



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

Rev 5:11–14

Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



[Jesus] then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."  
JOHN 21:16

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## Do You Love Me?

**Three times Jesus asked Simon Peter:** "Do you love me?" (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward, "Yes!" Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words: "You know...." With these words he acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that he knew Peter's genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith.

This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus' way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus, but by

the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- \* *What have you learned about yourself from your mistakes?*
- \* *In what ways have you been given a second chance?*

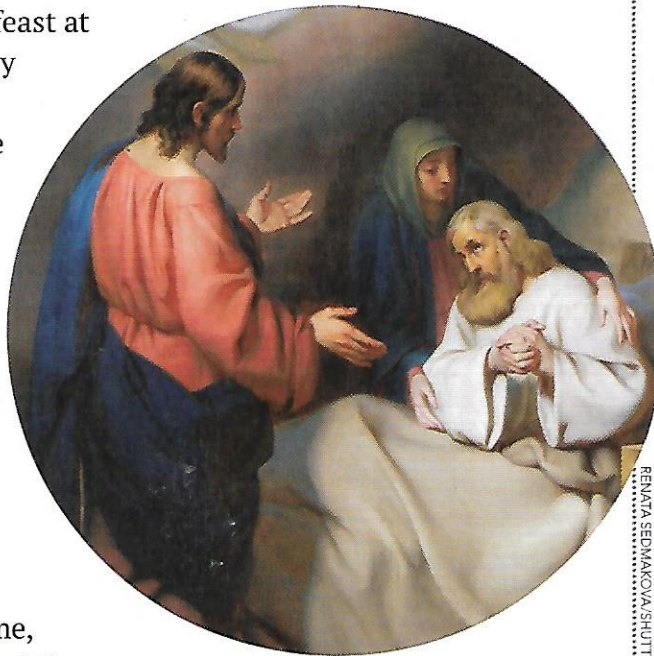
# Dear Padre,

## Where was St. Joseph during Jesus' crucifixion?

**I**t's impossible to know for certain when Joseph died, since the Gospels don't refer to it. By the time Jesus starts his public ministry, Joseph had disappeared. We know for sure that Joseph lived at least until Jesus was twelve (see Luke 2:42). While Joseph scholars have many ideas, most believe Joseph probably died around the time of Jesus'

baptism and before the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus was about thirty years old (see Luke 3:23). That's because Mary is mentioned at the wedding feast, but Joseph is not (see John 2:1-12). And, while Jesus is preaching, the only ones looking for him are his "mother and brothers" (see Matthew 12:46-49, Mark 3:32-34, and Luke 8:19-21).

Finally, while dying on the cross, Jesus entrusts his mother to the disciple John, who took her to his home (see John 19:27). If Joseph had been alive at the time, this wouldn't have been necessary. Thus, it's entirely likely that Joseph died with Jesus and Mary at his side, giving his death great significance in popular devotion. From ancient times, Christian traditions have held that Joseph died in the arms of the Virgin and Jesus. The origins of Joseph as the patron of a happy death can be seen as early as the second century.



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services....Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.*

PATRIS CORDE, DECEMBER 8, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 2

*St. Athanasius,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*

Acts 6:8-15

Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday

MAY 3

*Sts. Philip and James,  
Apostles*

1 Cor 15:1-8

Jn 14:6-14

### Wednesday

MAY 4

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 8:1b-8

Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday

MAY 5

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 8:26-40

Jn 6:44-51

### Friday

MAY 6

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 9:1-20

Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday

MAY 7

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 9:31-42

Jn 6:60-69

### Sunday

MAY 8

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Rv 7:9, 14b-17

Jn 10:27-30

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a question for  
the Padre?**

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# Immaculate Conception Parish Family

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## MAY 1, 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Mass Intentions

Monday, May 2nd  
Tuesday, May 3rd

**NO Mass - Montgomery City**  
**5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City**  
**+Claire Benny**

Wednesday, May 4th  
Thursday, May 5th

**8: 30 AM Mass - Jonesburg**  
**8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City**  
**+August & Joan Bloebaum**

Friday, May 6th  
Saturday, May 7th  
Sunday, May 8th

**8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Robert Merz**  
**5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville**  
**8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg**  
**10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - All Mothers**



July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

| Church & School Financial Report:     | Income       | Expenses     | Difference  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>March 2022</b>                     | \$58,446.56  | \$43,417.50  | \$15,029.06 |
| <b>Fiscal Year July-March 2021-22</b> | \$542,924.08 | \$468,972.36 | \$73,951.72 |
| <b>Needed Weekly - \$ 12,995.00</b>   |              |              |             |
| April 3rd - \$13,399.75               |              |              |             |
| April 10th - \$10,642.75              |              |              |             |
| April 17th - \$11,251.15              |              |              |             |
| April 24th - \$ 9,973.50              |              |              |             |

Last Week's Envelopes: 57 of 189

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

*Thank you!! With God all things are possible!*

**Parish Membership:** Call the parish office to register.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Mass

**Sacrament of Baptism:** 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.

### 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 May 8th

| Ministries               | Saturday, 5:30 PM | Sunday, 10:00 AM                             |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Lector                   | NO MASS           | Jerry Witthaus                               |
| Children's Liturgy       | NO MASS           | None at this time                            |
| Communion Minister       | NO MASS           | Jacob Lotton                                 |
| Ministers of Hospitality | NO MASS           | Jeff & Amanda Arens<br>Pat & Janet Stumbaugh |
| Servers                  | NO MASS           | Kendra Rakers<br>Chase Queathem              |
| Gift Bearers             | NO MASS           | Hospitality Ministers                        |
| Money Counters           | NO MASS           | Dottie Brueggen<br>Debbie Heidelberger       |

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

For all expectant mothers, biological and adoptive; that through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, they may prepare for the new life in the womb and may receive the support of a nurturing community of faith in the raising of their children.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

|  |   |                    |   |
|--|---|--------------------|---|
| Monday, May 2nd                            | <b>NO MASS</b>  | Monday, May 2nd    | 7:00 PM - St. Vincent DePaul  |
| Tuesday, May 3rd                           | <b>5:30 PM MASS - Montgomery City</b>   | Tuesday, May 3rd   | 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration   |
| Wednesday, May 4th                         | 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg  | Wednesday, May 4th | 1:00 PM-6:00 PM KC Blood Drive<br>6:00 PM - Home & School<br>7:30 PM - Knight of Columbus |
| Thursday, May 5th                          | <b>8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass &amp; May Crowning - Montgomery City</b>             | Thursday, May 5th  |   |
| Friday, May 6th                            | <b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>   | Friday, May 6th    |   |
| Saturday, May 7th                          | 5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville   | Saturday, May 7th  |   |
| Sunday, May 8th<br>( <b>Mother's Day</b> ) | 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg<br><b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)</b> | Sunday, May 8th    | Happy Mother's Day!!  |

### Wedding Anniversary



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

*John & Ruth Schneider - 54 years of marriage on May 4th*

### Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements                      \$    45.00

Special Collections:

Infirm Priests Fund                         \$    15.00

Catholic Home Missions                    \$  386.00

### May Crowning



Please join us on May 5th at the 8:00 AM Mass when the students from Immaculate Conception School will be honoring our Blessed Virgin Mother in a May Crowning.



### Mother's Day Rose Fundraiser

Birtheright will be selling long-stem silk roses for \$2.00 a rose after Sunday morning Mass on Mother's Day, May 8th.

### Congratulations First Communicants!



Congratulations to Leyla Beabout, Natalie Beabout, and Brady Craven who are receiving their First Holy Communion today during Mass. What an exciting day for these children and their families!



### Rosary Rally



On Saturday, May 14th at Noon, there will be a Rosary Rally at church. It is in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and her appearance to the 3 children in Fatima Portugal. We will also be praying for the intention of our country. Please bring a lawn chair. If the weather is favorable, the rosary will be said outside by Mary's statue. We hope you will be able to join us!

### St. Vincent dePaul News



The St. Vincent dePaul Society would like to THANK our parish family for the generous donations given to help those less fortunate. It is hard to believe that in March, we celebrated our 18th year as a service to our community. We were able to help 186 with visits and services and 43 people with furniture in 2021.

We had to temporarily discontinue the Meal-A-Month collection due to COVID and church renovations. We are ready to resume our monthly collections this weekend. The bags will be passed out after Mass on April 24th. Please return the bags the next Sunday. Items suggested are nonexpired canned goods, cereal, cleaning products, paper products, personal hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, combs, etc.

Our SVDP Gift Shop is up and running again. Please stop by and check out the many items we have for First Communion and Baptisms, Crucifixes, Bibles, Rosaries, and much more.

Let us praise you in the way you love best by shining on those around us. Let us preach without preaching, not by words but by our example. Be the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bears to you. Amen!

## Immaculate Conception School News



Immaculate Conception School Early Bird Registration will end on May 20. Please register your child now for the extra savings.

May 3rd - 5th Grade Stevens Farm field trip  
May 4th - 5/6 grade Vocations Day  
- Home and School Meeting at 6pm at ICS  
May 5th - May Crowning & Prayer Partner at 8am Mass  
May 6th - K-2nd Ag Safety Day at MCHS

### 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](http://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 Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$496.00 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccl.org/home-missions](http://www.usccl.org/home-missions).



### Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

**American Red Cross** The Knight of Columbus will have a Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 4th, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the KC Hall here in Montgomery City. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter KCMC.

### Pilgrimage & Spiritual Retreat

Pilgrimage & Spiritual Retreat to New Mexico with Fr. Matthew Flatley October 24 - 29, 2022 Visit; Loretto Chapel, Christ in the Desert Monastery, Georgia O'Keefe Home, Cathedral of St. Francis, Santuario de Guadalupe, San Miquel Mission, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and more. E-mail [mflatley@diojeffcity.org](mailto:mflatley@diojeffcity.org), call 573-202-3590 or visit <https://www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/pilgrimage-to-new-mexico-with-matthew-flatley> to learn more.

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

May 10th - Second Tuesday Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg at noon. Confession and rosary before Mass. Luncheon following Mass in Valentine Hall.

### Volunteer Mowers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help mow grass at the school. The Knights of Columbus usually takes care of it, but they could use some help! Please contact Dennis Cobb (573) 253-9257 if you are willing to "give us a hand".



### Catholic Education Committee

The Catholic Education Committee met on April 19, 2022. The following was discussed at the meeting.

- School activities report by Gina Smith.
- RCIA - Inquiry Night after Labor Day.
- Adult Religious Education - possibility of Advent/Lent study groups.
- PSR - Last class will be April 24th. No PSR students for First Communion this year.
- Children's Liturgy - possibility of resuming in the fall.
- Vacation Bible School - possibility of resuming this summer
- Confirmation - Steve Williams discussed 22-23 curriculum, classes and activities.
- CYO/Youth Ministry - will try again this year with 7th graders and older.
- High School Graduation - May 22nd recognize high school and higher education graduates.
- Pastor's Report - Fr. Ernest will be on retreat April 25th - 29th.
- Next meeting will be July 26th.

**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:** Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Troy McCown, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al Barger, Christine Barger, Barb Kliethermes, Marla Daniels, and Lindsey (Dryden) O'Bryan.

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.** Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Steve (Hip) Hill, and Noah Richard.

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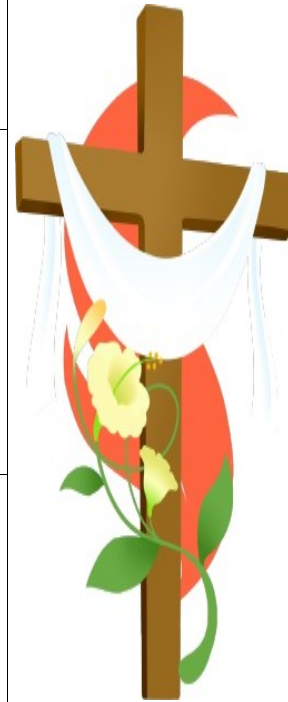
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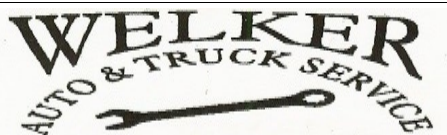


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