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Mary Pottebaum, Vicki Parker, Dennis Cobb, and Michael Smith



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505 First St. | Jonesburg | Missouri | 63351

636.488.5623 Parish Office | Office Hours T-Th 9am-1pm
Debbie Enger, Secretary | stpats@centurytel.net | www.stpatricksjonesburg.org
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Katherine Stroot-Secretary, Michael Van Beek & Jocelyn Schluss

Society of St. Vincent DePaul - 573.835.3631 Fr. Ernest Dike, Parochial Administrator, edike@diojeffcity.org Bulletin Deadline is 9:00 AM on Wednesdays

January 5, 2025 - The Epiphany Of The Lord

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.

St. Patrick Parish Mission
As a church community here at St. Patrick, we want to know, love and serve Jesus in our efforts in: Christian formation/faith development; worship; social services; and stewardship of resources.

MONDAY
January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
TUESDAY
January 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44
WEDNESDAY
January 8
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52
THURSDAY
January 9
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Lk 4:14-22a
FRIDAY
January 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16
SATURDAY
January 11
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30
SUNDAY
January 12
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or
Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Acts 10:34-38 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
MATTHEW 2:1B-2

In Search of God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are always in search of something or other, it seems—an intangible something that tends to shift and change over the course of our lives, like the tumbling pieces of a kaleidoscope. Sometimes, it is love we seek. Other times, meaning. Or inner peace, freedom from anxiety or guilt. Or perhaps freedom from all that ties us down. And sometimes, it is God we seek. Like the Magi, we too are on a quest for the Holy One. One afternoon, Tom, a high-school sophomore, stopped by. He asked if we could talk about God—or, more exactly, about what God was like. He had been in a study hall, waiting for the bell to ring, when the person behind him asked, "When you die, do you think you're going to see God?" Tom said he thought he would, but then the other student replied, "Well, you won't, because God doesn't have a body. There isn't something to see." The bell rang, Tom said, and they never finished the conversation. Tom wondered whether God had a body or not, and, if not, then what was God like? Tom was searching for a God that made sense amidst galaxies and black holes and light years of time, but also a God who was personal and knowable and lovable. He wasn't sure how to put the two together. He had become one of the Magi on a journey to find God. ●

Reflect

Where are you on your journey to know and discover God?

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	January 6th	NO MASS	Montgomery City	
Tue	January 7th	5:30 PM	Montgomery City	+Bill & Dione Auchly
Wed	January 8th	8:30 AM	Jonesburg	+Weber Family
Thur	January 9th	8:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Judy Topel
Fri	January 10th	8:00 AM	Montgomery City	-Tommy Shine (for healing)
Sat	January 11th	5:00 PM	Montgomery City	- Our Parish Family
Sun	January 12th	8:00 AM	Jonesburg	+Frank Cobb Family
		10:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Fr. Paul Hartley

A reminder: If there is a funeral at any of the two parishes or a school cancellation due to weather, there will be **no** scheduled Mass

Immaculate Conception Parish & School

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 24-Nov 24, YTD	\$279,800.22	\$311,091.06	-\$31,291.04
November 2024	\$45,007.29	\$54,677.19	-\$9,669.90
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
December 1st	\$4,131.00	\$5,243.00	\$9,374.00
December 8th	\$4,217.25	\$5,344.50	\$9,561.75
December 15th	\$8,614.00	\$5,293.00	\$13,907.00
December 22nd	\$2,234.00	\$3,142.00	\$5,376.00
December 29th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,233.00	Wkly Avg	\$9,554.69

Your Gifts to God! Thank You!



Sacraments & Information

Parish Membership: Please call the parish office to register.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: IC Sat 4:15PM-4:45PM, SP Sun 7:15AM 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: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Please call for details.
Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized or have a family member who is home-bound, please call the parish office.

St. Patrick Parish

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget Goal FY 25	\$76,000.00		
Total Collected YTD	\$21,501.00		
	Church		Total
December 1st	\$1,633.00		
December 8th	\$1,242.00		
December 15th	\$6,641.00		
December 22nd			
December 29th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,365.39	Wkly Avg	\$3,172.00

Additional Financial Information

Feast of Immaculate Conception - \$20.00
 Christmas - \$1,996.00
 Seminary Formation & Infirm Priests - \$1,035.00

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.

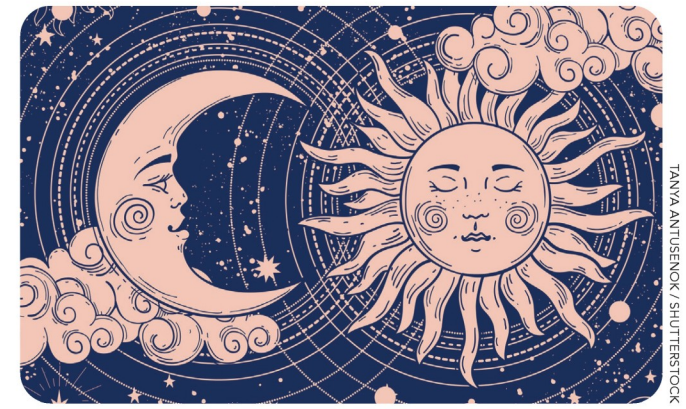
Mass Ministries	January 4th & 5th	January 11th & 12th	January 18th & 19th	January 25th & 26th
IC SAT 5PM				
Lector	Landon Pottebaum	Jacob Roesner	Dennis Cobb	Beckham Cothren
Children's Liturgy				
Eucharistic Minister	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Mary Pottebaum	Gary Hoette	Megan Hans
Ministers of Hospitality	Don & Lila Broz Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Cothren Family	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Jacob Hans Family
Servers	Mercer Cothren & Emelia Hans	Reed Pottebaum Beth Roesner	Lila Broz Jacob Roesner	Mercer Cothren Malorie Schulte
Money Counters	John/Aggie Baldetti & Judy Cobb	Don/Sandy Oakes & Darryl Rhoads	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	John/Aggie Baldetti & Darryl Rhoads
IC SUN 10AM				
Lector	Jerry Witthaus	Richard Schierhoff	Janet Stumbaugh	Elizabeth Schierhoff
Children's Liturgy	Geri Park	Bonnie Walker	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley
Eucharistic Minister	Tudie Simpson	Jenidean Readey	Jack Wells	Jacob Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Dana Schneider & Brady Craven Steve Williams & Julie Worsham	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman	Melissa & Justin Beabout Dana Schneider & Brady Craven
Servers	Josie Harrell & Paisley Anderson	Steele Anderson & Tinley Anderson	Leyla Beabout & Natalie Beabout	Alena Beabout & Paisley Anderson
Money Counters	Cathy McCormack & Pam Schwartz	Dave Teeter & Vickie Parker	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Rick/Gayle Adams & Dave Teeter
SP SUN 8AM				
Hospitality/Usher	Youth	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber	Ellis Family	Farrar Family
Altar Clean Up Only	Laurie Dothage	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark
Lector	Gracie Cobb	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Gilbert	Donna Cobb	Nancy Cobb
Servers	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Vicki Duenke	Nancy Cobb	John Cobb, Sr.	Bridget Cobb
Money Counters	Gracie Cobb & Karen Stenger	Jan Milzark & Katherine Stroot	John Cobb, Jr. & Brad Ellis	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Dothage

Remember, if you are unable to complete your assigned time, you are responsible for finding a replacement! Thank you for your service!

Dear Padre,

I'm into horoscopes. A friend told me that astrology is nonsense and against the Catholic faith. What do you say?

Stargazing is as old as the human race. We know with certainty that ancient Chaldea was known for its stargazers. Many of the constellations' names originated during that time. Some scholars believe that the three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the newborn Savior were themselves Chaldean stargazers.



Astrologers believe that the zodiac signs under which we were born largely control our human destiny. The Christian objection to astrology is that it insults almighty God, who alone knows the future. God alone, in cooperation with the free will of humans, controls the future. To suppose that stars, planets, animals, or inanimate objects can, independent of God, direct or influence our lives opposes the first commandment: "I am the LORD your God.... You shall not have other gods beside me" (Exodus 20:2-3).

The Old Testament clearly spells out that it is vain to imagine "either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circuit of the stars, or the mighty water, or the luminaries of heaven" as "the governors of the world" (Wisdom 13:2).

Don't give credit to or blame the stars for what you do and who you are. See past them to the God who made them, and who made us, and who cares for all creation. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God made us: brimming with desire, directed, like the Magi, towards the stars.... We are what we desire. For it is our desires that...drive our lives forward, beyond the barriers of habit, beyond banal consumerism, beyond a drab and dreary faith, beyond the fear of becoming involved and serving others and the common good.



HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 6, 2022

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Bishop McKnight's January prayer intention for our Local Church

For our civic leaders, that they may be guided by wisdom and integrity in their decisions. May they seek the common good, foster unity in our communities, and lead with compassion and justice.



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 - Feb 2 - Our Lady of Lourdes Columbia MO at 1:30 PM
 - Feb 3 - St Patrick Parish Rolla MO at 5:30 PM



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SCAN TO SIGN UP

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Welcome to the Year of Jubilee!

The Year of Jubilee has begun in the Diocese of Jefferson City! The Jubilee was opened on December 29 during a special Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

This holy year invites the faithful to embrace the spirit of hope. As we embark on this year of Jubilee, there will be numerous opportunities to experience grace, including by participating in special Jubilee Masses or joining a pilgrimage.

Stay up to date with the latest information about the Jubilee by visiting: <https://diojeffcity.org/jubilee-year/>

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

Christ, be our light! As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, when the divinity of Jesus was revealed to all, let us remember that we are called to be the light of Christ for those around us as his disciples.



Upcoming Events and Announcements

Day	Date	Event	Details
Monday	Jan. 6th		
Tuesday	Jan. 7th	IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday	Jan. 8th	SP	Following 8:30 AM Mass - Breakfast @ The Warehouse - all are welcome 6:00 PM - Movie Night "The Chosen" @ KC Hall
Thursday	Jan. 9th	IC IC IC	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass 10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance Meeting 12:00 PM - K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting @ KC Hall
Friday	Jan. 10th		
Saturday	Jan. 11th	SP	10:00-11:30 AM - Grief Class at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jonesburg
Sunday	Jan. 12th	SP	After 8:00 AM Mass - Coffee & Donuts in Parish Hall - all are welcome



See!

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

Welcome everyone. On Tuesdays starting at 6:00 AM we have Eucharistic 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 Adoration will close with Devotion to the Divine Mercy and Benediction. Mass will start at 5:30 PM.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
Jeremiah 29:12

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, Bill & Lucille Muenz, and Mike Busken

Resident of Victorian Manor
2120 Village Lane, Hermann, MO 65041
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1800 Wein St, Hermann, MO 65041
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Residents of Aspire Nursing Home
308 Cedar Avenue, Jonesburg, MO 63351



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STRUGGLING, SICK AND INFIRMED:

Al & Christine Barger, Beau Boschenreither, Geoff Brueggen, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerdick, Parker Calbreath, Robert Carillo, Becky Cothren, Clint Cunningham, Marla Daniels, Tom Eggering, Jean Fishback, Sheryl Gibbs, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Ken Hocke, Antoinette Hoing, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Pat Kline, Pat Merz, Kathleen Mohrmann, Lyndsey O'Bryan, Alice O'Donnell, Margaret O'Donnell, Terry Parker, Peatross Family, Avery Penn, Rae Jean Rhoads, Shirley Rose, Susie Ryan, John Rybacki, Nick Schneider, John Schneider, Tommy Shine, Evelyn Strauss, Katherine Stroot, Londa Swoboda, Ed Torbeck, Tony Wessel, Sr., Jim Wortmann, Don Zerr

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES.

Brandon Wells, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, Donnie Wisdom, and Alex Brueggen



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St Peter (Fulton, MO) Ladies Auxiliary Annual Lasagna Candlelight Dinner, January 25, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM serving an endless salad bar, made from scratch lasagna, bread, beverage and dessert. Call 573-642-6553 to reserve a table or you may purchase tickets at the door. \$20/per person.

This even will be held at the St. Peter Church Multipurpose Building, 700 State Road Z, Fulton MO 65251.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. ~Ephesians 5:25

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



Greg & Kate Healy - 15 years of marriage on January 2nd
 Zachary & Gina Vandillen - 4 years of marriage on January 2nd
 Chad & Linda Steward - 23 years of marriage on January 4th
 Matt & Karen Milner - 32 years of marriage on January 9th

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in January!

3rd - Sam Cobb
 4th - Marion Bullerdick
 5th - Beth Bextermiller
 6th - Millie Myrick
 6th - Everleigh Poggas
 12th - Chelsea Barclay
 16th - Matthew Politsch
 18th - Linda Stewart
 24th - Goldie Reynolds
 24th - Barb Turpin
 26th - Shelby Barclay
 29th - Rich Rose



Immaculate Conception School News

Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal | Judy Cobb, School Secretary | 573.564.2679 - School Office | immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org



Immaculate Conception School News

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Congratulations to Wade and Hank as they were baptized into the Catholic Faith
- Congratulations to Leila who received her First Reconciliation and First Communion
- Congratulations to Paisley for being chosen as Angel of the Week for "humility"

Consolidated Electric Presents Program

Mr. Keith from Consolidated Electric Cooperative joined the IC students for a presentation about safety around electrical power lines. ICS thank Mr. Keith for coming and giving a presentation.

Mr. Joe spoke to the 3rd-8th grades about Efficient Energy Use.

6th & 8th Grade Bake Sale

Mrs. Smith's 6th & 8th grade class harvested pumpkins from the Prayer Garden, located at the school. The students were assigned cooking partners. Each team was given recipes to make. Baking involved food handling safety measures, following the recipe directions, learning about food items, measuring ingredients, preparing the ingredients for baking. They cooked up the pumpkins, scooped out the pumpkin and made pies and breads. Other items were made for the sale. The bake sale took place on the weekend of November 23-24. Students were at church to sell their items. After the sale students will deduct all costs to see profits. Funds will go toward their 8th grade trip. Thank you to all parishioners who volunteered their time to help and those that made purchases.

6th and 8th graders toured the Post Office. They learned about the logistics of how mail gets delivered and what it takes to become a mail carrier.

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 we will get one out to you.

Collection for Seminary Formation & Infirm Priests

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this collection. If you would still like to make a contribution, simply put it in a separate envelope marked "Seminary Formation & Infirm Priests" and drop it in the collection basket.

Envelopes For 2025 at St. Patrick

If you have not yet done so, please pick up your box of Sunday Contribution Envelopes which are available in the Church Lobby at St. Patrick. They are in numerical order not alphabetically.

January Prayer Partner Mass

Please remember the Prayer Partner Mass on January 9, 2025. What a great way to celebrate with the ICS students as they return from Christmas break!

Epiphany Party

In the spirit of community and fellowship we would like to have an Epiphany party again this year. It will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall after 10:00 AM Mass on January 5th.

There will be ham (donated) for the meat and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Tea, coffee, and lemonade will be provided.

Fr. Ernest said ping pong would be played this year, but please bring your games, cards, corn hole, or anything you would like to play after the meal.



Movie Night - "The Chosen"



Please join us as we start back with Movie Night watching "The Chosen" at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 8th. If you haven't been to any yet, "no worries", it's the type of movie where you can join in at any time and still enjoy it!

Christmas Decorations in Church

Christmas decorations in church Immaculate Conception will be taken down at **6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 7th**. We would appreciate all the help we can get, especially some strong backs to help carry and put things away!

Lost and Found

A vehicle key was found in the Immaculate Conception parking lot. It was found on Friday, December 13th. If you lost yours, please contact the ICC office at (573) 564-2375 or imm-con@sbcglobal.net.



Knights of Columbus Offers Video Series

Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus* called the "Mission of The Family." The videos can be found on the Knights of Columbus website for free! Here is the link to find "The Mission of The Family" videos: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length.

Desserts Needed for Sausage Dinner

The annual Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner is on Sunday, January 26th. If you like to bake, they would love to have your pies, cakes, and/or cookies for desserts. Thank you!



KC COUNCIL #2044



59th. ANNUAL

WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE DINNER

SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2025

10:30am - 2:00pm

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Knights of Columbus Hall

Montgomery City

Dine in and Carry out only

\$15.00 dinner... Child \$7.00

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Sausage with Kraut, Mashed Potatoes,

Green Beans, Applesauce and Dessert

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Starting Friday **Jan. 24th** at KC Hall

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.

Bill Becker Memorial PRO LIFE Breakfast

All You Can Eat Breakfast

Sunday January 19, 2025

8:00 A.M- 11:00 A.M.

Knights of Columbus Hall-Martinsburg

- Whole Hog Sausage
- Bacon
- Eggs- Scrambled & Fried to Order
- Biscuits & Gravy
- Pancakes
- Fruit
- Juice & Coffee

Adults \$12

Children (6-12) \$5

Children (Under 6) Free

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