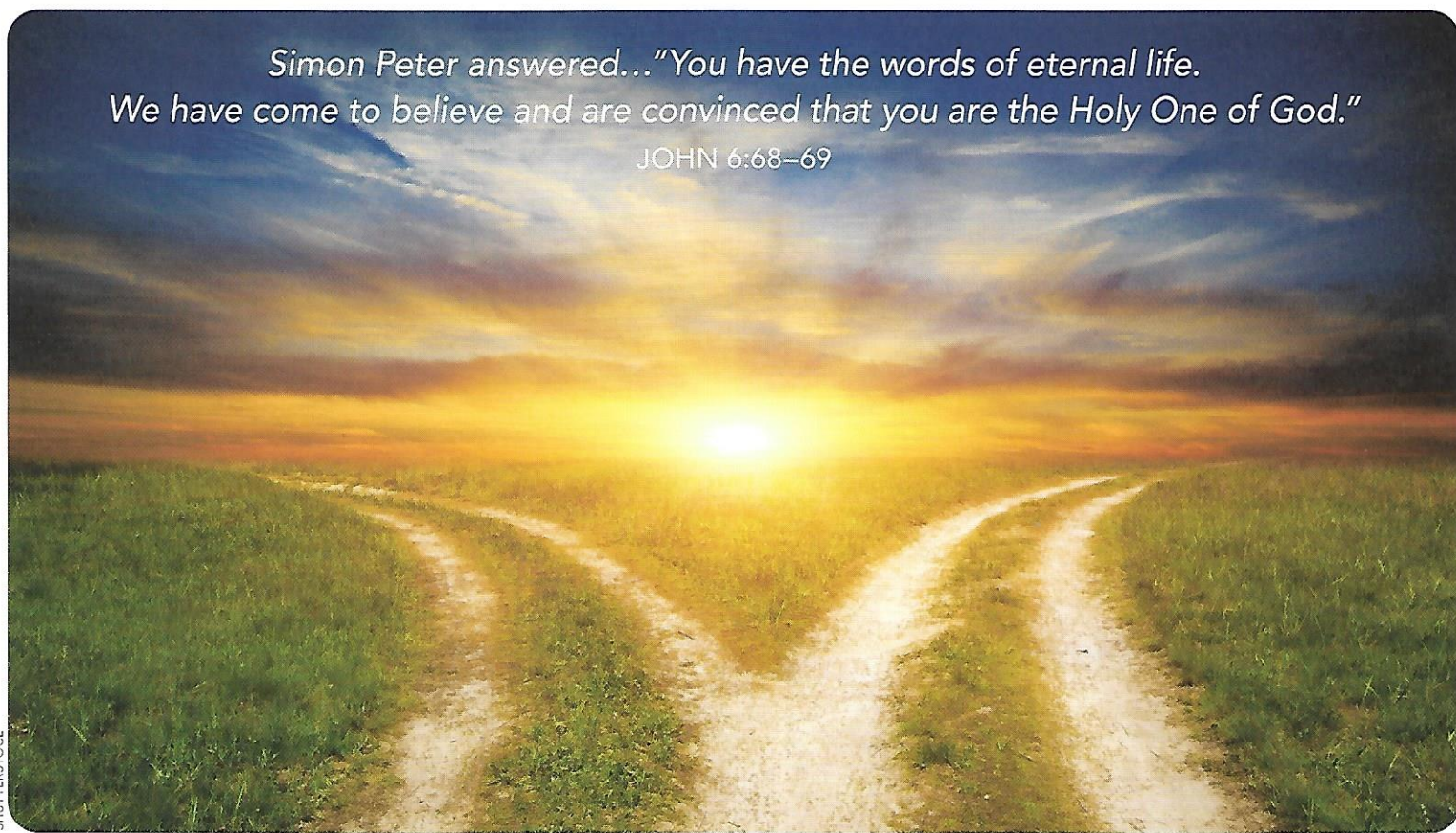


*Simon Peter answered... "You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."*

JOHN 6:68–69



Make Up Your Mind

One can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: red or green? Others are much more important: To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God. Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they

quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus' declaration of himself as "the bread of life" (John 6:35) troubled many people. It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim, left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: "Do you also want to leave?" Speaking for all, Peter replied: "Master, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:67–68). How might you answer?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *What decisions of conscience has life placed before you? How did you decide?*
- ✦ *Trust in God's care and protection even if you might have chosen better.*

Dear Padre,

My husband has vascular dementia and is unable to make an examination of conscience. Part of the anointing of the sick involves the confession of sins, so will it be valid when he receives it?

If circumstances permit, the sacrament of anointing of the sick may be preceded by the sacrament of penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1517).

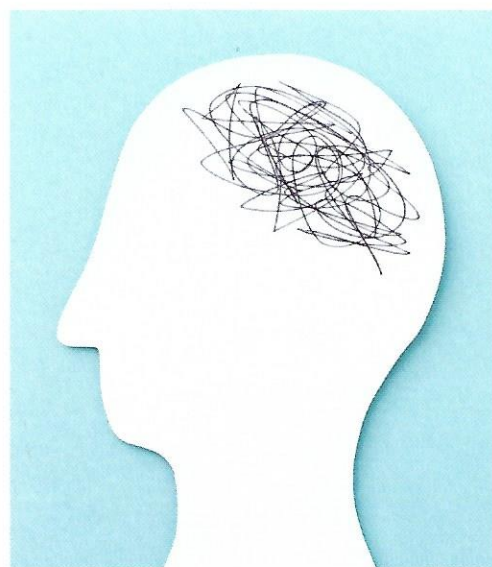
However, when conditions such as your husband's don't allow this, judgment on the suitability for anointing is to be made prudently and without scruple (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 8). For example, anointing is conferred on people who have lost consciousness or the use of reason if, as Christian believers, they would have "at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties" (*PCS* 14). Therefore, because of the degree of brain-function loss in this circumstance, the sacrament of anointing also absolves any sins.

When a habitual desire to die as a faithful Catholic is implied before a person's illness, the special grace of the sacrament of anointing has this as one of its effects: "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance" (*CCC* 1532).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

When someone is sick, we at times think: "Let's call for the priest to come"; "No, then he will bring bad luck. Let's not call him."...The idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest, and this is not true....It is Jesus himself who comes to relieve the sick person...and also to forgive his sins.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 26, 2014



Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 23

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10

Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday

AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew,
Apostle

Rv 21:9b–14

Jn 1:45–51

Wednesday

AUGUST 25

Weekday

1 Thes 2:9–13

Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

AUGUST 26

Weekday

1 Thes 3:7–13

Mt 24:42–51

Friday

AUGUST 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 4:1–8

Mt 25:1–13

Saturday

AUGUST 28

St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

1 Thes 4:9–11

Mt 25:14–30

Sunday

AUGUST 29

Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1–2, 6–8

Jas 1:17–18,
21b–22, 27

Mk 7:1–8, 14–15,
21–23



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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb-President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Secretary-Mary Pottebaum, Laura Yelton, & Vicki Parker

AUGUST 22, 2021 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 23rd **NO MASS** - Montgomery City
Tuesday, August 24th **NO MASS** - Montgomery City
Wednesday, August 25th No Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, August 26th **NO Mass** - Montgomery City
Friday, August 27th **NO Mass** - Montgomery City
Saturday, August 28th **5:30 PM Mass** - Montgomery City +James Longstreet, Sr.
Sunday, August 29th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City-Our Parish Family



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
July 2021	\$39,951.48	\$48,593.73	-\$8,642.25
Fiscal Year July-July 2021-22	\$39,951.48	\$48,593.73	-\$8,642.25
Needed Weekly	- \$ 11,835.50		
August 1st	- \$ 9,278.00		
August 8th	- \$ 7,221.02		
August 15th	- \$10,412.80		
August 22nd	-		
August 29th	-		

Last Week's Envelopes: 56 of 182

(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 August 28th & 29th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Beth Roesner	Michael Smith
Children's Liturgy	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Communion Minister	Gary Hoette	Richard Bainbridge
Ministers of Hospitality	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Steve & Beth Cobb	Pat & Janet Stumbaugh Ron & Dianne Talley
Servers	Jacob Roesner Malory Schulte	Chase & Madison Queathem
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes Judy Cobb	Megan Hans Steve Williams

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

As we begin this school year, may all recognize our shared mission to hand on our Catholic faith to the next generation.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, August 23rd	NO MASS
Tuesday, August 24th	NO MASS
Wednesday, August 25th	NO MASS
Thursday, August 26th	NO MASS
Friday, August 27th	NO MASS
Saturday, August 28th	4:00 PM Mass - Wellsville 5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 5:00 PM)
Sunday, August 29th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, August 23rd	7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, August 24th	6:15 PM - School Board Mtg.
Wednesday, August 25th	
Thursday, August 26th	6:00 PM - Parish Council/Finance Commission Mtg.
Friday, August 27th	
Saturday, August 28th	
Sunday, August 29th	8:30 AM-3rd/4th/5th Gr. PSR Class 6:00 PM-6th/7th/8th Gr. PSR Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

There are no anniversaries this weekend.

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$ 130.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 200.00
Special Collections:	
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 674.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 297.00
Catholic Missourian	\$ 14.00

Welcome New Parishioners

We want to welcome **Tara Schulte** who recently joined our parish! She grew up in Montgomery City, moved away for a few years, and is now back! Tara currently works at Grow-To-Gather.



A warm welcome to **Dana Schneider and her son, Brady**, from Montgomery City who have also joined our parish family! Brady will be in 2nd grade at IC School and Dana works as a cook at Papa B's Wing Shack.

We look forward to getting to know both of these families too!

This Weekend's Mass Celebrant

This weekend we welcome **Fr. Lou Dorn** who will be celebrating Mass for us. He is retired and lives in Vandalia. He is also a volunteer chaplain for the prison ministry and has filled in when Fr. Austin was in Nigeria. Thank you Fr. Dorn for making the trip over here. We appreciate you!

Parish School of Religion Resumes

Religious Education classes for children in grade school will resume Sunday, August 29th. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will meet in the morning; students in grades 6, 7, and 8 on Sunday evening. Parents will be receiving letters by mail with additional information.

My Dear Parishioners,

It was so wonderful to be able to see so many wonderful faces at the Masses last weekend.

I once again would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers for my recovery (only 8 more treatments to go!).

I do hope that you will respond to my request for an increase in generosity in the weekly collection so that once again we can meet our obligations and recover from our deficit. I believe that you will be as generous as possible because of your love for God and your parish.

*God bless all of you,
Fr. Hartley*



Harvest Picnic News

The Harvest Picnic is fast approaching. We are excited to be having the Harvest Picnic at the Fairgrounds this year on September 26. We feel this will be less work setting up (no tents needed), handicap accessible, more space for activities, better parking and visibility to the community!



We will once again be serving the sit-down meal of kettle beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce, roll and dessert. We will also offer pork steaks sandwiches, pork burgers, fish sandwiches, french fries and nachos and cheese. We will also have carry-outs available.

We are trying something new this year. BINGO !! We will have a live auction as well as a quilt and gun raffle.

Fun activities for the kids include barrel train rides, petal tractor pull, bounce house, cake walk and various games. Fun for the adults will be Pluck-Your-Luck and Back Seat Drivers' contest.

In order to pull this event off, we will need many hands. Also needed are monetary donations to buy meat and food supplies. We are also asking for donations of new larger items for the auction and \$10-\$20 items for bingo prizes.

A packet with more info and raffle tickets will be handed out at church soon. Please pray about what you can contribute to this event and GOOD weather too!

Feel free to contact any committee member-Beth Cobb, Dianne Talley, Gina Smith, Judy Cobb, Pat Korman with any questions or donations.

Thank you!!

Immaculate Conception School News



ICS had an amazing 1st day of school! All students and staff are looking forward to a fabulous school year.

ICS students will be leading a prayer service on Thursdays at Church and Rosary on Fridays in the Prayer Garden at 8 am until Father can resume his Mass schedule. All are welcome to attend!

The first Home and School meeting will be September 1 at 6 pm at school.

ECLC Happenings

All of our Daycare kids are back and we are looking forward to another great year!



IC Scrip Program



Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage 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.ShopWithScrip.com to create an account to purchase e-cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for physical cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**

School Board Members Retiring

We want to thank retiring school board members Ty Cothren, Molly Taylor, and Monica Wisdom for serving on the School Board. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone in the parish or school family, please contact Ms. Dana Schroeder, principal, at ICS.



Employment Opportunities

The Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking an experienced **Administrative Assistant** to support the Director of Parish and Charitable Services. This position not only provides administrative support, but is closely aligned with direct ministry; therefore, the individual will need to have a good knowledge of the Catholic faith in order to be successful. In addition to excellent organizational and Microsoft office skills, the ideal candidate will need to be available for occasional evening and weekend work. We estimate this to be approximately 12 times a year. This is a full-time, year-round position. The Diocese of Jefferson City offers a comprehensive benefit package including paid holidays, paid vacation and sick days, group health, dental, and vision insurance, a flexible spending account and matching 403(b) retirement plan. Qualified candidates should apply on Indeed.com and complete the skills assessment.

The Chancery has an opening for a **part-time Wellness Case Coordinator**. The Wellness Case Coordinator serves as an advocate for priests and deacons within the Diocese of Jefferson City. This individual is responsible for educating priests and permanent deacons so that they can take care of their own health, and if needed, can act as an advocate and liaison between the priest/deacon and their medical provider(s). This is a part-time, virtual position with some travel within the diocese. The ideal candidate will be a RN, LPN or Nurse Case Manager with a Missouri state nursing license, or a social worker with healthcare experience. Candidates are encouraged to send a letter of interest and resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

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

Sept. 1st - 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Blood Drive at KofC Hall
Sept. 26th - Harvest Picnic at the Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds

Capital Campaign Update



Cornerstone Campaign
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Dear Parishioners,

Our current total is pledges and donations is \$247,962.16. We are grateful for each donation and we pray more of you will consider helping us with the Capital Campaign. Soon the repair of the steeple will begin and we hope front entrance won't be too long behind that. After those two projects and new front doors, we will have decision to make. It will be time to move to interior projects and we hope our fundraising will allow for that. Our goal is to have \$600,000 - \$650,000 to do all of the church related projects. We know you can help us get there.

Our current bank balance is \$125,238.40 and we have paid out \$75,098.76 in expenses.

We are also so grateful for the very generous donations we have received in response to the letters we mailed. We reached out to former parishioners and children of current parishioners, etc. In total so far, we have received \$10,100 in donations in response. We have more letters to send and if anyone has a suggestion of someone who should receive a letter, please let us know.

Thank you again for each and every donation. We hope you will give prayerful consideration to this Capital Campaign and help us get to our goal of \$850,000. God bless.

Amanda Arens, Courtney Cothren, Jacob Lotton, Pat Stumbaugh, and Laura Yelton

Religious Gives Thanks

A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible."

Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

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: Karen Clark, Alex Clark (granddaughter of Karen Clark), Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Pat (Cobb) Hunn, Charlee Kate (niece of Sue Beck), Jim Walker, Fr. Hartley, Tim Stumbaugh, Carolyn Steinmetz, Jim Wisdom, Mark Gerke (friend of Fr. Hartley), Baby Corinth (Corie) Farrell, and Tracy Ravencraft (Amanda Aren's sister).

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, Michel James, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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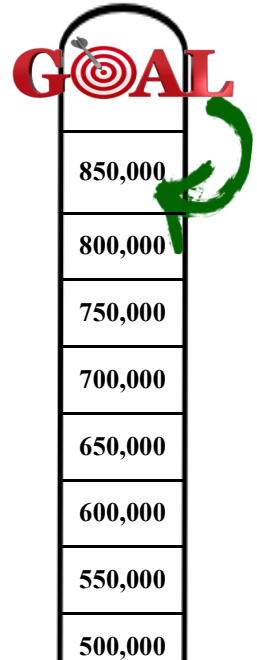
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