



## Follow the Leader

**T**his is not simply the name of a childhood game.

It is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, or to understand social behavior.

Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to verdant pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders—not attentive shepherds, nor faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in the responsorial psalm. Jesus also characterized religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not “with whom do I agree?” but rather “whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More *Christlike*?” Are we following the right leader?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Our Shepherd never pits us against each other but brings us together. Is this reflected in the way we live in society?*
- ★ *Our Shepherd cares for all, not just those whom society has privileged. Do we?*

*I will raise up shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear or be terrified; none shall be missing.*

JEREMIAH 23:4



# Dear Padre,

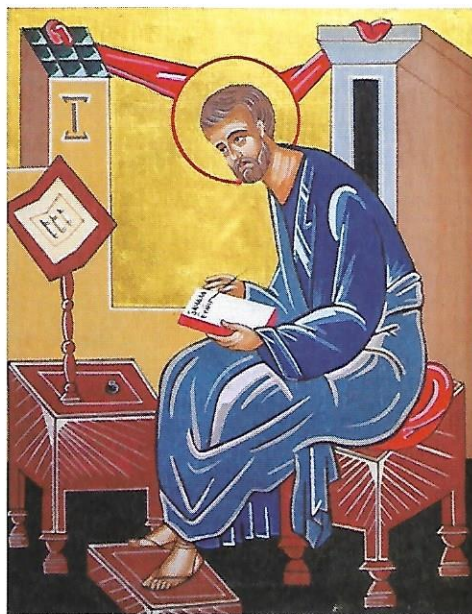
I read this is the liturgical year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year, Luke. Then it starts over with Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?

The purpose in a three-year cycle of readings at Mass was primarily a pastoral one. "The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 51).

All of Scripture is the word of God, but "Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 29). Moreover, Christ reveals himself to us from four different Gospel perspectives. For some people, John's version—often deeply symbolic and theological—can be pastorally challenging.

The semicontinuous reading of the three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) "provides a presentation of each Gospel's distinctive doctrine as well as a development of the Lord's life and preaching" (*Lectionary for Mass*, 1970; 16,1). Nevertheless, John's Gospel appears in all three cycles. For example, five readings from chapter six on the bread of life are inserted in Year B, when Mark's short Gospel is proclaimed. John's Gospel is also read during Easter and scattered throughout the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Lent.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*For leadership there is only one road: service. There is no other way. If you have many qualities—the ability to communicate, etc.—but you are not a servant, your leadership will fail, it is useless, it has not power to gather [people] together.*

ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL COLLEGES  
AND RESIDENCES OF ROME, MAY 12, 2014



## Calendar

Monday

JULY 19

Weekday

Ex 14:5–18

Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday

JULY 20

Weekday

Ex 14:21–15:1

Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday

JULY 21

Weekday

Ex 16:1–5, 9–15

Mt 13:1–9

Thursday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Friday

JULY 23

Weekday

Ex 20:1–17

Mt 13:18–23

Saturday

JULY 24

Weekday

Ex 24:3–8

Mt 13:24–30

Sunday

JULY 25

Seventeenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42–44

Eph 4:1–6

Jn 6:1–15

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question for  
the Padre?

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# Immaculate Conception Parish Family

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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb-President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Secretary-Mary Pottebaum, Laura Yelton, & Vicki Parker

## JULY 18, 2021 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Monday, July 19th **NO MASS** - Montgomery City  
 Tuesday, July 20th **NO MASS** - Montgomery City  
 Wednesday, July 21st **NO Mass** - Jonesburg  
 Thursday, July 22nd **NO Mass** - Montgomery City  
 Friday, July 23rd **NO Mass** - Montgomery City  
 Saturday, July 24th **5:30 PM Mass** - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, July 25th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Dolores Schmidt

**Church/School Financial Report: Income Expenses Difference**  
**June 2021** \$53,956.13 \$43,748.64 \$10,207.49  
**Fiscal Year July-June 2020-21** \$557,808.87 \$590,929.38 -\$33,120.51  
**Needed Weekly** - \$ 11,835.50  
 July 4th - \$12,459.00  
 July 11th - \$ Bookkeeper on vacation. - This information available next week.  
 July 18th - \$  
 July 25th - \$

Last Week's Envelopes: 0 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:** Before Mass

**Sacrament of Baptism:** 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 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 July 24th & 25th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Michael Smith
Children's Liturgy	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Communion Minister	Dennis Cobb	Megan Hans
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Kasey & Mary Pottebaum	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman
Servers	Landon & Reed Pottebaum	Owen Merz Carl Smith
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Debbie Heidelbergger Dottie Brueggemann	Megan Hans Judy Cobb

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

We pray for our country at this moment in history, that the dreams of life, liberty and happiness remain in our hearts as well as the desire that we will always be one nation under God.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, July 19th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, July 20th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday, July 21st	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday, July 22nd	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday, July 23rd	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday, July 24th	4:00 PM Mass - Wellsville 5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 5:00 PM)
Sunday, July 25th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, July 19th	.
Tuesday, July 20th	
Wednesday, July 21st	7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus
Thursday, July 22nd	
Friday, July 23rd	
Saturday, July 24th	
Sunday, July 25th	



### **Wedding Anniversary**

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

*Jerry & Nancy Fischer - 28 years of marriage on July 24th*

### **Additional Financial Information**

The bookkeeper is on vacation. See next week's bulletin

Capital Improvements	\$ 00.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 00.00
Special Collections:	
Catholic Missourian	\$ 00.00
Diocesan Missions	\$ 00.00

### **Harvest Picnic**

The Harvest Picnic will be here before you know it! In preparation for the family fun filled day on September 26, 2021, we are needing small items (\$10.00-\$25.00) for our bingo prizes and larger items for the live auction. Feel free to contact any committee members - Gina Smith, Dianne Talley, Judy Cobb, Pat Korman - with any questions you may have about these donations. Thank you!



### **Capital Campaign Update**

Dear Parishioners,

We are currently at a total of \$240,337.16 in donations and pledges. Our current bank balance is \$154,898.40. At the time of this update, the front porch and steps have been poured and we are hopeful most of the front concrete will be completed by the weekend. Thank you for your generous support and prayers as we continue to move forward with the Capital Campaign.



If you would like to donate or pledge, please free to pick up a card or envelopes in the vestibule. They can be returned in the collection plates or to the parish office.

We are grateful for each and every donation and hope you will give this effort your prayerful consideration and generosity.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of us on the committee.

You can email questions to [iccapitalcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:iccapitalcampaign@gmail.com). Committee members: Laura Yelton, Pat Stumbaugh, Jacob Lotton, Courtney Cothren, Amanda Arens 314-780-1316

### **From the Pastor**



My Dear Parishioners,

*I am so grateful for your many prayers and signs of support and care over the past weeks since my diagnosis with cancer and now as I am in the first stages of treatment. It will be a long process with good days and bad, but I hope that in the end, I will be able to resume my duties and continue to serve you to the best of my abilities.*

*In my last session of chemotherapy it was determined that my white blood count was declining and that the cells that develop new white blood cells was also affected. This means that I have to limit my contact with individuals to prevent infections. I won't be able to offer public Masses until this situation improves, but I will be in contact with the Diocese to ensure that Masses are offered as often as possible by a substitute Priest. I appreciate the work that the Deacons have done to provide Sunday Liturgies without a Priest, but that is far less than you deserve as God's People who remain faithful and love the Mass. There will be weekend Liturgies, (either a Mass or Liturgy without a Priest) and I will be offering private Masses whenever I am up to the task during the weekdays and on Sundays in the Rectory, so be assured of my continuing desire to pray for all of you.*

*Father Phil Kane, the new pastor at Martinsburg, has offered to assist me should there be a need for a priest for anointing the sick or offering to help with funerals, so those matters can be dealt with as they arise. I am trying to see to it that you are cared for in this time and I hope that you will be as understanding and supportive as possible in the days to come as you have been up to now.*

*Once again, I cannot express the great appreciation that I have for all your good wishes, prayers and support that I have received and know that I am continuing daily to pray for all of you that God will bless you in many ways for your kindness.*

*With all of my heart, may God bless you all.*

*Father Paul M. Hartley*

## Immaculate Conception School News



August 14th - Back-to-School Mass  
August 18th - First day of school

Open registration continues for grades K-8 for the 2021-22 school year!

### ECLC Happenings

The children enjoyed a "Water Day" on Friday. If you want to see the simplicity of the joy on a child's face, just look at the adorable pictures on the ICS Facebook page.



We continue to look for a substitute employee for the summer months. Applicants must be at least 17 years old. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Peggy at the school (573) 564-2679.

### 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.**

### Teaching Positions Available At ICS

ICS is still looking for a part-time Art Teacher and a part-time Music Teacher for the 2021-22 school year. The 4-day school week will begin August 12th for teachers. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in either of these positions please contact Ms. Dana Schroeder, Principal, at the school (573) 564-2679 or by email: [dschroeder@icschool-mc.org](mailto:dschroeder@icschool-mc.org).



### Other Area Teaching Positions Available

St. Joseph Early Learning Center in Martinsburg is seeking dedicated, energetic individuals to work with children in their early education program which enhances religious, social, emotional, and physical development of children. The ELC serves children from 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Applicants should have experience in early childcare. Full and part-time positions are available. For more information contact Nick Poindexter: [npoindexter@stjosephmb.org](mailto:npoindexter@stjosephmb.org).

### Seven Sisters Group



Thinking about establishing or joining a **Seven Sisters group**? Perhaps these words will clarify the importance of the apostolate to the priests served by it: "I take great comfort in the prayers of these women for me. It is as if they are my spiritual support. So often action is required in the life of a priest where time allows only a hasty prayer. The prayer of my Seven Sisters gives me confidence that they are praying with and for me as difficult situations arise. They are a powerful force before God praying on my be-

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

July 15th - 18th - St. George Parish Rummage Sale in Hermann  
(in St. George school gym)  
July 18th 7:00 AM to Noon  
August 13th - KOC Drive-thru Fish Fry- Montgomery City

### Grandparents Day

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, beginning this year on July 25. Pope Francis emphasized in his message that the Lord is always with us and always calling us to play a role in spreading the Gospel no matter our age. "I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always - always - close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement." The [Dicastery for the Laity](#) has created pastoral and liturgical resources in eight languages which parishes can use to celebrate the day.



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Diocesan Mission Collection July 17-18

The weekend of July 17-18 is our annual Diocesan Mission Collection. We currently have 15 priests serving in our diocese from countries in Africa and India. Each year, we take up a collection to support the mission office. The funds from the collection are used, in part, to help the dioceses that make a sacrifice by sharing their priest with our diocese. Other funds are used to support special projects in Latin America and the Philippines. Please consider using my letter, linked below, to promote this appeal.

### Summer Fish Fries

The next Montgomery City Knights of Columbus drive-thru fish fry will be on Friday, August 13, 2021 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. We hope you will be able to join us for some good fish, potato salad, slaw, and hushpuppies!



### 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:** Karen Clark, Alex Clark (granddaughter of Karen Clark), Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Pat (Cobb) Hunn, Charlee Kate (niece of Sue Beck), Jim Walker, Fr. Hartley, Tim Stumbaugh, Carolyn Steinmetz, and Jim Wisdom.

*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, Michel James, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



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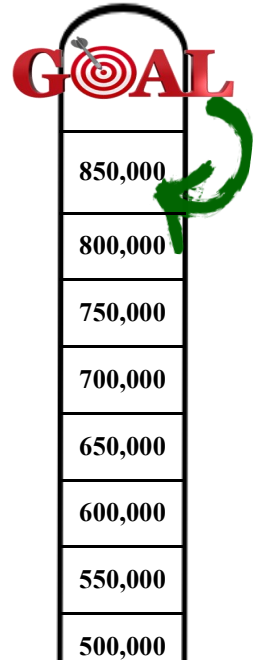
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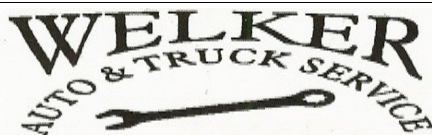
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