



Socrates, the Spirit, and Self

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“Know thyself,” advised the philosopher Socrates. Yet easier said than done. A recent public service ad warning about the dangers of smoking concludes, “The worst lies are the lies you tell yourself, like smoking isn’t that dangerous.” To admit the truth, to come to truth, to live the truth is no small thing.

Have you ever wondered why it takes a lifetime to come to wisdom, why we aren’t born with all the wisdom we need? It would make life so much easier. When Jesus promised us the Spirit, he said, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of Truth, he will guide you to all truth” (John 16:12-13). To know ourselves and the truth of who we are can be a painful process, coming to terms with what we do not want to hear. So the Spirit brings us to that wisdom gradually, over the course of a lifetime, lest we run from it.

Paul warns against “immorality and impurity and lust,” and each of us at some point in our lives must come to terms with the truth that if we do not channel our sexuality healthfully it will mess up our lives. Paul warns against “hatred, rivalry, fury, dissensions,” and each of us eventually realizes how any of those can ruin relationships and our very lives. Some of us learn such wisdom early in life, some late, yet coming to Truth is a lifelong journey guided by the Spirit. ●

Reflect

What truth do you know now that you did not know ten or twenty years ago?

**The fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.**

GALATIANS 5:22-23



Dear Padre,

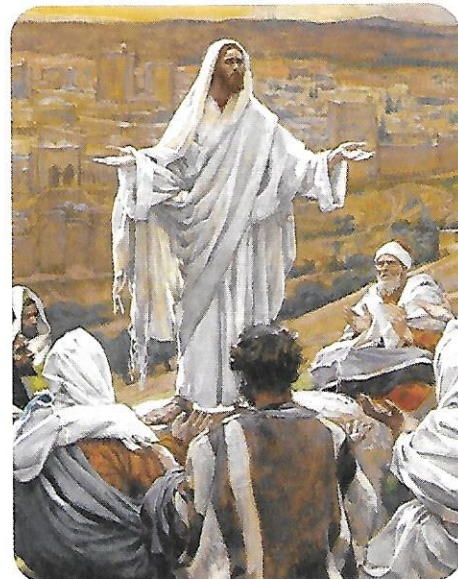
Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

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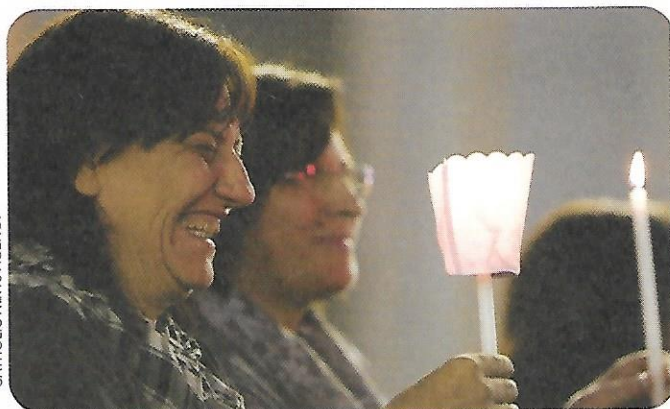


THE LORD'S PRAYER (LE PATER NOSTER) BY JAMES TISSOT

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>
Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	Jas 4:1–10 Mk 9:30–37	Jas 4:13–17 Mk 9:38–40	Jas 5:1–6 Mk 9:41–50	Jas 5:9–12 Mk 10:1–12	Jas 5:13–20 Mk 10:13–16	Dt 4:32–34, 39–40 Rom 8:14–17 Mt 28:16–20



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is how the word of God describes the working of the Spirit: first he rests on each and then brings all of them together in fellowship....In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 4, 2017



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MAY 19, 2024 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 20th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**

Tuesday, May 21st **5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City -**
+Delores Schmidt

Wednesday, May 22nd **8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg**

Thursday, May 23rd **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Mary Kay Johnson

Friday, May 24th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Ross Dunlap

Saturday, May 25th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Maxine Witte

Sunday, May 26th **8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg**
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family



Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
April 2024	\$121,899.96	\$64,602.09	\$57,297.87
Fiscal Year July-April, 2023-24	\$705,494.68	\$656,835.90	\$48,658.78
Needed Weekly - \$13,397.08			

May 5th - \$11,748.34-Church; \$5,141.75-ICS/Daycare; \$16,890.09 -Total

May 12th - \$ 3,007.00-Church; \$5,385.00-ICS/Daycare; \$8,392.00 -Total

May 19th -

May 26th -

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.

Thank you for your support!

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.

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

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 25th & 26th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Gary Hoette	Amanda Arens
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Dianne Talley
Communion Minister	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Pat Stumbaugh
Ministers of Hospitality	Bob Dryden Steve & Beth Cobb	Melissa & Justin Beabout Dana Schneider & Brady Craven
Servers	Liz Broz Beth Roesner	Leyla Beabout Natalie Beabout
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes Dennis Cobb	Vickie Parker Megan Hans

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

For those who are preparing for marriage and those who are living the sacrament of holy Matrimony: May the mutual self-giving of spouses and engaged couples bring new life into our community of faith.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, May 20th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, May 21st	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, May 22nd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, May 23rd	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, May 24th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, May 25th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, May 26th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, May 20th	
Tuesday, May 21st	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction and Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, May 22nd	
Thursday, May 23rd	
Friday, May 24th	
Saturday, May 25th	
Sunday, May 26th	

Wedding Anniversary



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

*Jeff & Amanda Arens - 35 years of marriage on May 20th
Gary & Orlana Gardner - 46 years of marriage on May 20th
Barry & Jane Hubbard - 50 years of marriage on May 25th
Steve & Beth Cobb - 33 years of marriage on May 25th
Michael & Gina Smith - 17 years of marriage on May 26th*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$ 117.00
Safety Grant Reimbursement #3	\$ 11,718.67

Church Cleaning - Saturday, June 1st



It's time to blow the winter dust away and make our church sparkling clean! We hope to see you on **Saturday, June 1st at 9:00 AM** along with your favorite cleaning supplies. Many hands make for light work, so the more the merrier and the quicker that our task can be completed! (Men welcome!) Any questions, please contact Ruth Ann O'Keefe at 573-823-2676.

Birthday Announcement



A "little birdie" told us someone will be celebrating a birthday on May 28th. While not giving away this person's name, he currently lives in the rectory, and his native country is Nigeria!

'Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes. All of us change in some way and this does us good.'

~~Pope Francis

Pentecost Sunday



On this day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our world to stay with us always. Three months ago we began our journey from Lent to Easter, from winter to spring, from darkness to light, from death to new life. It is a journey of conversion and transformation, not only for those who were baptized, confirmed, or received their first communion during this time, but for all of us. The arrival of the Holy Spirit fulfills Jesus' promise to his disciples and blesses us as we live our new lives in the Risen Lord.

Question of the Week

How do I carry out the Christian mission in what I say and do? How can each of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understand, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord—aid in my mission?

Memorial Day Mass



Fr. Ernest will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery on Memorial Day (May 27th) at 9:00 AM. Please join us and bring a lawn chair!

Rosary Rally



There will be a Rosary Rally on Saturday, May 18th at noon on the church lawn. It is in honor of Our Lady of Fatima for the protection of unborn lives. Please bring a lawn chair. We hope you will be able to join us!

Vacation Bible School



Come join us this summer July 30th—August 2nd from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception School! Information and Registration forms will be inserted in this week's (or next week's) bulletin and after Mass the next couple of weekends!

Immaculate Conception School News



May 20th - School In Session (PE Day)
 May 23rd - Last Day of School-Noon Dismissal
 Mass @ 8am with awards following
 All School Graham Cave Field Trip
 9:30-11:30am

ICS has one week of school left in the 2023-24 school year. We wish everyone a happy, fun and safe summer vacation! God Bless!

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

June 2nd - Picnic at Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish in Frankenstein 11:00 AM to 6:30 PM

Head Count for April

May 4th - 66	May 5th - 149
May 11th - 97	May 12th - 103
May 18th -	May 19th -
May 25th -	May 26th -

Grand Total for May -

Pick-A-Prize Winners!



George Boes was the winner of the April 7th drawing for Pick-A-Prize and chose the \$500.00 gift card to Sams/Walmart. **Angela Keller** was the winner of the April 21st drawing and chose the \$500.00 Amazon Gift Card. **Daryl & Nancy Cobb** were the winners of the May 5th drawing and chose the \$250.00 in cash and \$250.00 in lottery tickets. Who will be the winner of the May 19th drawing? Stay tuned!



Please join us for the ordination of

Rev. Mr. Christopher Hoffmann
to the Priesthood
and
Mr. Gregory Clever
to the Order of Deacons



June 1, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Joseph

Please RSVP at:
diojeffcity.org/Ordination-Mass-2024

Spring Pilgrimage at Starkenburg



The spring Pilgrimage at our Lady of Sorrows Shrine will be on Sunday, May 19, 2024 with Fr. Philip Niekamp presiding. The day begins with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a Rosary procession through the Shrine grounds. A traditional German lunch will be available from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Following lunch, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with several priests. Benediction is at 1:30 PM and an Outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 PM. Cost for lunch is \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6-12 and those under 6 are free.

Come, Let Us Adore - A Monastic Experience

"Come, let us Adore." As we celebrate our 150th Jubilee, the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to visit for a week-long Monastic Experience June 1-6, 2024, at our monastery in Clyde, Missouri. It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer and open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend, and more details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

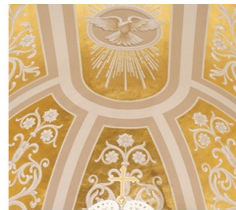
Please keep in your prayers the following people:

Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care Center, Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 - Susie Ryan, Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, Bill & Lucille Muenz, and Larry Jahner.

Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann, 1800 Wein St, Hermann, MO 65041 - Tony & LaVerne Wessel, Sr.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.



I Corinthians 12:4-7

The Holy Spirit has given each of us our own charisms to be a channel of God's goodness. When we share these special gifts, they are multiplied for the glory of God.



Please pray for: Avery Penn, Jim Wortmann, Lindsey O'Bryan, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Evelyn Strauss, Larry Brueggemann, Rosemary Brower, Beau Boschenreither (son of Cameron & Carolyn Bethel Boschenreither), 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

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Brandon Wells, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.

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Isaiah 49:15

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 special time to
 worship and praise
 our Lord and
 Savior, Jesus
 Christ and to
 deepen your
 intimate friendship
 and be nourished
 and strengthened
 by his Presence
 and Love. At
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 close with
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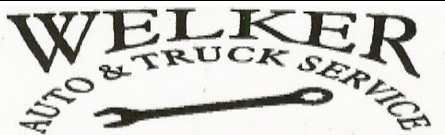


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