

Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you...for God makes his sun rise on the bad and the good.

MATTHEW 5:44–45A

Like a Sponge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

To turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile, to love one's enemy, all of that is to absorb and thus stop the evil that can saturate life. When we do that, then evil ends with us, lest it keep escalating like a tsunami that overwhelms life.

Is anyone really willing to absorb the evils of life? Many are. Parents do who walk the floor at night with a crying infant or care for a child sick with a cold and then find themselves suffering the same illness. They absorb the evil in order to bring some comfort and so ease the child's pain. Someone does as well who listens endlessly to a lonely person on the phone or over a cup of coffee. They absorb the loneliness even as it tests their own patience. Those who protest injustice by participating in nonviolent demonstrations and then find themselves mistreated or even dealt with violently, they absorb the hate of others.

"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2), says the Lord to Moses. Absorbing the evils of life is a different sort of holiness, different than saying more prayers or giving up enjoyments during Lent. Part of our tradition is to do penance during the season of Lent. Perhaps this year a penance might be to become conscious of each day's opportunities to simply absorb someone's suffering, another's pain, a bit of the evil that so often ricochets through our days, always doing so in the image of Jesus. ●

Reflect

When have you ever suffered as you absorbed someone else's pain?

Dear Padre,

I am wondering why Ash Wednesday is sometimes in February and sometimes in March. Who decides when Lent begins, and why is it always different?

The beginning of Lent is determined by the date of Easter, which is a movable feast, unlike Christmas, which is always on December 25. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring. The first Sunday of Lent is six weeks before, and the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent is Ash Wednesday.

This subject has caused division in the Church since the second century, because the Eastern Church and the Western Church had different calendars. So, the calculations of the first full moon of spring differed and therefore the date of Easter and Ash Wednesday were different. Sometimes on a calendar you will see both Easter and Orthodox Easter listed on different Sundays. It is hard for most of us to appreciate why the differences between East and West are so important. Remember the prayer of Jesus, that we all may be one. We can honor our Lord's desire for unity and pray during this Lent for the unity of Christians everywhere. ●



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY DIOCESE OF PORTLAND

The Redemptorists / 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*.

MONDAY

February 20
Weekday
Sir 1:1-10
Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY

February 21
Weekday
Sir 2:1-11
Mk 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY

February 22
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

February 23
St. Polycarp,
Bishop and
Martyr
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY

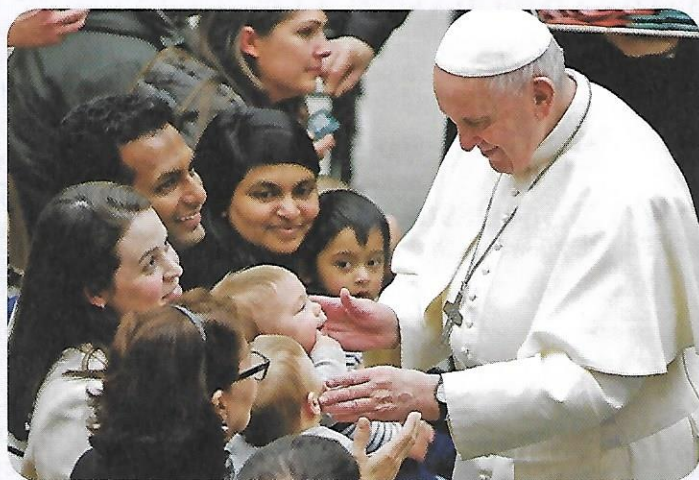
February 24
Friday after Ash
Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY

February 25
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

SUNDAY

February 26
First Sunday
of Lent
Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19 or
Rom 5:12, 17-19
Mt 4:1-11



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

If we want to call ourselves Christians, this is the only way; there is no other. Having been loved by God, we are called to love in return; having been forgiven, we are called to forgive; having been touched by love, we are called to love without waiting for others to love first....

HOMILY IN BARI (ITALY), FEBRUARY 23, 2020



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



162nd YEAR OF SERVICE

307 N. Walker St. | Montgomery City | Missouri | 63361

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

Janet Cobb, Bookkeeper/Secretary | 573.564.2375 Parish Office | imm-con@sbcglobal.net | www.mcicparish.org | Office Hours M-Th 9:00am-3pm **Bulletin Deadline: Wed. 9:00 AM**

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

Society of St. Vincent DePaul - 573.835.3631

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

February 19, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20th	No Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, February 21st	5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City +Larry Sachs
Wednesday, Feb. 22nd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg 5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City +Robert Merz
Thursday, Feb. 23rd	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Rose Marie Lagana
Friday, February 24th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Bill & Dione Auchly
Saturday, February 25th	5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family
Sunday, February 26th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Hilda Schreiner



July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
January 2023	\$75,117.25	\$50,816.49	\$24,300.76
Fiscal Year July-June 2022-23	\$462,061.80	\$401,648.04	\$60,413.76
Needed Weekly - \$ 13,232.95			
February 5th - \$3,837.00-Church; \$7,309.00-ICS/Daycare; \$11,146.00-Total			
February 12th - \$3,584.43-Church; \$3,739.00-ICS/Daycare; \$7,323.43-Total			
February 19th -			
February 26th -			

Last Week's Envelopes: 57

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!! With God all things are possible!

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

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.

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 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 January February 25th & 26th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Dennis Benney	Michael Readey
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Dianne Talley
Communion Minister	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Jacob Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Sharon Pottebaum	Jacob & Megan Hans Family
Servers	Beth Roesner Jacob Roesner	Natalie Beabout Heath Gotsch
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Rea Jean & Daryl Rhoads	Dottie Brueggen Elaine Winford

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

For engaged couples preparing for marriage in our Church; that they may grow together in their love for one another as they seek to enrich their matrimonial commitments with the grace of God.

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, February 20th	7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, February 21st	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion To Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - Catholic Ed. Comm. Mtg
Wednesday, February 22nd	1:00 PM-KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Mtg
Thursday, February 23rd	
Friday, February 24th	11:00 AM-1:00 PM - Fish Fry 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Fish Fry
Saturday, February 25th	
Sunday, February 26th	6:00 PM - 5th/6th Grade PSR 6:00 PM - Confirmation Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

Tim & Sandy Bethel - 28 years of marriage on February 25th

Additional Financial Information

Valentine Sign Sales (net)	\$ 535.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00

(This is NOT included in Page 1 totals)

Lent & Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday – 8:30 AM Mass at Jonesburg
5:30 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday morning after 8:30 AM Mass in Jonesburg
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Montgomery City
Fridays at 3:00 PM ICS Students - all are invited

Penance Service

Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30 PM - Jonesburg
Thursday, March 30th at 6:30 PM - Montgomery City

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday – 7:00 PM at Montgomery City
(Holy hour afterwards until 10:00 PM)
Good Friday – 7:00 PM at Montgomery City
Holy Saturday – 8:00 PM at Montgomery City

Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Mass at Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass at Montgomery City

Question of the Week

When do I get angry and respond unkindly to provocation? How can I overcome these triggers?

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Called by the Holy Spirit, we gather together today in praise and thanksgiving to worship the Lord. We sing “Alleluia: as an acclamation of joy to greet our Lord as he speaks to us in the Gospel. But in just a few days we will pause this joyous exclamation. On Wednesday, Lent will begin and we will take our annual opportunity to focus on our sinfulness, our need for forgiveness, and the sacrificial suffering and death of our Lord. May the joy of our faith in the risen Lord sustain us during the coming penitential season.

Small Prayer Groups

Our small prayer groups will begin soon. The parish can help support these small groups by:

- praying the Rosary daily
- keep *Grateful Living* in your daily intercessions
- meditate daily on Scripture for 10 minutes
- make a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament
- assist prayerfully at Mass and offer it for the success of *Grateful Living*
- one day of fasting and prayer
- pray the *Grateful Living* prayer each day. (below)

~ Prayer ~

God our Father, you have formed us in your image and you have filled our lives with abundant blessings. You ask us to nurture the gifts we have been given—all we have, are, and will be; our lives, talents, faith, and resources—and you call us to use them wisely and well.

Jesus, Savior and Brother, you most perfectly show us the steward’s way, committed to seek to follow God’s will, ready to give generously, to show mercy and compassion, to sacrifice in order to bring your love into our world.

Holy Spirit, Fire of Love, inspire us now. Strengthen us as we resolve to live more fully as disciples and to grow as good and faithful stewards.

May we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Immaculate Conception School News



THANK YOU to Charlie and Pat Korman for the donation of the church pew for our front entry way. The church pew is AMAZING!

February 22nd - Ash Wednesday

February 24th - K of C/Home & School Fish Fry
Stations of the Cross @ 3:00 pm

March 1st - Home & School Meeting @ 6:00 pm

March 2nd - Prayer Partner Mass @ 8:00 am

March 3rd - K of C/Home & School Fish Fry
Dr. Seuss Party (PK4-2nd) @ 1:30-3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross @ 3:00 pm
End of 3rd Quarter

IC Scrip Cards



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.**

Desserts Needed for Fish Fries



Desserts are needed for the fish fries starting on February 24th. Donations of these items would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Stations of the Cross

We are looking for people to help lead the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to do this, there is a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule.



2022-23 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

\$12,485.00 - Parish Goal



<u>Committed</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
\$5,120.00	\$3,890.00	31%	(\$8,595.00)

Head Count for February

February 4th - 67	February 5th - 132
February 11th - 83	February 12th - 129
February 18th -	February 19th -
February 25th -	February 26th -

Grand Total for February -

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

February 25th - Quilt Social Bingo at Holy Rosary Activity Center in Warrenton. Doors open at 11:30 AM, Bingo starts at 12:30 PM. Lunch will be available. For more information, contact Barb Schneider (636) 456-3567 or Parish Office (636) 456-3698, Ext. 221.

March 5th - Church of the Risen Savior "All You Care to Eat" Breakfast Sunday, March 5th from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Valentine Hall in Starkenburg.

Lenten Fish Fry

sponsored by
The Knights of Columbus
Council 2044
& Immaculate Conception
Home and School



Friday February 24th

for 6 Fridays

Final one on March 31st

Lunch Serving 11:00 am 'till 1:00 pm
Dine in and Carry outs only

Dinner Serving 4:30 pm 'till 6:30 pm
Drive Thru, Dine in, Carry outs

Adult - \$13.00 Child - \$6.00
(both lunch and dinner)

Featuring Cod and/or Catfish
With Sides

Benefits the school and many community projects

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 - Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, and Susie Ryan

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Marla Daniels, John Rybacki (father of Sue Beck), Kim Dryden, Christine Welter (niece of Kathy Holtz), Matt Brumagin, Don Zerr, Peggy Readey, Becky Queathem, Warner Walton (great, great nephew of Vicki Parker), Kim Dryden, and Ingrid Keller.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, and Daniel Lohmann.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Pat Stumbaugh - 573.220.9441
Broker Associate
prstumbaugh@gmail.com

M5 MillenniumFIVE REAL ESTATE

Phone: 573-564-1150 Fax: 573-564-1149
Website: m5realestate.com

POWERED BY **KW** REALTY WEST
KELLERWILLIAMS.




573-564-3020

573.489.2778

Julie Worsham
Real Estate Agent
Keeping Real Estate Simple!

MILNER
AGENCY
REAL ESTATE



www.MilnerAgency.com www.listingbook.com
worshamj@sbcglobal.net 1040 C South Sturgeon
Office: 573.564.3433 Fax: 573.564.3030 Montgomery City, Missouri 63361

BUELL ACRES INC.

Custom Dirt & Terrace

573.220.2606
marvin@buellacres.com

780 White Road
Montgomery City, MO 63361



Montgomery City, MO 573-574-3099
Good Food! Good People! Good Times!



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



**God Bless
our
Parish Family!**

My Office plus

Professional - Solutions - Complete

573.564.8117
888.878.8589 Fax
jeff@myofficeplus.net
www.myofficeplus.net



Jeff Arens, Owner
PO Box 156
517 N. Sturgeon
Montgomery City, MO 63361

♦ Custom Design Work ♦ UPS® Shipping ♦ Full Color Wide Format Printing ♦ Business Cards ♦
♦ Faxing ♦ Outdoor Banners ♦ Yard Signs ♦ No Print Job Too Small or Large ♦
♦ Internet Solutions - Domains, Email, Website & Shopping Cart Hosting & More ♦



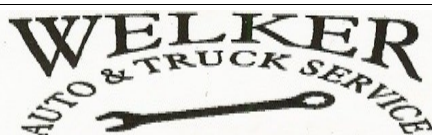
Michael Auchly
Owner

Store: 573.574.3022 Cell: 636.448.1314
1005 S. Sturgeon | Montgomery City | MO | 63361
bundysllc@yahoo.com

QUEATHEN INSURANCE, LLC

Serving the area for over 20 years

Crop & Hail
Home Farm Auto Life Business Health
Competitive Rates Discounts Available
573.564.3896
131 N. Walker | Montgomery City | MO | 63361



2 Mitchell Road, Montgomery City
(573) 564-2245

***Inspections *Diagnostic scan**
***Complete auto service & repair**
Raymond & Chris Welker, Owners

HERMANN FORD

614 Market St. • PO Box 196
Hermann, MO 65041

Randy Hinkel
Sales Consultant

Phone: 573-486-3113
Cell: 573-220-0731



rhinkel@hotmail.com
www.hermannford.com

Welcome
everyone, anytime
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.