

Wising Up

There are various kinds of wisdom: the kind you get by watching carefully to discover how something works, or by learning from a mistake; the wisdom in taking advice from someone and not making the mistake he made; the political, social, or religious wisdom learned by those who work in these vocations. There is also wisdom that is just beyond our reach, the kind that is found only in God.

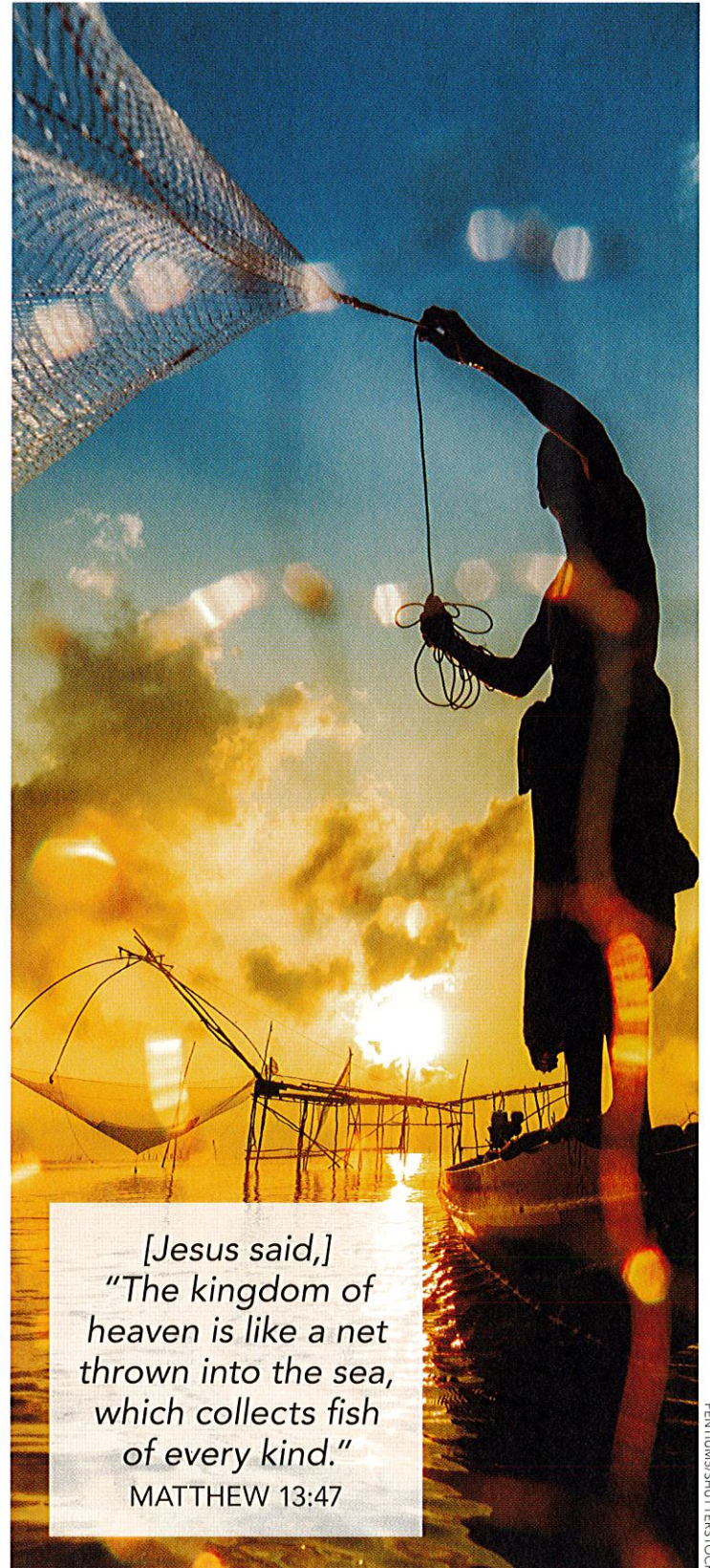
This Sunday's readings discuss various kinds of wisdom. King Solomon asks for "a listening heart" (1 Kings 3:9), the knowledge needed to rule his people wisely. He is told he can ask for anything: long life, riches, security from his enemies, all blessings that would certainly benefit him. Instead he asks for something to benefit his people. It seems he is wise enough to know he needs such wisdom. The psalm response praises the law, the religious tradition that provides instruction for living a life of holiness and thus reaping the rewards of such a life.

The parable in the Gospel describes various life situations in which decisions have to be made. In the first two instances, a question is posed: What is the kingdom of heaven worth to you? What are you willing to give up in order to attain it? The third depicts fishing with a net, a very strenuous task. A question here might be: Are you willing to work hard at this? Are you discerning in separating good actions from bad? It takes real wisdom to answer such questions.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Do you recognize the true value of our religious tradition? How do you show that?
- ★ Who are the wise people in your life? How did they get their wisdom?



[Jesus said,]
 "The kingdom of
 heaven is like a net
 thrown into the sea,
 which collects fish
 of every kind."
 MATTHEW 13:47

Dear Padre,

Should we send our child to a Catholic school? Luckily, we can afford it. But what are the advantages?

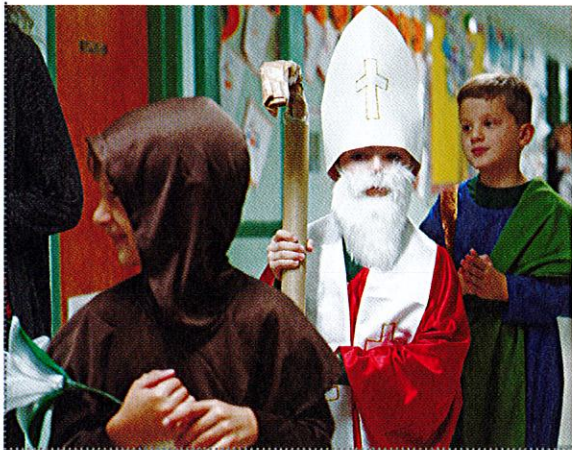
In a Catholic school your child will be exposed to faith development and to religious, moral, and disciplinary values that some public schools can't impart. This is in addition to a high-quality general education. A 2019 study by the National Center for Education Statistics shows that the all-important math and reading assessments for Catholic school fourth- and eighth-graders surpassed those of their public school cohorts.

A well-run Catholic school can offer your child an educational experience and life formation based on the message, values, and principles of Jesus Christ. These are the preeminent reasons to choose a Catholic school. You want your child to hear the story of Jesus, to know and admire him, to grow up as one of his devoted friends and disciples.

Children need to see the message of Jesus lived out enthusiastically by their parents, teachers, and the adult faith community, of which the school is a part. Catholic schools will teach a value system clearly rooted in Jesus' gospel message. The children will discover that God's creation is good, to

be respected and cared for. The children will sense and appreciate their own intrinsic worth as human beings and the dignity of everyone. They will develop sensitivity to the poor and less fortunate. In short, children need the faith formation that a Catholic school offers.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

How nice it is to feel that our school, or the places where we gather, are a second home....School then ends up being one big family. A family where, together with our mothers and fathers, our grandparents, our teachers and friends, we learn to help one another, to share our good qualities, to give the best of ourselves.

—OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS SCHOOL, HARLEM, NY,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2015



Calendar

Monday

JULY 27

Weekday

Jer 13:1–11

Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday

JULY 28

Weekday

Jer 14:17–22

Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

JULY 29

St. Martha

Jer 15:10, 16–21

Jn 11:19–27

or Lk 10:38–42

Thursday

JULY 30

Weekday

Jer 18:1–6

Mt 13:47–53

Friday

JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola,
Priest

Jer 26:1–9

Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Jer 26:11–16, 24

Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

AUGUST 2

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1–3

Rom 8:35, 37–39

Mt 14:13–21



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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb- President; Michael Auchly-Vice-President; Secretary-Open, Julie Beck, Dennis Benney, Janet Cobb, Laura Yelton

JULY 26, 2020 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 27th **No Mass**
 Tuesday, July 28th 5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
 Wednesday, July 29th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
 Thursday, July 30th **8:00 AM Mass** - Montgomery City
 +Claire Benney
 Friday, July 31st 7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg
 Saturday, August 1st **5:00 PM Mass** - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
 Sunday, August 2nd 7:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
 9:00 AM Mass - Martinsburg
11:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill & Diane Auchly



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
June 2020	\$54,786.90	\$109,322.34	(\$54,535.44)
Fiscal Year July - June 19-20	\$620,379.80	\$619,757.70	\$622.10
Needed Weekly	\$ Budget not finalized.		
July 5 -	\$ 12,673.22		
July 12 -	\$ 7,664.16		
July 19 -	\$ 5,068.00		
July 26 -	\$		

Last Week's Envelopes: 55 of 179

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

With God all things are possible

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30 to 4:50 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. Austin.

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.

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 August 1st and August 2nd

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 11:00 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 July prayer intention for our Local Church is:

For the unity of our country: that the God of truth may open our hearts to the truth of the Gospel, that peace may rule our hearts, and that justice may guide our nation of one people of many races.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, July 27th	No Mass 7:00 PM - St. Vincent DePaul - School Library
Tuesday, July 28th	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville 6:15 PM - School Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 29th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
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Father Austin's Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 27th	Father's Day Off
Tuesday, July 28th	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville 6:15 PM - School Board Meeting Montgomery City
Wednesday, July 29th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
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Wedding Anniversary



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

*Tony & Laverne Wessel - 60 years of marriage on July 30th.
Dennis & Peggy Kleine - 44 years of marriage on July 31st.*

Additional Financial Information

SBA (Small Business Administration - Covid-19)	\$ 27,368.41
Capital Improvement	\$ 70.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$.00
Special Collections:	
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 15.00
Assumption	\$ 15.00
Catholic MO	\$ 14.00

Last week a new air conditioner unit was installed in the school cafeteria. The air conditioner duct in the school library needs to have additional work done on it. The roof materials have arrived for the school roof. The installation of the new school roof is forth coming. These expenses were made out of the Capital Improvement Collections.

Capital Campaign Committee Update



Our current balance in donations and pledges is \$194,316. Thanks to everyone for their prayerful consideration in moving forward with our Capital Campaign.

St. Vincent DePaul Meeting

The next meeting for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be held on:

Monday, July 27th
7:00 PM
School Library



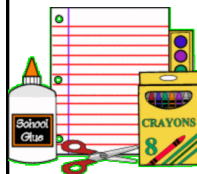
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Diocesan Mission Collection

Last weekend our parishes in-pew contributions were \$660.00. The local people of India, Africa, Latin American, and the Philippines thank you for your generous support. If you are interested in learning more about the Missions, or how the money is used, write to development @diojeffcity.org. If you missed the opportunity to support the appeal, you can still contribute by going online to <http://diojeffcity.org/donate/> and choosing Missions.

Back to School Supply Campaign



The Human Resource Council of Montgomery County is hosting the 13th Annual Back to School Supply Campaign on August 1, 2020. It will be held on August 1, 2020 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. If you want to make a donation for this worthy cause, please contact Anna Powell at 573-544-5645.

If you would like to donate school supply items, the following are needed:

Child safety scissors	#2 Pencils	Box of 24 crayons
2 Large pink erasers	1 Pencil box	1 Bottle hand sanitizer
1 Bottle white glue	4 Glue sticks	1 Pkg dry erase markers
2 Pkg wide ruled loose leaf paper		
2 Large boxes of Kleenex		

Pre-registration of any Pre-K through 12th grade students needing supplies in Montgomery City and Bellflower may contact Anna Powell at 573-544-5645.

This year pick up will be Drive Thru only. Please see the flyer in the church foyer for additional information for Wellsville-Middletown, High Hill, Jonesburg and New Florence Students.

Immaculate Conception School News



School starts on August 19, 2020.

ECLC Happenings

Do you hear children laughing, yelling and talking when you drive by the school? That is because those are the sounds of our children happily at play. One of the ways children learn to acclimate themselves to the environment they live in is to interact with other children. The ECLC staff does a fabulous job of helping our children learn about the world they live in. Thank you ECLC staff.



IC Scrip Program - 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. There are a few ways to obtain the cards. **You may go on line to www.ShopWithScrip.com Enrollment code: 676419AC74L7, purchase them at the school office or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month.** If you have any questions, you may call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.



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Election of Deans

After consulting by way of ballot the priests of the deaneries with vacancies due to recent changes in assignments, I am pleased to announce the following deans to fulfill the terms expiring in May 2023:

- Rev. Msgr. David D. Cox, Kirksville Deanery
- Very Rev. P. Gregory Oligschlaeger, Hannibal Deanery
- Very Rev. Anthony Rinaldo, Westphalia Deanery
- Very Rev. Gregory Meystrik, Rolla Deanery

The Catholic Woman's Guide to Making and Keeping Fabulous, Faith-filled Friends

Led by Whitney Lammers on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, July 8 – Aug. 8. More information and registration are available at <https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2020/05/18/the-friendship-project-the-catholic-womans-guide-to-making-and-keeping-fabulous-faith-filled-friends/>.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Anyone who is a teacher, volunteer or work around children is required to take VIRTUS training. To register for this class go to Virtus Online. Click on *First Time Registrant*. View the list of sessions by selecting Jefferson City in the drop down box. You will be prompted to sign a Code of Conduct, also. This class will not be offered at the school this year. You will need to take it on line. Once you complete the class, make sure to let the school office know.

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

No events have been scheduled at this time.

Mentored in Christ

Mentored in Christ, a full-day workshop for anyone serving a catechetical role in parish or Catholic school ministry, will be offered Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral Undercroft in Jefferson City. Light breakfast and full lunch are provided and there is no cost to participate.

This workshop will examine the power of mentored formation in catechetical ministry. Participants will explore the vital role that relationship and mentoring play in catechetical formation, and explore how the new Franciscan at Home online learning platform can help foster mentored formation using online learning and local mentoring. This seminar is open to anyone serving in a catechetical role: DREs, catechists, Catholic school teachers or administrators, youth ministers, RCIA leaders, clergy, and parents!

Moratorium on use of music by David Haas

Recently multiple accusations of sexual abuse and spiritual manipulation have been made against the composer/songwriter David Haas. GIA Publications has suspended its sponsorship and publishing relationship with Haas. The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is no longer providing him a letter of suitability. Other music publishers have followed suit, and women continue to come forward with additional accusations. On July 8, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis announced that it will not use Haas' compositions at archdiocesan Masses.

After consultation and review of the situation, I have decided a moratorium must be placed on using any David Haas music throughout our diocese. Please ensure that your musicians and song leaders are informed of this. Even though his musical works may already be in your hymns or purchased material, please refrain from using them going forward. Of course, we encourage anyone who has experienced sexual abuse or harassment, whether by David Haas, or any member of the church, to come forward. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of David Haas' music, please contact Father Dan Merz, chair of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

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: John Goodwin, Marlene Cunningham, Mackenzie Hagemeyer, Julie Thielmeier, Don Benney, Susan Schipper, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Angela Witthaus Keller, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jack Scott, 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 Veder, Michel James, Michael Adams, and John Martin.



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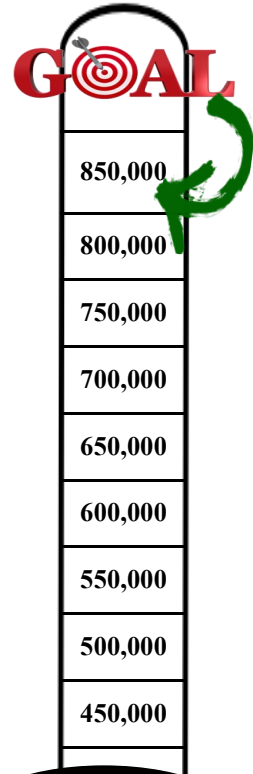
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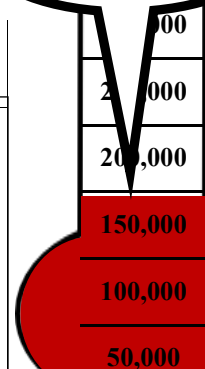
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