



The Light of Wisdom

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[Jesus said,] "Stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25:13

The dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grownups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darknesses cause.

Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How then to negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time and not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day. ●

Reflect

***When and how has God entered into
your darkness?***

Dear Padre,

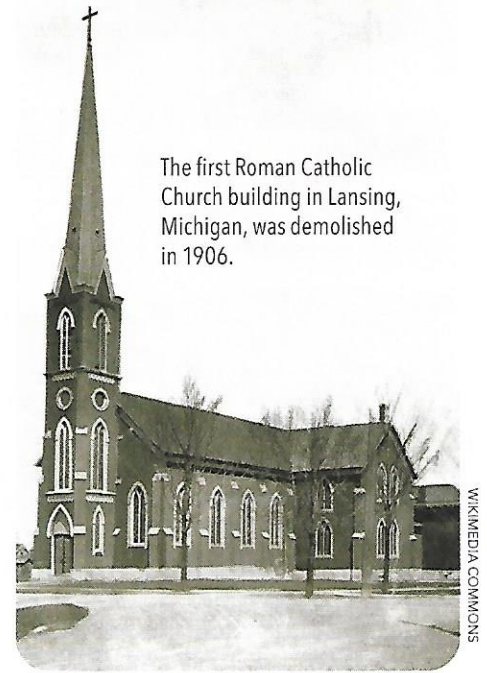
I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift, local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●

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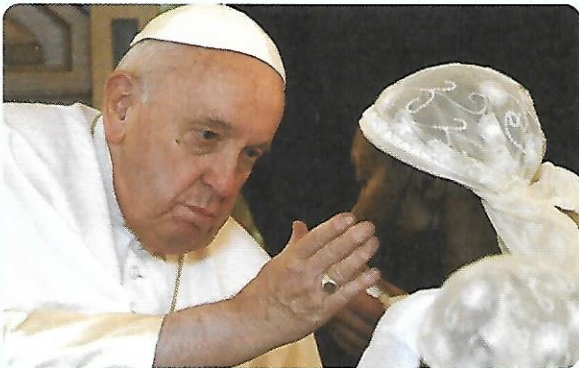


The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 13	November 14	November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18	November 19
St. Frances	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Elizabeth	Weekday	Thirty-third
Xavier Cabrini,	Wis 2:23–3:9	Wis 6:1–11	Wis 7:22b–8:1	of Hungary,	Wis 18:14–16;	Sunday in
Virgin	Lk 17:7–10	Lk 17:11–19	Lk 17:20–25	Religious	19:6–9	Ordinary Time
Wis 1:1–7				Wis 13:1–9	Lk 18:1–8	Prv 31:10–13,
Lk 17:1–6				Lk 17:26–37		19–20, 30–31
						1 Thes 5:1–6
						Mt 25:14–30
						or 25:14–15,
						19–21

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



162nd YEAR OF SERVICE

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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb-President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Mary Pottebaum, Vicki Parker, Dennis Cobb, & Jack Wells

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 - THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions



Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Monday, November 13th **No Mass - Montgomery City**
Tuesday, November 14th **5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Delores Schmidt
Wednesday, Nov. 15th **8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg**
Thursday, November 16th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Bill & Dione Auchly
Friday, November 17th **No Mass - Mont. City**
Saturday, November 18th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Lafe O'Bryan
Sunday, November 19th **8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg**
10:00 AM Mass -Mont. City - Our Parish Family

Church & School Financial Report:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
October 2023	\$55,695.45	\$52,223.98	\$3,471.47
Fiscal Year October-July, 2023-24	\$240,739.87	\$247,705.90	-\$6,966.03
Needed Weekly	- \$13,397.08		

November 5th - \$6,368.00-Church; \$5,907.25-ICS/Daycare; \$12,275.25-Total
November 12th -
November 19th -
November 26th -

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: 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 for November 17th & November 18th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Dennis Benney	Richard Schierhoff
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Anna Harrell
Communion Minister	Larry Brueggemann	Tudy Simpson
Ministers of Hospitality	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Bob Dryden	Jacob & Megan Hans Family
Servers	Mercer Cothren Malorie Schulte	Emelia Hans Elizabeth Schierhoff
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberger	Cathy McCormack Pam Schwartz

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

For our family, friends and benefactors of our community who have passed from this world to the next; may they attain a share in eternal happiness through our Lord Jesus Christ risen from the dead.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, November 13th	No Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, November 14th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, November 15th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, November 16th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, November 17th	No Mass - Montgomery City (Fr. at Pastoral Workshop in Jeff City)
Saturday, November 18th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, November 19th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, November 13th	
Tuesday, November 14th	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 1:00 PM - KofC Auxiliary Mtg. 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - Parish /Finance Council Mtg.
Wednesday, November 15th	7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, November 16th	
Friday, November 17th	9:30AM-3:30PM - Father Ernest at Pastoral Formation Workshop in Jeff City
Saturday, November 18th	
Sunday, November 19th	4:15-6:15 PM (?) - Gr. 1-7 PSR Class



Wedding Anniversary

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

Anthony & Michelle Matthews-38 yrs. of marriage on Nov. 16th

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$ 85.00
All Saints/All Souls Day	\$ 408.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 45.00

Eucharist Minister Sign-Up

It was brought to our attention that the Eucharist Ministry was not in the Stewardship Materials. If you would like to sign up for this ministry, just add it to the bottom of the Stewardship Time and Talent Form. If you have any questions, feel free to ask any Stewardship Member or contact the parish office. *Thank you!*

Thanksgiving Day Mass

At the 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass, we would love for those attending to bring a non-perishable food item or two and place it in the basket in the back of church. The basket of food will be offered up along with the other offertory gifts. After Mass the food will be given to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul.



New Lock Box in Church Vestibule

We now have a secured lock box in the church vestibule. It is on the wall to the right of the bulletin board. Please put your confidential stewardship envelopes in it as well as any other information you want to keep confidential.

It can also be used to put your tithing envelopes in when you are unable to be at Mass, or your church secretary forgets to have a collection taken up on holidays!

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On this day in the middle of November, the month in which we remember in a special way all those who have died, let us reflect on our baptism. When we were baptized in Christ, we were baptized into his death. Therefore, we are with the Lord in life and in death. Those who have died in the Lord are with him eternally while we here today gather to receive him in the Eucharist. Let us take consolation that we are always with the Lord, in life and in death..

Question of the Week

What has worked for me in the past when I begin to get impatient? Going forward, what will I do to draw upon more patience?

All Souls



In the month of November, we remember those who have passed away in the past year:

Hilda Schreiner, Donna Boes Whitehead, Bill Broz, All Rakers, Gerald Feltmann, Steven Ross Dunlap, and the deceased relatives of our Parish Family.

Our Prayers & Condolences

We offer our prayers and condolences to Bob and Kim Dryden and their family, especially Lindsey, Wade, and little Maverick O'Bryan. Baby Lafe Jeffery O'Bryan passed away on November 4th, just three weeks before his delivery. May they find comfort in God's love.

December Prayer Partner Mass

The December Prayer Partner Mass will be on Thursday, December 7th at 10:00 AM. Following Mass there will be a meal and fellowship at Immaculate Conception School. We hope everyone can make it!

Immaculate Conception School News



November 20th - School In Session
Stone Soup Presentation with Pat Korman
November 21st - Thanksgiving Feast
Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends
November 22-24 Thanksgiving Break
November 29th - Muffins with Mom

Youth Group Activities

On Sunday December 3, the Youth Group will be going to Columbia to take part in an escape room activity. Anyone wishing to go please contact either Steve Williams or Gina Smith for further information.



Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.

Wisdom 6:12

Wisdom is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. We should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us so we can rely on God to lead and guide us in all we do.



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

November 12th - 8:00-11:00 AM - All You Can Eat Breakfast at Martinsburg KC Hall

Head Count for November

November 4th - 84	November 5th - 93
November 11th -	November 12th -
November 18th -	November 19th -
November 25th -	November 26th -

Grand Total for November -

2023 No Hunger Holiday Montgomery City Knights of Columbus



Tuesday, November 21st, the 33rd annual No Hunger Holiday event will take place. This is an all-volunteer effort with many Montgomery charitable organizations involved. Please help someone less fortunate be thankful this year.

We appreciate (prefer) cash donations! A \$40.00 cash donation provides dinner for a family of four, \$80.00 - 2 families, \$120.00 - 3 families, and so on. No donation is too small or large! Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council #2044.

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

KC-IC Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 28th, at 5:30 PM right after devotion/benediction. At the end of Mass we will be announcing the names deceased Knights of Columbus members. The Mass Intentions also includes all deceased parishioners. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this Memorial Mass.

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 - Darlene Sachs, Susie Ryan, Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, and Ida Kopf.

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

Resident of Stonebridge in Hermann, 1800 Wein St, Hermann, MO 65041 - Tony Wessel, Sr.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Pat Stumbaugh, Sheryl Gibbs (daughter of Sue Fox), Ed Grillo, Tony Wessel, Sr., Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, Bill Dryden, Rae Jean Rhoads, Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Marla Daniels, Matt Brumagin, Don Zerr, Kim Dryden, Ingrid Keller, Laverne Wessel, and Margaret Van Beek.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!

Unwrap the Gift

THE Joy OF BEING CATHOLIC

GATHER TOGETHER FOR AN EVENING OF *fellowship*
ENJOY DINNER & ADVENT REFLECTIONS BY SPEAKER

PATTY SCHNEIER

Save the Date

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

St. Patrick Parish
17 Saint Patrick Ln
Rolla, MO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish
322 7th St
Boonville, MO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

Cathedral of St. Joseph
2305 W Main St
Jefferson City, MO

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

Holy Rosary Parish
405 S Main St
Monroe City, MO



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Isaiah 49:15



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on Tuesdays
starting at
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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
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close with
Devotion to the
Divine Mercy and
Benediction.
Mass will start at
5:30 PM.


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