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Janet Cobb, Bookkeeper/Secretary | imm-con@sbcglobal.net | www.mccparish.org
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Mary Pottebaum, Vicki Parker, Dennis Cobb, and Michael Smith



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St. Patrick Parish
505 First St. | Jonesburg | Missouri | 63351

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Debbie Enger, Secretary | stpats@centurytel.net | www.stpatricksjonesburg.org
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Katherine Stroot-Secretary, Michael Van Beek & Jocelyn Schlus

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Fr. Ernest Dike, Parochial Administrator, edike@diojeffcity.org

Bulletin Deadline is Wed at 9am!

November 17, 2024 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

St. Patrick Parish Mission
As a church community here at St. Patrick, we want to know, love and serve Jesus in our efforts in: Christian formation/faith development; worship; social services; and stewardship of resources.

MONDAY
November 18
Weekday
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Lk 18:35-43
TUESDAY
November 19
Weekday
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22
Lk 19:1-10
WEDNESDAY
November 20
Weekday
Rv 4:1-11
Lk 19:11-28
THURSDAY
November 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 5:1-10
Lk 19:41-44
FRIDAY
November 22
St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 10:8-11
Lk 19:45-48
SATURDAY
November 23
Weekday
Rv 11:4-12
Lk 20:27-40
SUNDAY
November 24
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Dn 7:13-14
Rv 1:5-8
Jn 18:33b-37

When Worlds Collapse

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When personal worlds collapse, we can lose our way. The stars that marked our path through life disappear. When everything in life on which we had depended is shaken, we can feel life is not worth living. It happens when someone we love dies, when life-threatening illness lays us low, when a relationship disintegrates without warning. Then the world we once knew is no more. This week's Gospel suggests "when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates" (Mark 13:29). But how can that be?

I met Marguerite and Ken when I came to the parish. A short time later, I received a phone call that Ken had suffered a massive heart attack. He had gone down to the basement for something, and that was where he died. I spent some time with Marguerite, and as you

can imagine, she was wrapped in grief. They'd had a wonderful marriage, she told me, had done everything together. Whatever one did, the other went along. Two years later, Marguerite and I were talking and she began telling me how life had changed for her without Ken. She still missed him terribly. But lately she found herself involved in all sorts of parish activities and services she never would have gotten into, simply because they had always done things together. Without Ken, she found new worlds she never knew existed. For Marguerite, God had opened the gates to new life. ●

Reflect

Has a personal tragedy ever become a doorway to new life for you?

[Jesus said,] "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light."

MARK 13:24

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	November 18th	NO Mass		
Tue	November 19th	5:30 PM	Montgomery City	+Judy Cunningham
Wed	November 20th	8:30 AM	Jonesburg	+Christine Lenzenhuber
Thur	November 21st	8:00 AM	Montgomery City	-Clint Cunningham (for healing)
Fri	November 22nd	8:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Larry Jahner
Sat	November 23rd	5:00 PM	Montgomery City	-Our Parish Family
Sun	November 24th	8:00 AM	Jonesburg	+Geoffrey Wiss
		10:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Maxine Witte

A reminder: If there is a funeral at any of the two parishes or a school cancellation due to weather, there will be **no** scheduled Mass

Sacraments & Information

Parish Membership: Please call the parish office to register.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: IC Sat 4:15PM-4:45PM, SP Sun 7:15AM 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: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Please call for details.

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized or have a family member who is home-bound, please call the parish office.

Immaculate Conception Parish & School

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 24-Oct 24, YTD	\$234,792.73	\$256,413.87	-\$21,621.14
October	\$52,341.80	\$51,613.26	\$728.54
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
November 3rd	\$5,164.00	\$3,997.50	\$9,161.50
November 10th	\$3,396.10	5,338.00	\$8,734.10
November 17th			
November 24th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,233.00	Wkly Avg	\$8,947.80

Your Gifts to God! Thank You!



St. Patrick Parish

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget Goal FY 25	\$76,000.00		
Total Collected YTD	\$21,501.00		
	Church		Total
November 3rd	\$1,216.00		
November 10th			
November 17th			
November 24th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,365.39	Wkly Avg	\$1,216.00

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements - \$316.00
 Solemnity of Mary - \$10.00
 Seminary Formation & Infirm Priests - \$10.00
 In Memory of Marvin Griesbauer - \$50.00

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.

Mass Ministries	November 16th & 17th	November 23rd & 24th	November 30th & December 1st	December 7th & 8th
Lector	Jacob Roesner	Dennis Cobb	Beckham Cothren	Beth Cobb
Children's Liturgy				
Eucharistic Minister	Dennis Cobb	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Mary Pottebaum	Gary Hoette
Ministers of Hospitality	Ty & Courtney Cothren Family	Kasey & Mary Pottebaum Family	Don & Lile Broz Steve & Beth Cobb	Jacob & Megan Hans Family
Servers	Emilia & Ella Hans	Mercer Cothren & Jacob Roesner	Reed Pottebaum & Beth Roesner	Lila Broz & Malorie Schulte
Money Counters	Don & Sandra Oakes/Judy Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	John & Aggie Baldetti & Daryl Rhoads	John/Aggie Baldetti & Darryl Rhoads
Lector	Janet Stumbaugh	Elizabeth Schierhoff	Mark Brower	Pat Stumbaugh
Children's Liturgy	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley	Geri Park	Bonnie Walker
Eucharistic Minister	Eileen Lotton	Tudie Simpson	Jenidean Readey	Jack Wells
Ministers of Hospitality	Ron & Dianne Talley Jerry Neale & Tony Wessel	Dave & Janet Cobb Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Melissa & Justin Beabout Dana Schneider & Brady Craven	Jeff & Amanda Arens Steve Williams & Julie Worsham
Servers	Kendra & Keagan Rakers	Josie Harrell & Carl Smith	Paisley & Steele Anderson	Tinley Anderson & Leyla Beabout
Money Counters	Gayle & Rick Adams / Dave Teeter	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Vicki Parker & Elaine Winford	Cathy McCormack & Pam Schwartz
Hospitality/Usher	Farrar Family	Lenzenhuber/Clarice	Volunteer	Ellis Family
Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	Laurie Dothage
Lector	Julie Ellis	Sara Johnson	Jan Milzark	Laurie Gilbert
Servers	Anna Johnson & Luke Farrar	Youth	Carl Johnson & Emma Cobb	Anna Johnson & Luke Farrar
Eucharistic Minister	Terri Lenzenhuber	Nancy Cobb	Vicki Duenke	Bridget Cobb
Money Counters	John Cobb, Jr. & Karen Stenger	Katherine Stroot & Bridget Cobb	Brad Ellis & Derrick Cobb	Gracie Cobb & Jan Milzark

Remember, if you are unable to complete your assigned time, you are responsible for finding a replacement! Thank you for your service!

Dear Padre,

I am confused by Genesis 6:6: "The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved." How can a perfect being regret something he created in his own image?



Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture. A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend.

The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, "God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good." ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Bishop McKnight's November prayer intention for our Local Church

For a spirit of unity and Thanksgiving to be cultivated in our lives and in our nation. That we may see God's light reflected in the blessings of our family, friends and community.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful...who is not rude...this is a person who builds Heaven on earth.... What they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 14, 2021



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Montgomery City Knights of Columbus**

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Year #34 will certainly be the most challenging of all. We anticipate serving in excess of 4,000 families, which translates into over 8,000 meals. These families live in St. Charles, St. Louis, Lincoln, Montgomery, Warren & Pike counties & St. Louis City.


NHH#33 NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We appreciate all monetary donations. Check with your employer for matching donations. \$40 cash donation provides dinner for a family of four. \$80-2, \$120-3, \$160-4, \$1,600-40 families

Sorry, NO TURKEYS ARE NEEDED THIS YEAR

Please send your donation made payable to:
Knights of Columbus
c/o Richard Bainbridge
P.O. Box 94
Montgomery City, MO 63361

Upcoming Events and Announcements			
Monday	Nov. 18th	IC	6:30 PM - Society of St Vincent dePaul Meeting
Tuesday	Nov. 19th	IC IC JB	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Devine Mercy 6:30 PM - Small Group Study @ Parish House
Wednesday	Nov. 20th	JB JB JB	Following 8:30 AM Mass - Breakfast @ The Warehouse - all are welcome! 9:00 AM-7:00 PM - Adoration 9:00 AM - Small Group Study @ Parish Hall 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting @ KC Hall in Montgomery City
Thursday	Nov. 21st	JB IC	1:00 PM - Bunco in the Parish Hall 6:30 PM - Parish Council/Finance Committee Meeting @ ICS
Friday	Nov. 22nd		Diocesan Finance Policy Workshop @ Chancery
Saturday	Nov. 23rd	JB	10:00-11:30 AM - Grief Class at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jonesburg
Sunday	Nov. 24th	JB	After 8:00 AM Mass - Coffee & Donuts in Parish Hall - all are welcome



See!
I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand.
Isaiah 49:15

Welcome everyone.
On Tuesdays starting at 6:00 AM we have Eucharistic Adoration: a 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 5:00 PM Adoration will close with Devotion to the Divine Mercy and Benediction. Mass will start at 5:30 PM.

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NOVEMBER 19TH, 2024

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EVENT DETAILS

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We will meet from 9:30am-2:30pm and lunch is provided!

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If you would like to purchase an advertisement on the back page of the bulletin, please contact either parish office - St. Patrick (636) 488-5623 or Immaculate Conception (573) 564-2375, for more information.


Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
Jeremiah 29:12

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, Bill & Lucille Muenz, and Mike Busken


Resident of Victorian Manor
2120 Village Lane, Hermann, MO 65041
Peggy Gardner


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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STRUGGLING, SICK AND INFIRMED:

Al & Christine Barger, Beau Boschenreither, Geoff Brueggen, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerdick, Parker Calbreath, Robert Carillo, Becky Cothren, Clint Cunningham, Marla Daniels, Tom Eggering, Sheryl Gibbs, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Ken Hocke, Antoinette Hoing, Ingrid Keller, Pat Kline, Pat Merz, Kathleen Mohrmann, Lyndsey O'Bryan, Alice O'Donnell, Margaret O'Donnell, Terry Parker, Avery Penn, Rae Jean Rhoads, Shirley Rose, Susie Ryan, John Rybacki, Nick Schneider, Ruth Schneider, Evelyn Strauss, Ed Torbeck, Barb Turpin, Margaret Van Beek, Tony Wessel, Sr., Jim Wortmann, Don Zerr

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES.**
Brandon Wells, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom



*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church
And gave himself up for her. ~Ephesians 5:25*

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



Mike & Vick Oden - 33 years of marriage on November 23rd
Walter & Debbie Heidelberger - 45 yrs of marriage on Nov. 24th

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in November

- 1st—Julie Woods
- 2nd - Carl Johnson
- 4th - Halle Orr
- 7th - Ken Hocke
- 9th - Gracie Cobb
- 24th - Michael Mohrmann
- 28th - Greg Healy



Holiday Mass & Penance Service Schedule

Thanksgiving Day (November 28th)
8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick
10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Penance Service:
December 12th - 6:00 PM at St. Patrick
December 19th - 6:00 PM at Immaculate Conception

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day:
Dec. 24th - 5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Immaculate Con.
Dec. 24th - 10:30 PM Midnight Mass at St. Patrick
Dec. 25th - 10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

New Year's Day (January 1, 2025)
8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick
10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass



The Knights of Columbus are having a Memorial Mass at Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, November 26th at 5:30 pm. Council 2044 was chartered in 1919. After Mass we will recognize all deceased members of our council since 1919. This memorial celebration is open to the public. Hope you can participate. Jerry Witthaus, Grand Knight.

Food & Hygiene Drives

St. Patrick's will be collecting food/hygiene items for the Blessing Barn in November. These items can be placed in the bins at the back of church and in the hall.



All food will be blessed at the 8:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day. If you are able to attend Thanksgiving Mass, feel free to bring items to church that morning.

We would love for those who are attending the 10:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day at *Immaculate Conception* to bring a non-perishable food item or two and place it in the basket in the back of church. The basket of food will be offered up along with the other offertory gifts. After Mass the food will be given to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul.

Tambourine Ringing



Montgomery County Cares is sponsoring "tambourine ringing" for fundraising between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Montgomery County Cares help people in need across the county. This event is replacing the Salvation Army Bell Ringing that we have helped with in the past. Immaculate Conception Parish will be in charge of ringing the tambourine on Saturday, December 7 at Bratcher's Market from 12:00-4. We would appreciate anyone that could sign up to help for an hour. The sign-up list is in the back of church. Any help would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Beth Roesner at 314-974-1087.

All Souls

During the month of November, we remember those who have passed away this past year in our church families:



Darlene Sachs, Judy Topel, Comfort Dike, Virginia Cochran, Larry Jahner, Sue Kyle, and Marvin Griesbauer.

WHEN PARKING AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PARK IN THE STREET FACING MFA DURING HARVEST SEASON.

Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive at St. Patrick's in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, December 3rd, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please help save lives by donating!

Office Hours at St. Patrick

Office hours at St. Patrick's are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Randy and Theresa Bergfeld for their very generous donation of the piano at St. Patrick Church. God Bless you and Thank you!

Immaculate Conception School News

Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal | Judy Cobb, School Secretary | 573.564.2679 - School Office | immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org



SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY CITY

Public school comments / Catholic school response

Public School.....Catholic School

1. That's where I attended.....The Catholic School was closed for a period of time and re-opened in 1991.
2. I know the teachers..... There are many opportunities to get to know the teachers. Class sizes are small. Once a month home and school meetings, Information on social media
3. My child's friends go there.....Children make friends very easily especially when there are small class sizes.
4. We pay taxes to support the public school..... Our Catholic Schools are supported by their parish. Bishop McKnight believes the education of parish children is a mission of that parish. Therefore the children of the parish may attend the school because their parents are supporting the mission of the church by educating them in the way of faith.
5. There is busing for public school.....Parents need to transport their child / children to the Catholic school. Some parents work out car pooling. To help with working parents ICS provides before school care / and after school care to make it convenient to drop off on their way to work and pick up on their way home. Also ICS provides an Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) for children ages 2-4. This is helpful in that the family's children can attend at one place.
6. Sports, my child wants to be involved in sports.....Students at ICS participate in PE classes. Students in 7th and 8th grades are eligible to participate in Cross, Country, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading and Track and Field with the Montgomery County R-II Middle School.
7. It's a good school.....Immaculate Conception School is also a good school. All Catholic Schools are accredited through the Missouri Nonpublic School Accrediting Association. ICS is one of the 36 Elementary schools in the Jefferson City Diocese. ICS have certified and dedicated teachers all of whom have completed the Virtus online training.
8. My Kids want to go there.....ICS students are supported by their parents and teachers that believe in teaching Christs' core values to children. The environment is holistic in that there is academics, spiritual, social, emotional and physical development. A transfer from home to school and school to home.

Public Schools are unable to teach the Gospel values. They are unable to provide an environment that supports these values. Aside from curriculum students are also taught respect, responsibility, teamwork and social formation and are held accountable for their actions. They are also taught natural consequences and conflict resolution.

When one attends a school with small class sizes teachers can customize learning to meet the needs of their students whether enrichment or remediation.

For more information, or a tour of the school contact ICS @ 573-564-2679.



6th & 8th Grade Bake Sale

Mrs. Smith's 6th & 8th grade class harvested pumpkins from the Prayer Garden. They will be cooking up the pumpkin and baking delicious pies and breads. They may also make some other non-pumpkin goodies. These baked goods will be available for purchase after Masses on the weekend of November 23-24. The funds raised will be used toward their 8th grade trip.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE NOTICE

The Social Concerns Commission will have the Christmas Giving Tree up starting November 16. Youth in Need (YIN) will take delivery of the gifts anytime until Dec 6th. YIN is located next to Dominos Pizza and they are open from 7:30am to 4:00pm Tuesday thru Friday. The Montgomery County Christmas Club recommends each gift be in the range of \$25. Keep in mind that each child that we are helping has 3 ornaments on the tree, so you only need to buy one item per gift tag in the \$25 range. If you would rather give a cash donation instead of shopping, please send Beth Roesner or Debbie Heidelberger the money by no later than December 1. You can return the gift wrapped with the ornament attached or unwrapped with the ornament. The Social Concerns Commission and the Montgomery County Christmas Club thank all of you that participate in this program.

