# Our Parish community

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#### March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43 / Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 / John 20:1–9 or Mark 16:1–7



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

**JOHN 20:8** 

## Life without a Blankie

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**aith can have the look of high dives** and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one's "blankie." All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who arrive at the tomb but hesitate going in; it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life—like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the look of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection—Jesus' and ours.

### -Reflect

Have you ever experienced life flowing from what appeared to be a death?

# Dear Padre,

### Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from? What about the Easter egg?

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

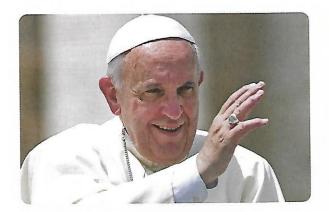


Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb Omne vivum ex ovo, which means, "All life comes from an egg." A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord."

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

#### SATURDAY SUNDAY FRIDAY THURSDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY MONDAY April 7 April 4 April 5 April 6 April 3 April 2 April 1 Octave of Easter Second Sunday Octave of Easter of Easter Acts 4:1-12 Acts 4:13-21 Acts 3:11-26 Acts 3:1-10 Acts 2:14, Acts 2:36-41 (Sunday of Mk 16:9-15 Jn 21:1-14 Lk 24:35-48 77-33 In 20:11-18 lk 24:13-35 Divine Mercy) Mt 28:8-15 Acts 4:32-35 Helping Catholics Apply Gospel Messages Today! 1 Jn 5:1-6

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### **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.

URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE, ROME, APRIL 4, 2021

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## Immaculate Conception Parish Family 163rd YEAR OF SERVICE



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### MARCH 31, 2024 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

#### Mass Intentions



Monday, April 1st Tuesday, April 2nd Wednesday, April 3rd Thursday, April 4th

NO Mass - Montgomery City **NO Mass - Montgomery City** NO Mass - Jonesburg 8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City + Vincent & **Delores Schimweg** 

8:00 AM - Montgomery City + Mary Jay Johnson Friday, April 5th 5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family Saturday, April 6th Sunday, April 7th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Ross Dunlap

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.

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.

#### **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.

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 3rd - \$5,796.00-Church; \$8,062.50-ICS/Daycare; \$13,858.50-Total March 10th - \$3,452.00-Church; \$4,096.00-ICS/Daycare; \$7,548.00-Total March 17th - \$3,231.75-Church; \$6,231.75-ICS/Daycare; \$9,465.75-Total March 24th - \$2,584.00-Church; This information will be posted next week.

#### Thank you for your support!

If you are hospitalized or if you have a family member who is homebound, please call the office/rectory at 573-564-2375.

### 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

	Bishop		
Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM	McKnight's April
Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Jerry Witthaus	— prayer intention for our Local
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Geri Park	Church is:
Communion Minister	Dennis Cobb	Jack Wells	For a greater awareness of and respect for our
Ministers of Hospitality	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Steve & Beth Cobb	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman	common home in building an authentic human
Servers	Lila Broz Reed Pottebaum	Ella Hans Elizabeth Schierhoff	ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers	creation in
Money Counters	Judy Cobb Don & Sandy Oakes	Megan Hans Chris & Carla Parker	defending all human life.

#### Weekly Mass Schedule

#### **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

Monday, April 1st	NO Mass - Montgomery City	Monday, April 1st	
Tuesday, April 2nd	NO Mass - Montgomery City	Tuesday, April 2nd	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration NO Benediction & Devotion to
		_	Divine Mercy
Wednesday, April 3rd	NO Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, April 3rd	6:00 PM - Home & School Meeting 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, April 4th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Thursday, April 4th	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass
Friday, April 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Friday, April 5th	
Saturday, April 6th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)	Saturday, April 6th	
Sunday, April 7th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)	Sunday, April 7th	After 10:00 AM Mass - Youth Group Meeting in ICS Basement 3:00 PM - Service of Divine Mercy at IC Church

#### Wedding Anniversary

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

Richard & Gayle Adams - 35 years of marriage on April 1st Randy & Eileen Lotton - 38 years of marriage on April 4th

#### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	20.00		
Retirement for Priests & Religious	\$	50.00		
Easter Flowers	\$	25.00		
This information will be updated next week.				

#### **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.

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#### Joyous Easter!

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Through his Resurrection, the gates of heaven were opened so one day we will rise with Christ in eternal life. Share the joy of Easter all year long, giving God thanks by the way you live and respond to him each day.









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#### **Easter Sunday** of the **Resurrection of the Lord**

Today we gather in joy to celebrate the holiest and most wonderful of days: Easter Sunday. Jesus, who sacrificed his life on behalf of us all, has been raised from the dead.

Alleluia! This is the day that gives meaning to Jesus' suffering and death and in turn to our own. Suffering and death are not the end. Jesus has lead the way to his Father for all eternity. How appropriate that we gather today for the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we give thanks to the Lord for the ultimate sacrifice he made for our sins. In the Eucharist, we receive his Body and Blood, more closely uniting us with him, now and eternally. Let us celebrate the Eucharist on this blessed day as we are reborn in the Lord.

#### **Ouestion of the Week**

How has the Resurrection transformed my life? How can it continue to do so?

#### **Easter Special Collection**

As we celebrate Easter today, we are conducting a special collection for retired priests and religious. Please prayerfully reflect and consider making this a part of your giving this Easter. If it's easier, you can bring your gift to our parish office or put it in the locked mailbox in the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **ICS "Spring Special"**

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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, xylo-



phones 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)

#### Immaculate Conception School News



March 28th-April 2nd - Easter Break April 3rd - Home & School Meeting @ 6:00 pm April 4th - Prayer Partner Mass April 11th - Diocesan Spelling Bee April 19th - Spring Special @ 6:00 pm-KC Hall April 24th - 7/8 Grade Sketch Day @ Jefferson City April 27th - ICS Dinner Dance

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.

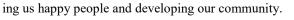
#### **ICS Recruitment Committee**

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.

#### Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus Council 2044 is thankful for the help of our parish in the success of our Lenten Fish Fries. Specifically the Ladies Auxiliary, Immaculate Conception Home and School, and the Council of the Knights. Thank you for all of the desserts! We averaged 615 meals a week for a new record total of 3756 meals. We thank God for send-





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

April 9th - Starkenburg Mo - Second Tuesday Mass - Reconciliation at 11:00 AM; Rosary at 11:40 AM, Mass at 12 Noon followed by lunch (\$10.00)

#### **Head Count for March**

March 2nd - 52 March 9th - 97 March 16th - 70 March 23rd - 87 March 30th - March 3rd - 126 March 10th - 85 March 17th -112 March 24th - 110 March 31st

#### Grand Total for March -

#### Thank You!



The Society of St. Vincent dePaul would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our parish family for contributing to our mission to help those in need.

In March 2004 our little conference had its start. This means we are celebrating 20 years of service to those less fortunate in Montgomery County. Thanks to the generosity of our parish, we are able to help others with rent, utilities and household items.

All people search for peace withing themselves, needing the assurance of their worth. The work of the SSVDP is the gospel message -I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was a stranger, I was naked, I was sick, I was in prison, and you cared!

If you feel that this could be your mission to help others, contact Dianne Talley, President at 573-590-3158.

## Prayer Partner Mass Date Change

May Prayer Partner Mass will be on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. followed by brunch at ICS.

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: Jim Wortmann, Lindsey O'Bryan, Michael Hanneken, Evelyn Strauss, Maxine Witte, Larry Brueggemann, Rosemary Brower, Beau Boschenreither (son of Cameron & Carolyn Bethel Boschenreither) Darrel Prior, 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.



## **OUTLINE OF DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**

Immaculate Conception/St. Patrick Churches

### 3:00 PM

## Sunday, April 7, 2024

- 1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2. Readings from the Diary of St. Faustina
- 3. Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 4. Opportunity for Confessions/Private time for Prayers & Reflection
- 5. Benediction

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

#### 3:00pm April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday is a beautiful Feast Day celebrated within the Catholic Church on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus. Pope John Paul both canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska and declared in his homily of that day his own desire that the Second Sunday of Easter be designated Divine Mercy Sunday. He wanted to make this Feast Day a special "refuge and shelter" for the "consolation" of souls.

In Diary entry 1517, Jesus said: "the Feast of My Mercy has issued forth from My very depths for the consolation of the whole world". In short, Jesus gave us this Feast as both a comfort and a lifeline for souls.

Jesus said to St. Faustina: (Diary entry 699).

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout eternity.

Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

From these words of our Lord, it should be clear who is invited to the Feast of Mercy.

On this day, Jesus promised to open the floodgate of his inexhaustible mercy and shower abundant grace on those who participate in this feast day.

A plenary indulgence is granted to those who obtain the Sacrament of Confession (either 8 days before the feast day or 8 days after), receive Holy Communion on the feast day, and prays for the intentions of the Holy Father. {A plenary indulgence is where ALL temporal punishment is removed from the soul- complete forgiveness of sin AND punishment-Praise God, Halleluiah!}.



## **Immaculate Conception School**

407 West Third Montgomery City, MO 63361 www.icschool-mc.org 573.564.2679

March 27, 2024

6 PM: DOOTES OPEN 6:30PM: DINNETZ 7:30-11:30PM: DANCE/LIVE AUCTION

## Message from Ms. Schroeder

ICS is now enrolling for the 2024-25 school year. If your family worked their 3 assigned fish frys PLUS sent in the desserts your family will receive \$50 off registration. If you combine that with early registration you can save \$75 or more towards registration.

ICS is hosting a Dinner Dance on April 27 at the KC Hall. Tickets are available in the school office. **We are asking that all families send in an adult beverage to the school office or \$10 so that the committee can shop for you. Also, if you have any items lying around at home for the "Trash or Treasure" grab bag game, please send them to the school office.** 

The Spring Special is on April 19 at 6pm at the KC Hall. Please send in gallon size or larger ice cream containers for the music class to use during the concert.

*Easter Break is scheduled for March 28 through April 2. We will return to school Wednesday, April 3. Please join us on April 3 at 6pm for our Home & School Meeting.* 

ICS has been making strides to make our school safer for students and staff. We now have indoor and outdoor security cameras, keyless entry with camera and intercom, and 3M protective film added to the glass entrance doors. New classroom doors and locks will be installed very soon!

### **Important Dates:**

Mar. 28-Apr. 2- Easter Break

Apr. 3- Home & School Meeting @ 6pm

Apr. 4- Prayer Partner Mass

Apr. 11- Dioscean Spelling Bee

Apr. 19- Spring Special @ 6pm-KC Hall

Apr. 24- 7/8 Grade Sketch Day @ Jefferson City

Apr. 27- ICS Dinner Dance

May 1- Home & School Meeting @ 6pm

May 2- 8th Grade Mass @ St. Joseph Cathedral

May 9- Prayer Partner Mass

May 17- 8th Grade Promotion

May 20- School In Session (PE Day)

May 23- Last Day of School-Noon Dismissal



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