

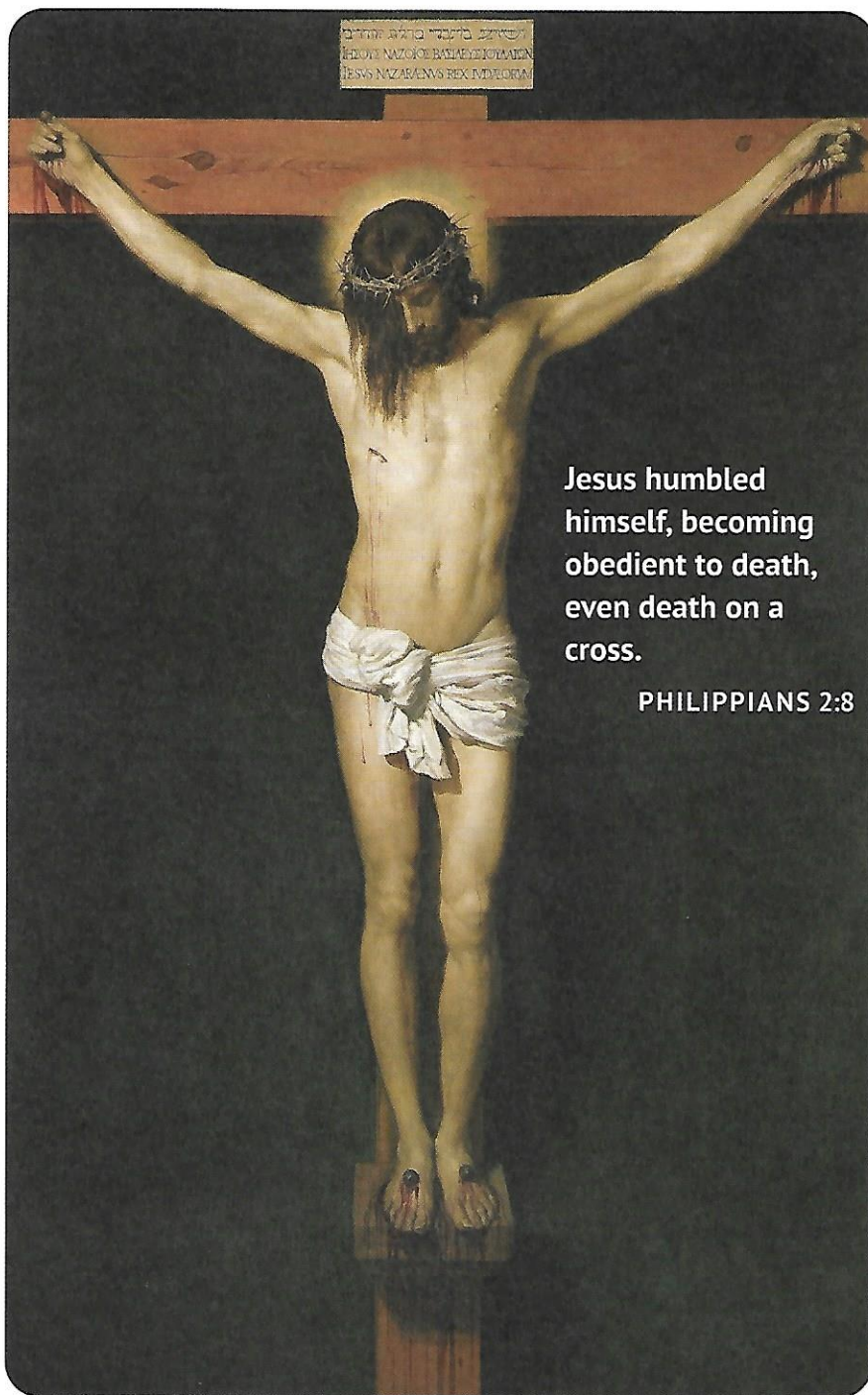
The Hungers with Which We Live

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Tenzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live my life of dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life was all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real. ●



Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Reflect

Are you living the three values articulated by Tenzin Kiyosaki? Is there one you could do better?

Dear Padre,

I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?



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Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus—as St. Paul tells us—"emptied himself" he humbled himself" (Philippians 2:7–8).

HOMILY, ROME,
MARCH 28, 2021

MONDAY

March 25
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

March 26
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

March 27
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

March 28
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

March 29
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

March 30
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mk 16:1–7

SUNDAY

March 31
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or
1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or
Mk 16:1–7





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MARCH 24, 2024 - PALM SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**
Tuesday, March 26th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**
Wednesday, March 27th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, March 28th **7:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City** +Don Benny
Friday, March 29th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**
Saturday, March 30th **8:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +James Longstreet, Sr.
Sunday, March 31st 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
(Easter Sunday) **10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** - Our Parish Family



Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Church & School Financial Report:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
February 2024	\$97,160.66	\$107,212.38	-\$10,051.72
Fiscal Year July-February, 2023-24	\$535,113.12	\$525,296.25	\$9,816.87
Needed Weekly - \$13,397.08			
March 3 rd - \$5,796.00-Church; \$8,062.50-ICS/Daycare; \$13,858.50-Total			
March 10 th - \$3,452.00-Church; \$4,096.00-ICS/Daycare; \$7,548.00-Total			
March 17 th - \$3,231.75-Church; \$6,231.75-ICS/Daycare; \$9,463.50-Total			
March 24 th -			

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.

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 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 (who signed up so far) for Holy Week & Easter Sunday

Ministries	Thursday (March 28th)	Friday (March 29th)	Saturday (March 30th)	Sunday (March 31st)
Lector(s)	Michael Smith	1. 2. Michael Smith	1. Beth Roesner 2. Michael Smith 3. Gary Hoette 4. Londa Swoboda	
Communion Minister		Mary Pottebaum	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	
Ministers of Hospitality		Pat & Janet Stumbaugh		
Servers	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers	
Money Counters	No counters needed	No counters needed	Judy Cobb	Darryl Rhoads

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

For those preparing for reception of the Easter sacraments this year; may our whole Church be renewed and invigorated by the celebrations of baptism, confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, March 25 th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, March 26 th	NO Mass - Montgomery City (Chrism Mass in Jeff City)
Wednesday, March 27 th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, March 28 th (Holy Thursday)	7:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Adoration until 10:00 PM)
Friday, March 29 th (Good Friday)	7:00 PM - The Passion of the Lord
Saturday, March 30 th (Holy Saturday)	8:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Easter Vigil)
Sunday, March 31 st	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)



Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, March 25 th	6:30 PM - St. Vincent DePaul
Tuesday, March 26 th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration 3:00 PM - Chrism Mass @ Jeff. City NO Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, March 27 th	2:00 PM - IC Students Living Stations of the Cross
Thursday, March 28 th (Holy Thursday)	10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/Office of Readings - MC
Friday, March 29 th (Good Friday)	10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/Office of Readings - MC 12 Noon - Stations of the Cross @ Church - MC
Saturday, March 30 th	9:00 AM-Noon - OCIA Retreat 10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/Office of Readings - MC
Sunday, March 31 st	

Wedding Anniversary



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

There are no anniversaries this week.

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	381.00
Mass Intentions	\$	20.00
Easter Flowers	\$	30.00

Holy Week & Easter 2024 Schedule



Wednesday, March 27th

8:30 AM Mass in Jonesburg followed by Stations of the Cross
2:00 PM - ICS Students Living Stations of the Cross at IC Church

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday – 10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/Office of Readings - MC
7:00 PM at Montgomery City
(Holy hour afterwards until 10:00 PM)
Good Friday – 10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/Office of Readings - MC
12 Noon - Stations of the Cross at Montgomery City
7:00 PM - Evening Service of the Passion of the Lord- MC
Holy Saturday – 10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/Office of Readings - MC
8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass at Montgomery City

Incense will be used on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Mass at Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass at Montgomery City

April 7, 2024 - Divine Mercy Sunday

- 3:00 PM Service of Divine Mercy

Fifth Sunday of Lent



We begin the celebration of Holy Week by calling down God's blessing upon the symbol that today's feast is named for; the palm branches that were used to welcome our Lord to Jerusalem.

"Hosanna!" the crowds accompanying him cried out, praising the Son of Man as he rode into the holy city. "Hosanna!" the residents called out, eager to witness firsthand what this miracle worker would do. We sing hosannas today, as we enter the holiest week of the year, the week when we recall Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

Holy Week Ministries

Thank you to those who have signed up for Liturgical Ministries during Holy Week. As you see in today's bulletin we still have a lot of slots open. We especially need servers (4 for each day) and volunteers to have their feet washed (adults and high schools students). If you can help us out, please sign up in the church vestibule!



Holy Thursday Adoration

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test". In response to Jesus' request for his disciples, we are asking you to stay for Adoration Holy Thursday evening right after Mass for a one-hour to keep watch with our Lord. We will have the Devotion to Divine Mercy and pray the Rosary, reflecting on the Sorrowful Mysteries.

Easter Special Collection

Next weekend our parish along with other parishes across the diocese will take part in an Easter Special Collection benefitting retired priests and religious. We ask that you prayerfully reflect and consider making this a part of your giving this Easter. The diocese provided special envelopes for this collection in the March 15th edition of the Catholic Missourian newspaper. There was also an envelope for this collection in with the recent pack of tithing envelopes mailed to you. You can make your gift during the special collection at Mass next weekend or drop it in the mailbox on the wall in the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!

Immaculate Conception School News



March 25th - School IN Session (Music Day)
March 27th - Living Stations of the Cross @ 2pm-ICC -
Everyone is welcome to attend. Please join us!
March 28th-April 2nd - Easter Break
April 3rd - Home and School Meeting @ 6pm

All keys to Immaculate Conception School need to be turned in to Father or Ms. Schroeder as soon as possible. ICS has a new keyless entry provided by the State of Missouri School Safety Grant. If you need access to the school you will need to contact Father and/or Ms. Schroeder to be given a code for entry.

ICS Recruitment Committee

Parish Council is excited to announce our newly formed Recruitment Committee for Immaculate Conception School. Having a school that provides a quality education along with Christian beliefs and teachings is a valuable asset, not only to our parish family, but also the community. The focus of this committee will be to increase the enrollment as well as the awareness of ICS in our community. We are actively looking for any and all ways to reach out and locate potential new students. If anyone has any leads, questions, ideas or suggestions to aid in increasing the enrollment of ICS, please reach out to any of the committee members. It is our hope and prayers that we can continue to grow in size and faith.

ICS Recruitment Committee Members: Pastor – Father Ernest Dike, Chair - Michael Auchly, School Principal – Dana Schroeder, Kristie Ferguson, Anna Harrell, Paula Mirth, Ruth Ann O’Keefe, Rachel Rakers, Dana Schneider, Gina Smith and Diane Witthaus.

Confirmation Class Information

Our parish is planning on having students receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2025. Parents and all in-coming students 7th grade or older (August 2024) that would like to start the process, are invited to come to the mandatory registration for classes on Sunday, April 14, 2024. We will hold the meeting in the school cafeteria following Mass at 11:30. Information on class times, dates, and other information will be discussed. If you have any questions, contact either Steve Williams (573) 975-7494 or Gina Smith (573) 289-8635.

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.



Philippians 2:6-8

Jesus' willingness to die for our sins illustrates the power of sacrificial love, humility and being obedient enough to trust in God. We are called to be like Jesus, emptying ourselves to the grace of God.



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

There are no events this week

Head Count for March

March 2nd - 52	March 3rd - 126
March 9th - 97	March 10th - 85
March 16th - 70	March 17th - 112
March 23rd -	March 24th -
March 30th -	March 31st

Grand Total for March -

Immaculate Conception School "Spring Special"

All are invited to this year's "Spring Special" on Friday, April 19, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This year's special begins at 6pm and features Immaculate Conception students dancing, singing, playing keyboard, chimes, drums, xylophones and performing humorous skits, telling jokes and ending their performance with a show of patriotism. For more information, contact Immaculate Conception School at 564-2679. Hope to see you there! (Afternoon dress rehearsal/matinee at the K. of C. Hall that day at 1:30pm)

Youth Group Meeting

The Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday, April 7th following Mass. The meeting will be held in the IC School Cafeteria. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship with each other!



Pick-A Prize Tickets

With the final week approaching to sell tickets, we are asking families to sell one or two tickets and to share on social media. Tickets can be picked up after the weekend Masses, at the Fish Fries, the parish office, or by calling Vicki Parker at (573) 544-6375. We only have about 50 more tickets to sell!!

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, Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, and Bill & Lucille Muenz.

Resident of Oak Point Nursing Home in Warrenton, 700 Forrest Avenue, Warrenton, MO 63383 - Judy Topel.

Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann, 1800 Wein St, Hermann, MO 65041 - Tony & LaVerne Wessel, Sr.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Lindsey O'Bryan, Michael Hanneken, Evelyn Strauss, Maxine Witte, Larry Brueggemann, Rosemary Brower, Beau Boschenreither (son of Cameron & Carolyn Bethel Boschenreither) Darrel Prior, Pat Stumbaugh, Sheryl Gibbs (daughter of Sue Fox), Ed Grillo, Tony Wessel, Sr., Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, Bill Dryden, 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



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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worship and praise
our Lord and
Savior, Jesus
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deepen your
intimate friendship
and be nourished
and strengthened
by his Presence
and Love. At
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close with
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Divine Mercy and
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