

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

MATTHEW 2:11

A Trip Called Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One way to pray with sacred Scripture is to ask, “How is this biblical story my story?” So then, how is the story of the *Magi* our story?

Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet through it all we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey.

Like the *Magi* who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren’t sure what we are asking, like Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but for our purposes it is not an answer but only points the way.

Then one day we happen to stumble on what we’ve been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of our lives. And like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we had thus far traveled was no longer a safe journey home. ●

Reflect

***Is anything of the Magi story also your story?
If so, reflect on yours.***

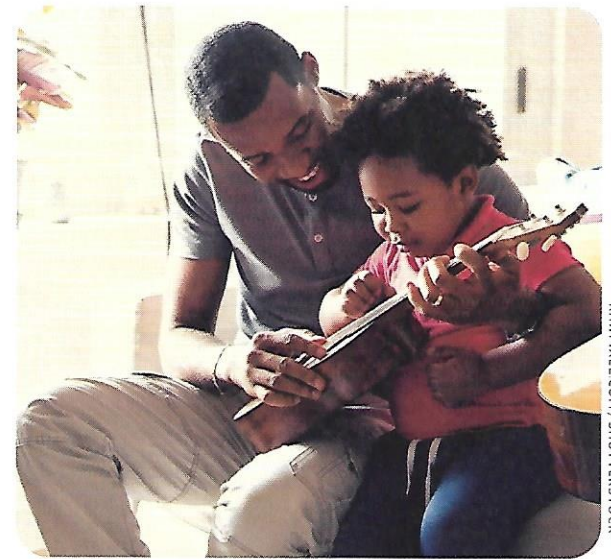
Dear Padre,

I've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church.

Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray.

Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too. ●

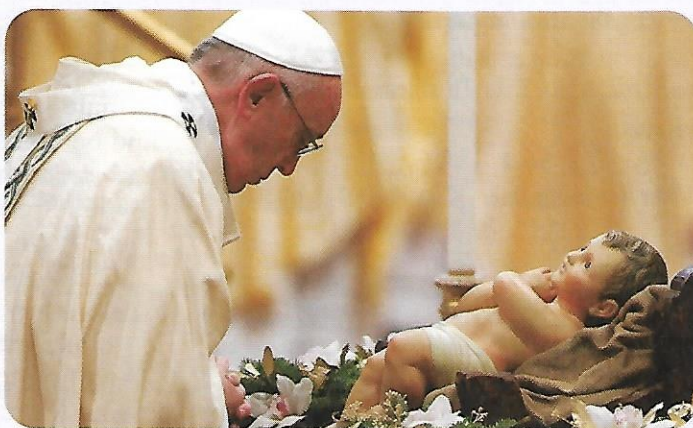


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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17	Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28	Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39	Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45	Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12	Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016



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January 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9th	No Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, January 10th	5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City +Larry Sachs
Wednesday, January 11th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, January 12th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Fr. Paul Hartley
Friday, January 13th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Bill/Dione Auchly
Saturday, January 14th	5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City +Personal Intention of Robert Schipper
Sunday, January 15th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family



July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
November 2022	\$43,919.74	\$50,355.15	-\$6,435.41
Fiscal Year July-June 2022-23	\$314,068.07	\$297,340.30	\$16,727.77
Needed Weekly -	\$13,232.95		
January 1st -	\$3,838.00-Church;	\$9,003.00-ICS/Daycare;	\$12,841.00-Total
January 8th -			
January 15th -			
January 22nd -			
January 29th -			

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.

Last Week's Envelopes: 43

Thank you!! With God all things are possible!

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

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.

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 exit 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 January 14th & 15th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Richard Schierhoff
Children's Liturgy	No During Saturday Evening Mass	Anna Harrell
Communion Minister	Beth Cobb	Dennis Cobb
Ministers of Hospitality	Ty & Courtney Cothren Family	Jacob & Megan Hans Family
Servers	Mercer Cothren Jacob Roesner	Noah & Zander Beck
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Rae Jean & Daryl Rhoads	Dottie Brueggen Elaine Winford

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

For foster parents and adopting parents; may they experience the support of the Church and the love of God as they expand their homes to make room for more children in their families. We pray to the Lord.

Weekly Mass Schedule

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Thursday, January 12th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, January 13th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, January 14th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, January 15th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 PM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, January 9th	
Tuesday, January 10th	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration 1:00 PM - KofC Ladies Aux. Mtg. 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion To Divine Mercy
Wednesday, January 11th	
Thursday, January 12th	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass 10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance
Friday, January 13th	
Saturday, January 14th	
Sunday, January 15th	



Wedding Anniversary

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

*Matt & Karen Milner - 30 years of marriage on January 9th
Steve & Kathy Holtz - 50 years of marriage on January 13th*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	10.00
Seminary & Infirm Priests Fund	\$	50.00

(This is NOT included in Page 1 totals)

Tuesday Mass Schedule

Tuesday evening Masses will resume on January 10th instead of December 27th as originally planned. At 5:00 PM Adoration will close with Devotion to the Divine Mercy and Benediction. Mass will start at 5:30 PM.



Epiphany Party

On January 8, 2023, we are "resurrecting" the Epiphany Party! We will gather at the Knights of Columbus Hall after 10:00 AM Mass and eat around 11:30 AM. Pork Burgers, Hot Dogs, drinks and table wear will be furnished. Please bring a dish to share along with your favorite game to play! Questions, please contact Dianne Talley at (573) 564-2359 or (573) 590-3158. Come and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship!

Pictures for Pictorial Directory

If you were unable to have your picture taken for the Pictorial Directory, we would like to encourage you to call Pat Korman who will make arrangements for you to have your picture taken in church. Her phone numbers are: (573) 564-2313-home and (636) 359-0001-cell. Everyone should have received their pictures by now. If you have NOT, please give Pat a call!

The Epiphany of the Lord

The bright star in the sky drew the magi from their distant kingdom to see the newborn King and offer him their treasures. We were drawn here today by our King, Christ the Lord, and we offer him our treasure-our hearts, our hopes, our lives. May we be that bright star for others, drawing our families, friends, and neighbors to him so that they too may find the treasure we know in the Lord.

Question of the Week

How has my encounter with the Lord through this Christmas season changed me? Where do I imagine my new path will lead?

Christmas Decorations in Church

Christmas decorations in church will be taken down at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, January 11th. We would appreciate all the help we can get, especially some strong backs to help carry and put away things!

Pope Benedict XVI 1927 - 2022

As we mourn the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, a public Memorial Mass will be celebrated next Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, in Columbia, MO.



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace, Amen!

Congratulations & Welcome!



We want welcome the newest member to our parish family, Adelyn Rose Pazdera, who was baptized last Saturday. She is the daughter of Bryan & Jessmin Pazdera and granddaughter of Tom & Patti Pazdera of our parish. Congratulations to Adelyn and her family on this momentous occasion!

Immaculate Conception School News



January 13th thru 15th - Winter Weekend Crop - Scrap-booking Event

January 28th thru February 4th - Catholic Schools Week

A HUGE THANK YOU to all parents and volunteers, especially Anna Harrell and Joe Adams, who helped paint and clean our school over Christmas Break. The school looks amazing!!



IC Scrip Cards

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.RaiseRight.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.**

Seminary & Infirm Priest Collection

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the Seminary and Infirm Priest Collection. To date, we have collected \$1,734.00 which is a over half of our \$2,424.00 assessment. There is still time to give to this great cause. Can't find your envelope? Just put it in a plain envelope with your name on it—inside or out—and write "Seminary & Infirm Priest Fund" on it, and just drop it in the basket along with the regular collection.

National Youth Conference

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) registration is now open for November 2023 in Indianapolis. For more information on the Conference go to: <https://diojeffcity.org/national-catholic-youth-conference/>

Calling All High School/College Students

The Diocese of Jefferson City is now hiring for **summer missionaries!** These are paid summer jobs for graduating seniors in high school through college age. More information on the poster in the church vestibule or from Fr. Ernest!

Head Count for December

December 3rd - 63	December 4th - 97
December 8th (Immaculate Conception) - 105	
December 10th - 71	December 11th - 102
December 17th - 72	December 18th - 112
December 24th - 191	December 25th - 79
December 31st - 84	

Grand Total for December - 976

Tax Statement



It's that time of the year! If you **WANT** a tithing statement for your taxes, please call (573) 564-2375 or email (imm-con@sbcglobal.net) the parish office and let us know and we will get one out to you.

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

January 13-15, 2023 - Winter Weekend Crop (Scrapbooking Event)
For more information call Lanie Gardner at (573) 823-5756

January 22, 2023 - Knights of Columbus Annual Sausage Dinner - 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. More information below.

Annual Knights of Columbus Dinner



Mark your calendars for January 22, 2023 when the Knight of Columbus will have their 57th Annual Whole Hog Sausage Dinner! Serving will be from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. "Rain, Ice, Sleet, or Snow, IT'S A GO"! There will be in-house seating as well as carry-out service.

Bulk sausage sales will start Friday, January 20th at the KC Hall.



Deserts Needed for Sausage Dinner

The annual Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner is right around the corner. If you like to bake, they would love to have your pies, cakes, and/or cookies for deserts. Thank you!

Quilt Raffle Tickets Available



The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary have quilt raffle tickets available for \$1.00/each or 6/\$5.00 donation. The tickets will be available thru the Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner when one lucky person will receive it! Please see any auxiliary member for tickets. They will also be available at the sausage dinner.

2022-23 Catholic Stewardship Appeal



\$12,485.00 - Parish Goal

Committed	\$ Received	% of Goal	Over(Under)
\$4,820.00	\$3,280.00	26%	(\$9,205.00)

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 - Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, and Susie Ryan

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Marla Daniels, John Rybacki (father of Sue Beck), Kim Dryden, Christine Welter (niece of Kathy Holtz), Matt Brumagin, Don Zerr, Peggy Readey, and Becky Queathem.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Steve (Hip) Hill, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, and Daniel Lohmann.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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you, I have carved
you on the palm of
my hand.
Isaiah 49:15

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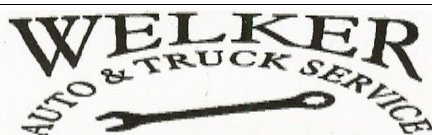
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special time to
worship and praise
our Lord and
Savior, Jesus
Christ and to
deepen your
intimate friendship
and be nourished
and strengthened
by his Presence
and Love. At
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