and how they respond, I asked them, “What’s really important to you? What do you value and try not to compromise on?” “Why do you want to know?” one asked. “Just wondering,” I said. Silence. Then one said that being honest was really important to her, that she always tried to tell the truth. Another said “family.” Another, respecting his body, said, “No drugs, no alcohol.” More silence, and then one spoke of her faith and how it really mattered and made a difference in her life. Their conversation then moved on to other things, friends, movies, and what to do later that day.

In reality, I had another reason for asking my question, one beyond a simple inquiry. There is something good about saying aloud what is truly important to us, what we won’t compromise on. Saying it out loud makes it more real, something we can stand for. Some of those teens didn’t say anything, maybe because they had never thought about what their values were. Perhaps hearing others speak up inspired them to think about it, maybe for the first time in their lives. Saying aloud where we stand in life makes a difference.

Jesus reminds us that it is the spirit that gives life, that the flesh is of no avail. Some of those teens have already begun to realize this truth. ●

Reflect

What are some values that you do not forsake easily? Why?

Dear Padre,

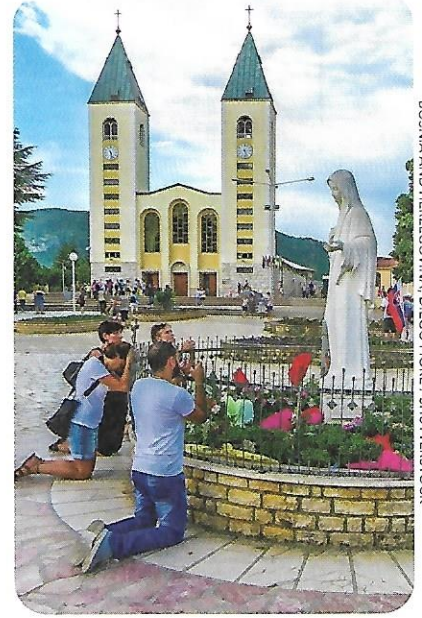
A friend claims that various saints have appeared to her. Is this something that really happens?

Your friend might be experiencing what are called “private” revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way.

Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at *Medjugorje*. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about private revelations: “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history” (CCC 67).

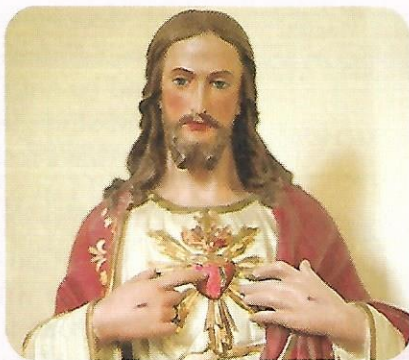
It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1
Weekday	St. Monica	St. Augustine,	Passion of St.	Weekday	Weekday	Twenty-second
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12	2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17	Bishop and	John the Baptist	1 Cor 1:17–25	1 Cor 1:26–31	Sunday in
Mt 23:13–22	Mt 23:23–26	Doctor of the	1 Cor 1:1–9	Mt 25:1–13	Mt 25:14–30	Ordinary Time
		Church	Mk 6:17–29			Dt 4:1–2, 6–8
		2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18				Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27
		Mt 23:27–32				Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23



STEVE LOVEGROVE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord asks the disciples the decisive question: “But who do you— you!—say that I am?” Who am I for you, now? Jesus does not want to be a key figure from the past; He wants to be an important person for you today, for me today.... Jesus wants to be the God who is close to us!

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 27, 2023



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AUGUST 25, 2024 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 26th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**

Tuesday, August 27th **5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City**
+Vincent & Delores Schimweg

Wednesday, Aug. 28th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg

Thursday, August 29th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** - Tony & Laverne Wessel

Friday, August 30th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Clara Antram

Saturday, August 31st **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** - Our Parish Family

Sunday, September 1st 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Virginia Cochran



Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
July 2024	\$56,779.88	\$74,665.11	-\$17,885.23
Fiscal Year July-July, 2024-25	\$56,779.88	\$74,665.11	-\$17,885.23
Needed Weekly - \$13,967.97			
Aug. 4th -	\$8,175.91-Church;	\$5,502.50-ICS/Daycare;	\$13,678.41 - Total
Aug. 11th -	\$4,717.59-Church;	\$5,711.00-ICS/Daycare;	\$10,428.59 - Total
Aug. 18th -	\$3,015.00-Church;	\$8,247.00-ICS/Daycare;	\$11,262.00 - Total
Aug. 25th -			

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 August 31st & September 1st

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Beckham Cothren	Michael Smith
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Geri Park
Communion Minister	Beth Cobb	Dennis Cobb
Ministers of Hospitality	Cothren Family	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman
Servers	Liz Broz Malorie Schulte	Paisley Anderson Steele Anderson
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Daryl Rhoads John & Aggie Baldetti	Vickie Parker Megan Hans

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

For a greater respect for the dignity of each and every human life in all public policies.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, August 26th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, August 27th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, August 28th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, August 29th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, August 30th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, August 31st	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, September 1st	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, August 26th	
Tuesday, August 27th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM- Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, August 28th	4:30 PM - ICS Recruitment Mtg. @ ICS
Thursday, August 29th	
Friday, August 30th	
Saturday, August 31st	
Sunday, September 1st	

Wedding Anniversary



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

*Brent & Kristin Farrell - 4 yrs. of marriage on August 29th
Harold & Sharon Pottebaum - 51 yrs. of marriage on Sept. 1st*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 387.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 40.00
In Memory of Marvin Griesbauer	\$ 60.00

HARVEST PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Our Harvest Picnic is only 3 weeks away! We are still looking for more **Picnic Sponsors**. Any vendors that want to set up at the **Vendor Fair**, contact Dianne Talley. 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 a **Live and Paddle Auction**. We will need many hands to work at the picnic. Please decide what kinds of **items you will donate** as well as where **your talents** will best serve the parish for this event. If you are interested in buying a \$20 chance for the **Sporting Goods Raffle** with the prize of \$600 store credit to DC Sporting Goods in Hermann, see a committee member. Return your **volunteer sheet** and **quilt raffle** tickets in the lock box in the back of church, the rectory, or a committee member by Friday, August 30. 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, Judy Cobb, Gina Smith, Dottie Brueggen, Anna Harrell,
Tony & Betty Wessel, Don & Lila Broz, Kim Schroeder
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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life is difficult. We struggle each day as we try to balance our checkbooks, our time, and our obligations. We come here to worship each week when we could be somewhere else, doing something else. Our faith, our sense of what God is calling us to do, and the Holy Spirit draws us here instead. But each Sunday it is ultimately our decision. We have made the decision to give this hour to the Lord. We are not the first to have to make this decision. The readings we hear today remind us that each of the chosen people and each of Jesus' disciples were faced with the same decision. May their response inspire us.



Question of the Week

How do I sacrifice my will to follow God's? What have I committed to do or what will I commit to do in order to serve God and to serve God's people?

Parish School of Religion (PSR) To Resume

Religious Education Classes for students Not attending Immaculate Conception School will resume Sunday, September 8th. Students in Grades 1-8 as well as any students requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are to attend the opening class on September 8th with their parents. Location: IC School Cafeteria from 4:15-6:15 PM. Class schedule will be reviewed at this class as well as discussion on class subject matter. Registration for the PSR Program will take place after weekend Masses on August 10-11, August 18, August 24-25. Any questions, please contact Dottie Brueggen (573-564-2183) or Michelle Schroer (573-826-5086).



**COMBINED BULLETIN WITH ST. PATRICK'S
CHURCH COMING IN SEPTEMBER!**

Immaculate Conception School News



Back to School Mass was Sunday, August 18 at the 10am Mass, students took part in the different liturgies (greeters, lectors, collection, gift bearers, musicians, passing out bulletins, cleaning the pews). Following Mass there was a mandatory parent meeting with Principal Schroeder and Father Ernest as well as Janet Stumbaugh to talk about stewardship. The Knights and the Ladies' Auxiliary provided lunch for all-Thank you! Some parishioners came to tour the school and talk with teachers and families. Students were able to drop off their supplies and talk with their teachers and classmates.

Tuesday, August 20 was the first day of school. The schedule for the year is generally Tuesday-Friday. PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays (45 min), Music on Wednesdays (1 hour), Art on Thursday (1 hour), and Library on Fridays (30 min). Mass is on Thursdays and Fridays at 8am. Classes also participate in Adoration on Tuesdays. On Thursday Mass, the students will plan and be lectors, gift bearers, hospitality, musicians, and servers. On Friday Mass, the teachers will be lectors and the students will be hospitality and servers.

Thursday, September 5 is the first Prayer Partner Mass. All students in the upstairs classes will be paired with a parishioner. Ruth Ann is in charge of the Prayer Partners. Students make cards for them and sit with them at Mass. After Mass, all stay in the pews for about 10-15 minutes to visit more to learn about each other.

Pick-A-Prize Winners



...and the winner of the August 18th drawing was **Bonnie Walker!** She chose gift cards to Subway, Dos Primos, Bundy's, 2nd Place, Papa B's Wing Shack, and Rugged Roots. Congratulations Bonnie! 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!)
- Richard Bainbridge - \$500 Gift Certificate to Montgomery Home & Hardware
- Sydney Peak - \$500.00 Gift Certificate to Yardbirds, LLC
- George Boes - \$500.00 Gift Certificate to Bratcher's

**Jesus then said to the Twelve,
"Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him,
"Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe
and are convinced that you are the
Holy One of God."**

John 6:67-69

**Just as the Twelve made a
commitment to follow Jesus, we also
must live as intentional disciples and
trust where God leads us.**



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

There are no scheduled events for this week.

Hygiene Items Needed For The Crisis Closet

The coordinators of the Crisis Closet located at the Church of the Nazarene report that hygiene items are the most needed donations this month. If you can donate any or all of the following items, those in need would really appreciate your gift.

Deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brush, hand soap (liquid and bar), shampoo, toilet paper, sanitary napkins and tampons, lotions, wipes, laundry detergent, mouth wash, razors, kleenex, and paper towels.

Members of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

On Tuesday, September 3rd from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, the Knights of Columbus are holding a Red Cross Blood Drive at the KOC Hall, 318 Sturgeon, Montgomery City.



With all the current disasters in our country, there is a great need for donated blood. If you are able to donate blood, please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are allowed. As a "thank you" for your donation, you will receive an exclusive Red Cross shirts while they last.

Thank You!

We want to thank everyone who donated to Bike MS 2024. Your kindness in supporting the cure for MS meant the world to both of us!

Bob & Kim Dryden

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



Please pray for: Dan Grieshaber, 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.

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.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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See!
 I will not forget
 you, I have carved
 you on the palm of
 my hand.
Isaiah 49:15

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 everyone, anytime
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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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