



## Who Do People Say You Are?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**P**ain is the body's alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, "I am a parent. That's what parents do." Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that "I am married. This is something to be valued." Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don't suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christ—that he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter's dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus. ●

### Reflect

***Does your suffering reflect your values, your commitment to follow Jesus?***



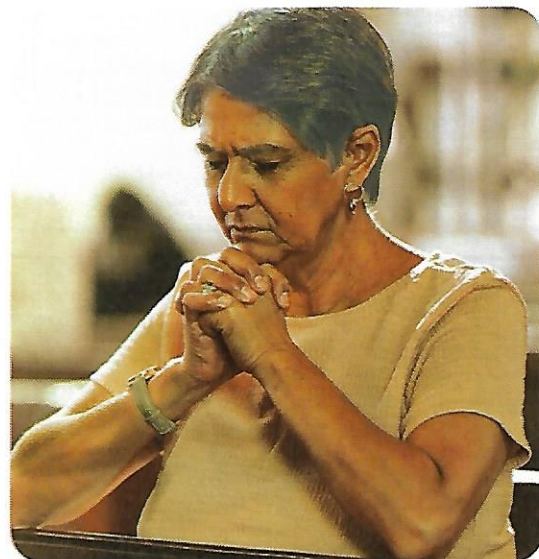
[Jesus asked the disciples],  
"But who do you say that I am?"  
Peter said to him in reply,  
"You are the Messiah."

MARK 8:29

# Dear Padre,

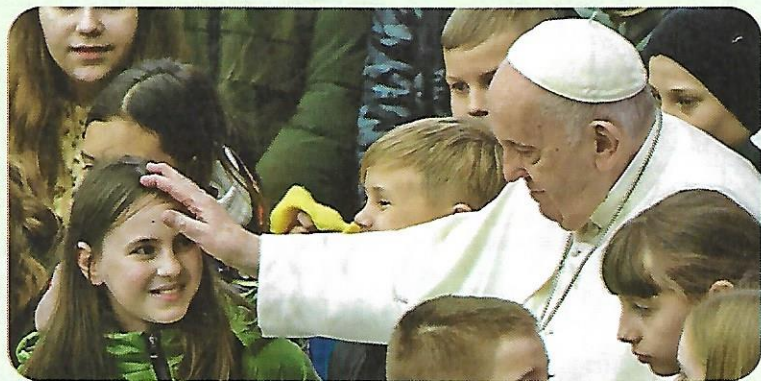
*Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?*

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" ....Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?".... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.*

**HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

### Monday

September 16  
*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*  
1 Cor 11:17–26, 33  
Lk 7:1–10

### Tuesday

September 17  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a  
Lk 7:11–17

### Wednesday

September 18  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 12:31–13:13  
Lk 7:31–35

### Thursday

September 19  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 15:1–11  
Lk 7:36–50

### Friday

September 20  
*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*  
1 Cor 15:12–20  
Lk 8:1–3

### Saturday

September 21  
*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13  
Mt 9:9–13

### Sunday

September 22  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 2:12, 17–20  
Jas 3:16–4:3  
Mk 9:30–37



# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



## 163rd YEAR OF SERVICE

### 307 N. Walker St. | Montgomery City | Missouri | 63361

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

### SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Mass Intentions



Monday, September 16th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**  
 Tuesday, September 17th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**  
 Wednesday, Sept. 18th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
 Thursday, September 19th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City**-Clint Cunningham  
 (For Healing)  
 Friday, September 20th **10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Sue Kyle  
 Saturday, September 21st **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** - Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, September 22nd 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
**10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Lorraine Brower

#### Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
July 2024	\$56,779.88	\$74,665.11	-\$17,885.23
Fiscal Year July-July, 2024-25	\$56,779.88	\$74,665.11	-\$17,885.23
Needed Weekly -	<b>\$13,967.97</b>		

Sept. 1st - \$5,617.77-Church; \$7,481.50-ICS/Daycare; \$13,099.27 - Total  
 Sept. 8th - \$4,103.75-Church; \$3,299.00-ICS/Daycare; \$7,402.75 - Total  
 Sept. 15th -  
 Sept. 22nd-  
 Sept. 30th

**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.

**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 September 21st & September 22nd

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Beth Roesner	Elizabeth Schierhoff
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Dianne Talley
Communion Minister	Gary Hoette	Tudie Simpson
Ministers of Hospitality	Cothren Family	Steve Williams Julie Worsham Jacob & Megan Hans
Servers	Lila Broz Malorie Schulte	Emelia Hans Ella Hans
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Dennis Cobb Daryl Rhoads	Dave Teeter Rick & Gayle Adams

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

For those who serve our community as first responders; may God keep them safe as they serve with honor the safety and well-being of all.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, September 16th	<b>NO Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Tuesday, September 17th	<b>NO Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Wednesday, September 18th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, September 19th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Friday, September 20th	<b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Grandparents Day)
Saturday, September 21st	<b>5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, September 22nd	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, September 16th	
Tuesday, September 17th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration NO Benediction or Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, September 18th	7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus
Thursday, September 19th	6:30 PM - Parish Council/Finance Committee @ ICS
Friday, September 20th	10:00 AM - Grandparents Day @ ICS
Saturday, September 21st	
Sunday, September 22nd	4:15- 6:15 PM - 1 thru 7 Gr. PSR & Confirmation Class

### *Wedding Anniversary*



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

*LeRoy & Betty Hanneken - 63 yrs of marriage on September 16th  
Bob & Kim Dryden - 37 yrs of marriage on September 19th  
Ty & Courtney Cothren - 21 yrs of marriage on September 20th*

### Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00

### HARVEST PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 - 11am - 4pm

The picnic is **THIS WEEKEND!** Thank you to all of those who have signed up to volunteer and those who are donating items! The Volunteer Schedule will be posted at the Harvest Picnic in several locations. If you need to check your time and location, please contact Gina Smith at 573-289-8635 or check the list in the vestibule this weekend.



We need to sell more **Sporting Goods Raffle tickets!** If you'd like to purchase one (\$20), please see a committee member. If you are **donating cakes**, pies, or any other item, they can be dropped off at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 14 in the morning, after Saturday Mass, or before Mass on Sunday, Sept. 15. You can also contact a committee member to make special arrangements.

We have **fun games and activities** planned for the Harvest Picnic for ALL ages. We will be playing water games if the weather permits. Plan on bringing a change of clothes/shoes as you might need them! **Mickey Scott** will be playing live music from 11am-12:30pm! The Silent Auction will be open from 11am-2pm, the Paddle Auction begins at 12:30pm, and the Live Auction starts at 2pm. Check out the church Facebook page for more information. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our event! It is going to be a great day of food, fun and fellowship!

### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. That's quite a mouthful, but it means that by dying on the cross, which he willingly accepted, Jesus was exalted. In today's Gospel, Jesus confides in his disciples for the first time that he would be persecuted and killed. Then turning to the entire crowd, he tells them that they must take up their crosses, for it is in sacrificing their lives they can save them. Are you willing to accept your cross, difficult as it may be? As you ponder that question, remember this: your cross, the cross Jesus calls you to shoulder, is linked to the Holy Cross itself, which is the most beautiful sign of our salvation.



### Question of the Week

What cross of mine can I commit to carrying without complaining? Will I accept help when necessary? Whom can I assist in carrying their own cross?

### Come Join Us for Movie Night!

Episode 1 & 2 of "The Chosen" on September 11th was amazing and "thought provoking!" We hope you will be able to join us again on Wednesday, **September 25th for "Movie Night"** when the next two episodes of season one of "The Chosen" will be shown at 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall here in Montgomery City. Admission is FREE! Popcorn is FREE! (You may want to bring a drink.) Bring a comfortable chair!



### Welcome!

We want to welcome Jo Nolte to our parish family! Recently retired, Jo moved to Montgomery City from the Lake of the Ozarks area. She enjoys being outside, hunting, fishing, and kayaking! Welcome Jo! We look forward to getting to know you!

### No Parking

Please remember to not park in the street facing the MFA gravel lot anytime during harvest season. Trucks hauling grain need room to maneuver on and off the scales.





## Immaculate Conception School News

### Sunday, Sept. 15 - Harvest Picnic

ICS families are encouraged to work the kids' games at the Harvest Picnic. Confirmation students will help Dottie with the older games.

### Sept. 20 - Grandparents Day

Grandparents are invited to attend Mass with their grandchildren on Friday, September 20. Mass time will be at 10am. Then they are welcome to come to the classroom with their grandchildren for activities and lunch. Many students leave school early with their grandparents.

### Sept. 30 - Diocesan Teacher PD

ICS K-8 teachers and principal will attend the Diocesan PD event on Monday, September 30.



### Pick-A-Prize Winners

...and the winner of the September 1st drawing was **the late Sue Kyle!** Her daughter, Janice, chose gift cards to Fast Lane & Casey's. Congratulations Janice! The last winner will be drawn at the Harvest Picnic.

Past winners and prizes include:

- George Boes - \$500.00 gift card to Sams/Walmart
- Angela Keller - \$500.00 gift card to Amazon
- Daryl & Nancy Cobb - \$250.00 Cash/\$250.00 in lottery tickets
- Eileen Lotton - \$500.00 Visa gift card
- Joe Oden - Texas Roadhouse/Olive Garden/Culvers/Sybergs gift cards
- Wesley Cobb - Mystery Prize (\$500.00 in cash!)
- Richard Bainbridge - \$500 Gift Certificate to Montgomery Home & Hardware
- Sydney Peak - \$500.00 Gift Certificate to Yardbirds, LLC
- George Boes - \$500.00 Gift Certificate to Bratcher's
- Bonnie Walker - gift cards to Subway, Dos Primos, Bundy's, 2nd Place, Papa B's Wing Shack, and Rugged Roots.

### Protect Young Eyes

Protect Young Eyes is returning to the Diocese of Jefferson City this month! Following their presentations in our diocese last year, many have been asking for these national speakers to return with updated information.

Free workshops for parents are being held at:

- 5-6:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29, St. Joseph School in Salisbury
- 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 30, Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jeff City

Parents can register for this event at: [diojeffcity.org/pye-registration](http://diojeffcity.org/pye-registration). A workshop for youth ministers, DREs, counselors, Virtue trainers, priests and others serving youth is being held at:

- 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 30, Chancery Office, Jeff City

The registration link for this event is: [diojeffcity.org/protect-young-eyes-workshop/](http://diojeffcity.org/protect-young-eyes-workshop/)



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

**September 22nd** - Fall Festival at Our Lady, Help of Christian Parish in Frankenstein from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**October 6th** - Octoberfest at St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg starting at 11:00 AM

**October 6th** - Fall Festival at St. Mary's Parish in Hawk Point from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM



### IC School Athletic Schedule

**IC School Athletics:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade ICS students are eligible to participate with the public school 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade sports throughout the school year. Fall sports season has started. Tinley Anderson – 8<sup>th</sup> grade is on the middle school volleyball team. All "Home" volleyball games start at 5:30 p.m. with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade game first, followed by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade game, at the R-II Middle School. You are welcome to attend the games to support Tinley, our ICS student! **THANK YOU** for supporting the ICS Middle School athletes! The "Home" games for volleyball are:  
Tues. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>    Tues. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>    Thurs. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

### What would Amendment 3 actually do?

#### Put women at risk

- Health care professional ≠ medical doctor.
- A medical doctor would not be required to approve or perform any abortions.
- A health care professional in Missouri includes nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, and dental hygienists.



**VOTE NO ON 3  
AMENDMENT**

*Safeguard them both*

Learn more at [diojeffcity.org/amendment3](http://diojeffcity.org/amendment3)



### 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.

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

**Resident in Victorian Manor,** 2120 Village Lane, Hermann, MO 65041 - Peggy Gardner



**Please pray for:** Susie Ryan, John Rybacki, Tom Eggering, Clint Cunningham, Avery Penn, Jim Wortmann, Lindsey O'Bryan, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Evelyn Strauss, Larry Brueggemann, Beau Boschenreither, Sheryl Gibbs, Ed Grillo, Tony Wessel, Sr, Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Rae Jean Rhoads, Lucille 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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 my hand.  
 Isaiah 49:15

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 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.



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