

My Son, My Daughter

Who was not asked, at the dawn of young adulthood, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Today there are so many options for girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us, or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up, or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and into Ordinary Time, when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciple do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start

anew. Today's Gospel passage places Jesus before us as a model to follow. He is at the threshold of his ministry. Stepping out of the waters of the Jordan, he is told: "You are my beloved Son." As Son, his role is to bring God's goodness to the world. Through baptism and profession of faith, we too are filled with God's spirit. We too are beloved sons and daughters of God, called to bring God's goodness to the world. What does this mean for us? To what kind of lives does this call us? What do we want to be when we grow up?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?*
- ★ *Look deep within yourself. To what might God be calling you?*



And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." MARK 1:11

Dear Padre,

My fiancée was baptized in the Lutheran Church. If she becomes Catholic, will she be baptized again?

A person can be validly baptized only once, whether in or out of the Catholic Church. Catholics believe three things are necessary for a valid baptism: baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; flowing water; and the intention of the “minister” to baptize using the form (words of the Trinitarian formula) and matter (flowing water) needed for a valid baptism.

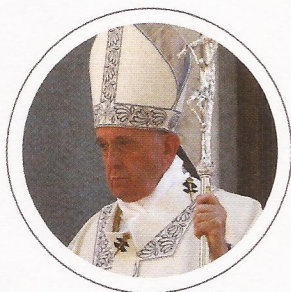
Orthodox and most Protestant baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church. However, the Catholic Church does not recognize as valid baptisms performed by Christian communities that don’t believe in the Trinity—Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons, for example. These communities may use the same matter (flowing water), but they don’t have the same form (Trinitarian formula) or intention in their baptism.

If your fiancée decides to become Catholic, she will need to attend Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions, make her first Communion and reconciliation, and be confirmed, but she has already been validly baptized and will not need to be baptized again.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To baptize a child is an act of justice toward them. Why? Because at baptism we offer a treasure, at baptism we offer a pledge: the Holy Spirit. Baptism endows the child with the strength of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit that will defend and assist each of them throughout life.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 12, 2020

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 11

Weekday

Heb 1:1–6

Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday

JANUARY 12

Weekday

Heb 2:5–12

Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

Heb 2:14–18

Mk 1:29–39

Thursday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

Heb 3:7–14

Mk 1:40–45

Friday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

Heb 4:1–5, 11

Mk 2:1–12

Saturday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

Heb 4:12–16

Mk 2:13–17

Sunday

JANUARY 17

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c–15a,

17–20

Jn 1:35–42



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JANUARY 10, 2021 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 11th

NO MASS

5:30 Mass - Montgomery City +Grant Gardner

Wednesday, January 13th

8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg

Thursday, January 14th

8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill Worland

Friday, January 15th

8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Eugene Milzark

Saturday, January 16th

5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Vincent & Delores Schimweg

Sunday, January 17th

8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg

10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report: Income Expenses Difference
December 2020 \$53,698.42 \$41,521.65 \$12,176.77 **Fiscal Year July - Dec. 2020-21** \$291,481.66 \$270,011.03 \$21,470.63 **Needed Weekly - \$** 11,835.50

January 3rd - \$ 10,691.50

January 10th - \$

January 17th - \$

January 24th - \$

January 31st - \$

Last Week's Envelopes: 58 of 179

With God all things are possible

(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 to 4:10 PM Saturday or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated during Mass or at another arranged time. Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Hartley.

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 exit 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 January 16th & 17th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	<u>No ministries will be assigned at this time.</u>	
Children's Liturgy		
Communion Ministers		
Ministers of Hospitality		
Servers		
Gift Bearers		
Money Counters		

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

For those seeking employment; that through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, January 11th	NO MASS
Tuesday, January 12th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, January 13th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, January 14th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, January 15th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, January 16th	5:00 PM - Mass - Montgomery City
Sunday, January 17th	8:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, January 11th	7:00 PM - RCIA
Tuesday, January 12th	1:00 PM -KOC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 PM - Worship & Spiritual Mtg.
Wednesday, January 13th	
Thursday, January 14th	
Friday, January 15th	
Saturday, January 9th	5:00 PM - RCIA Rite of Acceptance
Sunday, January 17th	9:30 AM - 3rd/4th Grade PSR Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

Steve & Kathy Holtz - 48 years of marriage on January 13th

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvement	\$ 25.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 1,500.00
Special Collections:	
Holydays	\$ 505.00
First Offering	\$ 145.00
Seminary	\$ 75.00

Knights of Columbus News



The Knights of Columbus Annual Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021, from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM. It will be drive-thru ONLY! Bulk sausage sales on Sunday will utilize the drive-thru line. Only Knights will be allowed in the building!

Bulk sausage sales will be on the Friday, January 22, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on Saturday, January 23, 2021, from 8:00 AM until Noon at the KOC hall. People wanting to buy bulk sausage on these two days may enter the hall.

February 19, 2021 is the first fish fry. Information on it will be forth coming.

We appreciate the support received from our fellow parishioners on our fundraising events!

Our Condolences

Don Benney of our parish passed peacefully surrounded by his family on January 3, 2021. We offer our prayers and condolences to his family, Dennis & Jean Benney and Tom & Kaye Benney, and his sister Evelyn Pool, all of our parish family during this difficult time. A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Benney will be on Monday, January 11th at 10:00 a.m. with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception:

Since I have had the opportunity to offer the Masses over the week-end here in the parish, I have officially made the first step in offering you my services as your new pastor. I hope that this is the beginning of coming to know you and to help this parish to grow and flourish in the days, weeks, months and years to come. It is not always easy to leave an assignment behind and to begin again, especially when you are about to collect Social Security, but I hope that all of you will be patient with me as I get settled in and as I begin the work that will help all of us to come to know, love and serve Our Lord as He wants us to do.

I have been ordained for 40 years this coming May, and I have been in 10 other parishes, so I hope that all those years and assignments have helped me to be a better priest, one who will take responsibility for the care of your souls. Please pray for me that that is the case, as I will pray for you each day.

Just a little bit about myself. I grew up in Booneville, Missouri for most of my life, although my father as in the Air Force and we traveled from Colorado Springs where I was born, to Anchorage, Alaska and back to Missouri. I have two sisters and one brother, and I am the oldest. I attended Rockhurst College in Kansas City and receive a Bachelors degree in Philosophy and Theology, and then attended St. John's Seminary in Collegeville, Minnesota where I received a Masters of Divinity degree. I was ordained in 1981 and have served at Immaculate Conception, Jefferson City, Church of the Risen Savior in Rhineland along with the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg, St. Andrew's in Tipton, St. Mary's in Shelby, Immaculate Conception in Owensville, St. George in Linn, Immaculate Conception in Macon, St. Michael in Kahoka, and the Shrine of St. Patrick in St. Patrick, Sacred Heart in Vandalia, and St. Mary's in Glasgow. As you can see, the Blessed Mother has watched over me in so many of my assignments and I pray that She will continue to help me in my work here in your midst.

I hope that you will introduce yourselves so that I can put names and faces together so that I can come to recognize you and help me to get acquainted with all of you good people. God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Father Paul M. Hartley

Immaculate Conception School News



Jan. 8- Christmas classroom parties
Jan. 15- Noon dismissal/Teacher Professional Development
Jan. 15-17- Winter Weekend Crop @ KC
Hall Jan. 18- No School MLK Day

ECLC Happenings

Thank you to everyone who brought in gifts for the ECLC classroom. We really appreciate it! May you have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

IC Scrip Program



Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. The percentage will vary from one company to another but there is no extra charge to you. A \$25 card costs you \$25. Why not let some of your money that you would spend anyway go to a good cause? There are a few ways to obtain the cards. You may purchase physical cards at the school or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. **You may also go online to www.ShopWithScrip.com to create an account to purchase e-cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for physical cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**

Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update



2021 - \$12,000.00 Parish Goal

Committed	\$ Received	% of Goal	Over(Under)
\$8,765.00	\$5,230.00	43.58	(\$6,770.00)



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Scholarships Available

Applications for the 2021-2022 [Simon Scholarship](http://di-jeffcity.org/scholarship) are being accepted through March 31, 2021. Applications can be acquired through the pastor or parish life collaborator or may be downloaded at di-jeffcity.org/scholarship.

Women's Ministry Video Series

The Women's Ministry of Jefferson City was established to help the women of our diocese connect with each other so that we can support each other in our spiritual journeys. We find inspiration and comfort in praying with each other, in talking with each other, and in sharing the stories of our faith journeys. Some of the women of our diocese have shared their stories in podcasts. These stories (diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/reflections-from-within/) are from ordinary women doing the best they can to serve their families, their parishes, their communities and, above all, their God. Their experiences tell our story, too, about times of sorrow, challenges, hope, faith, love and joy. Each week, there will be a new podcast on this website. Let us go to our favorite resting places with our favorite beverages and spend some time with our sisters in Christ by listening to these podcasts.

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

January 15-17, 2021 - ICS Home & School Crop (Scrapbooking/
Craft Event)
January 24, 2021 - Knight of Columbus Sausage Dinner

Card Shower for Fr. Austin

Since our parish was not able to give Fr. Austin a proper "send off" to his new assignment, a card shower was suggested to thank him for his service to our parish and wish him well. If you would like to participate, you can drop your card off at the office, the basket in the back of church, or mail it to him at: St. Joseph Parish, 408 E. Kellett St., Martinsburg, MO 65264.

Capital Campaign Information



The Capital Campaign Committee would like to share our current totals on expenses and income.

We certainly appreciate your generosity in a crazy year like we have had.

Total in pledges and donations: \$200,000

Expenses to date:

Postage - \$155.00
Max Care (evaluation of mold/water damage to basement) -90.00
Tuck Pointing - \$26,500.00
Roof - \$39,000.00

Total expenses: \$65,755.00

We have been paid \$20,038.19 in an insurance claim on the roof and are waiting for the remaining \$4,716.55.

Our actual bank balance is now \$87,524.19. Of that balance, \$20,000.00 was donated specifically for work on the altars. So our working balance is **\$67,524.19**.

We hope to move forward on our other two outside projects as soon as weather allows in the spring. New concrete and a new church entrance are next on the list. Once we have completed the other two outside projects, that balance will be nearing 0. As we move forward with our campaign, we hope more of you will continue to consider contributions towards our Capital Campaign. We are proud of our progress but have a long way to go. Again, we appreciate your prayerful consideration.

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 - Susan Ryan

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Nick Schneider, John Goodwin, Marlene Cunningham, Mackenzie Hagemeyer, Julie Thielmeier, Don Benney, Susan Schipper, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Angela Witthaus Keller, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jo Scott, Bobby Cochran, Mary Hertel, Joshua Cochran, Anita Jones, Jim Cochran, Jr., Jim Cochran, Sr., and Lynn Cunningham Duncan.



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Travis Thebeau, Jacob Merz, Daniel Lohmann, Jared Korman, Tom Kraust, Tim O'Fallon, Brandon Benney, Gary Frey, John Burce, Chris Burce, Jacob Jones, Matt Vedder, Michel James, Michael Adams, and John Martin.



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