

Jesus said,
*"No one who sets a hand to the plow
 and looks to what was left behind
 is fit for the kingdom of God."*

LUKE 9:62

What Are You Willing to Pay?

Everyone appreciates a bargain. However, there are some things we would give almost anything to acquire. Who or what determines the value of something? Some things are esteemed because they are old; some because they are rare. Often the value might really be in the meaning it holds for the one who desires or prizes it. We might want a house because it reminds us of our treasured childhood home. We might cherish a sweater that belonged to a loved one now passed. The price we are willing to pay indicates the value we give to it, and that price is not always monetary.

Elisha was in line to succeed the prophet Elijah. However, Elisha was required to consider everything else as second in importance to his commitment to this prophetic charge, even a son's responsibility to bid farewell to his parents. A parallel situation is found in the Gospel passage. At first glance one might think this is an extreme, even inhuman, demand. It should be noted, however, in neither situation was close following of a prophetic individual demanded of the person who wished to be a disciple. Each person first volunteered for that way of life before the price of following was revealed.

Various possible life directions are set before all of us. We are free to choose. However, the depth of our desire for our choice is measured by our willingness to pay the price that choice might exact. The price required for committing oneself to the reign of God is...everything!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * *What do you cherish more than anything else?*
- * *Does the object you cherish most reveal the way you are establishing the reign of God in your life?*

Dear Padre,

After Mass, someone told me she overheard some people speaking wrongly about me. She defended me but wouldn't say what was said, or by whom. This troubles me. How should I deal with it?

First, consider why indulging in gossip is so prevalent. People leading uneventful lives often have an unhealthy interest in others' affairs, and they desire to gossip about it. Those who consider themselves to be poor conversationalists may gossip to feel important by imparting information that is seemingly in demand. Others resort to character assassinations out of jealousy or envy.

Because gossip easily spreads into a distortion of the truth, it can be, as Pope Francis said, "a plague more awful than COVID!" Some people permissibly spread gossip only when the truth of the rumor has been verified; for others, the truth of the matter is irrelevant. Regardless, when people gossip about us behind our backs—depriving us of our own input and version of the truth—we can feel victimized and defenseless.



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Yet we aren't completely powerless. Just because something is perceived as the truth about us doesn't mean we have to accept it as such. (Nevertheless, in cases when we know what is said, we should honestly ask ourselves if there's any truth to it.) While we have no control over what people say about us, we can ultimately

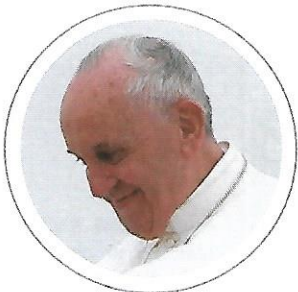
decide how much attention a rumor deserves—and generally, the less time and energy we devote to rumors, the better we are!

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

When we see a mistake, a fault, a slip...usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip....The great gossipier is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church, to distance brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



Calendar

Monday

JUNE 27

Weekday

Am 2:6–10, 13–16

Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday

JUNE 28

St. Irenaeus,

Bishop and Martyr

Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

JUNE 29

Sts. Peter and Paul,

Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Thursday

JUNE 30

Weekday

Am 7:10–17

Mt 9:1–8

Friday

JULY 1

Weekday

Am 8:4–6, 9–12

Mt 9:9–13

Saturday

JULY 2

Weekday

Am 9:11–15

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

JULY 3

Fourteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 66:10–14c

Gal 6:14–18

Lk 10:1–12, 17–20

or 10:1–9

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



Immaculate Conception Parish Family

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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb-President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Mary Pottebaum, Vicki Parker, Bill Huston, and Dennis Cobb

JUNE 26, 2022 - THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 27th
Tuesday, June 28th

NO Mass - Montgomery City
5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
+Bill Worland

Wednesday, June 29th
Thursday, June 30th

8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
+Jim Cochran, Sr.

Friday, July 1st
Saturday, July 2nd
Sunday, July 3rd

8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Robert Merz
5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City +Judy Cunningham
8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family



July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
May 2022	\$ 44,677.00	\$ 45,991.85	\$-1,314.85
Fiscal Year July-March 2021-22	\$634,702.09	\$580,312.54	\$54,389.55
Needed Weekly - \$ 12,995.00			
June 5th - \$ 9,016.00			
June 12th - \$ 7,241.46			
June 19th - \$ 6,747.00			
June 26th - \$			

Last Week's Envelopes: 57 of 189

(No Mass if there is a funeral)

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 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 July 2nd & 3rd

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Jerry Witthaus
Children's Liturgy	None at this time.	None at this time
Communion Minister	Dennis Cobb	Eileen Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Kasey & Mary Pottebaum Steve & Beth Cobb	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
Servers	Beckham Cothren Jacob Roesner	Chase Queathem Leyla Beabout
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Rea Jean & Daryl Rhoads Don & Sandy Oakes	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberger

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

For all fathers;
that through the
intercession of
St. Joseph
they will be able
to use their skills
and gifts to love
and provide for
their children and
raise them in the
faith.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, June 27th	NO MASS - Montgomery City	Monday, June 27th	
Tuesday, June 28th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City	Tuesday, June 28th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration
Wednesday, June 29th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, June 29th	
Thursday, June 30th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Thursday, June 30th	
Friday, July 1st	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Friday, July 1st	
Saturday, July 2nd	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City	Saturday, July 2nd	
Sunday, July 3rd	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)	Sunday, July 3rd	



Wedding Anniversary

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

*Todd & Carol Oden - 33 years of marriage on June 30th
Richard & Carole Bainbridge - 57 years of marriage on July 3rd*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements \$ 40.00

Special Collections:

Catholic Missourian \$ 273.00
Communication & Educ. \$ 10.00

HARVEST PICNIC SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

(update)

The Harvest Picnic will be held at the fairgrounds again. All food will be served out of the kitchen this year. We will be asking all parishioners to **provide desserts** for the meal and cake walk. We are asking for **monetary donations** to sponsor purchasing meat, the tent, and raffles. **Live and silent auction items** will be appreciated. We will not be having Bingo at the Picnic this year as we are going to have a fall Bingo event. Packets with more information will be handed out at a later date. We are excited about this year's event and we need everyone's helping hands to make it GREAT!



For donations contact Beth Cobb, Judy Cobb, Megan Hans, Pat Korman, Mary Pottebaum, Gina Smith, Dottie Brueggen or Dianne Talley.

Confessions - New Time Schedule

Starting July 1, 2022, Confessions will be heard from 4:00 - 4:45 PM on Saturdays prior to the Saturday evening Mass.



New Mass Schedule

Starting July 1, 2022 the Mass schedule at Immaculate Conception (Montgomery City), St. Patrick (Jonesburg), & Church of the Resurrection (Wellsville) will be the as follows:

- Saturday - 5:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception
- Sunday - 8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick
- 10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception
- Monday - NO MASS
- Tuesday - 6:30 PM Mass at Church of the Resurrection
- Wednesday - 8:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick
- Thursday - 8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception
- Friday - 8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception



Please join us in officially welcoming Fr. Ernest Dike' to our parish after Mass on **Sunday, June 26th**, at the Knights of Columbus Building. Brats, hot dogs, and chips will be served.

School Supplies Needed!

The Montgomery County Human Resource Council will be sponsoring the Annual Back to School Bash. If you would like to donate back to school supplies there will be a box in the back of church until July 17. If you would like to make a cash donation, please contact Beth Roesner at 314-974-1087 or you can donate on line at highhillchristianchurch.churchcenter.com.



Immaculate Conception School News



Have a safe and fun summer, ICS students!
See you next August!

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.RaiseRight.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.**

Summer Youth Camps



One theme constant in our pastoral planning is the desire to engage our young people more in the faith. We're excited to offer a cadre of opportunities for middle school and high school students, with an emphasis on friendship and joyful fun. Camp Lolek (a childhood nickname of Saint John Paul II) is new this year. Registration forms and other information are on the diocese' website: www.diojeffcity.org.

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE HIRING!



diojeffcity.org/employment-in-our-catholic-schools

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

June 23rd - 26th - St. George Parish Rummage Sale in Herman (in St. George school gym)
June 23rd & 24th from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
June 25th 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
June 26th 7:00 AM to Noon



Pilgrimage July 16 in Laurie

Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church invites all for a pilgrimage on July 16 with the nationally acclaimed speaker, television contributor, radio The National host and life activist Deby Sansone Schlappizzi. Deby will be speaking on "Our Lady, Queen of Splendor" and "Live Your Splendor, Acknowledge the Truth, Radiate Your Faith." The pilgrimage day starts at 8:30 a.m. and includes the two speaker sessions, the sacrament of Reconciliation, eucharistic adoration, benediction, Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet culminating in Mass at 4:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. The Shrine is located at the Lake of the Ozarks, 176 Marian Drive, Laurie, MO 65037. Call 573-374-6279 for more information.

NEW TIME for couples retreat on Sept. 3

Love and Life is a one day retreat where couples explore the truth and beauty of marriage and God's plan for it. It will be held Sept. 3, 8:30 am to 5 pm, at the Chancery in Jefferson City, 2207 W. Main St. Based on *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan* by the US bishops, this retreat will help couples renew their bonds through presentations and periods *Love* of prayer. It has helped hundreds of couples reconnect and appreciate each other, their relationship, and their marriage. **This retreat is open to all couples (married, engaged & unmarried).** Registration for this event is required. Registration details coming soon!!

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 & Marvin Griesbauer, Troy McCown, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Barb Kliethermes, Marla Daniels, Lindsey (Dryden) O'Bryan, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Marlyn & John Rybacki (parents of Sue Beck), and Jane Dorlac.

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.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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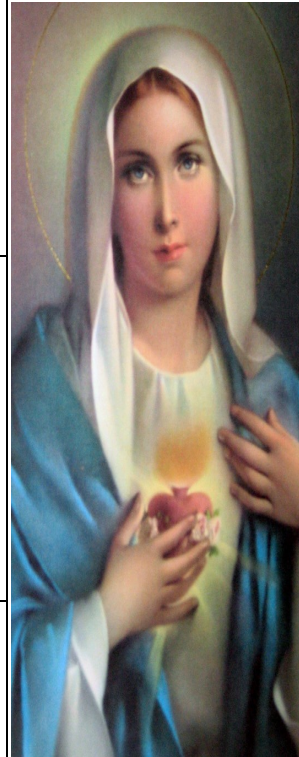
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