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Parish Council Members: Dennis Benney-President, Jack Wells-Vice-President  
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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  
Parish Council Members: Dan Schwartz-President, Barb Turpin-Vice-President  
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Society of St. Vincent DePaul - 573.835.3631 Fr. Ernest Dike, Parochial Administrator, edike@diojeffcity.org Bulletin Deadline is 9:00 AM on Wednesdays

**January 12, 2025 - The Baptism Of The Lord**

**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**  
January 13  
Weekday  
Heb 1:1-6  
Mk 1:14-20  
**TUESDAY**  
January 14  
Weekday  
Heb 2:5-12  
Mk 1:21-28  
**WEDNESDAY**  
January 15  
Weekday  
Heb 2:14-18  
Mk 1:29-39  
**THURSDAY**  
January 16  
Weekday  
Heb 3:7-14  
Mk 1:40-45  
**FRIDAY**  
January 17  
St. Anthony, Abbot  
Heb 4:1-5, 11  
Mk 2:1-12  
**SATURDAY**  
January 18  
Weekday  
Heb 4:12-16  
Mk 2:13-17  
**SUNDAY**  
January 19  
Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 62:1-5  
1 Cor 12:4-11  
Jn 2:1-11



[John said,] "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire."  
LUKE 3:16

**Spirit-Trained**

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire "eager to do what is good," as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit's voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God's Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well. ●

**Reflect**  
How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?

**Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick**

Mon	January	13th	NO MASS	Montgomery City	
Tue	January	14th	5:30 PM	Montgomery City	+Darlene Sachs
Wed	January	15th	8:30 AM	Jonesburg	+Roy Duenke
Thur	January	16th	8:00 AM	Montgomery City	-Joseph Halter Family
Fri	January	17th	8:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Virginia Cochran
Sat	January	18th	5:00 PM	Montgomery City	+Don Benney
Sun	January	19th	8:00 AM	Jonesburg	+Charles Bextermiller
			10:00 AM	Montgomery City	-Our Parish Family

**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

**Immaculate Conception Parish & School**

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 24-Nov 24, YTD	\$279,800.22	\$311,091.06	-\$31,291.04
November 2024	\$45,007.29	\$54,677.19	-\$9,669.90
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
December 1st	\$4,131.00	\$5,243.00	\$9,374.00
December 8th	\$4,217.25	\$5,344.50	\$9,561.75
December 15th	\$8,614.00	\$5,293.00	\$13,907.00
December 22nd	\$2,234.00	\$3,142.00	\$5,376.00
December 29th	\$7,259.27	\$3,503.00	\$10,762.27
Weekly Goal	\$13,233.00	Wkly Avg	\$9,796.20

**Your Gifts to God! Thank You!**



**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.

**St. Patrick Parish**

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget Goal FY 25	\$76,000.00		
Total Collected YTD	\$21,501.00		
	Church		Total
December 1st	\$1,633.00		
December 8th	\$1,242.00		
December 15th	\$6,641.00		
December 22nd			
December 29th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,365.39	Wkly Avg	\$3,172.00

**Additional Financial Information**

Solemnity of Mary - \$85.00  
 Seminary Formation & Infirm Priests - \$396.00  
 Capital Improvements - \$130.00  
 First Offering - \$10.00

**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	January 11th & 12th	January 18th & 19th	January 25th & 26th	February 1st & 2nd	
<b>IC SAT 5PM</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Jacob Roesner	Dennis Cobb	Beckham Cothren	Beth Cobb
	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>				
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Mary Pottebaum	Gary Hoette	Megan Hans	Dennis Cobb
	<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Cothren Family	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Jacob Hans Family	Steve & Beth Cobb Bill & Liz Huston
	<b>Servers</b>	Reed Pottebaum Beth Roesner	Lila Broz Jacob Roesner	Mercer Cothren Malorie Schulte	Ella Hans Emelia Hans
<b>Money Counters</b>	Don/Sandy Oakes & Darryl Rhoads	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	John/Aggie Baldetti & Darryl Rhoads	Don/Sandy Oakes & Megan Hans	
<b>IC SUN 10AM</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Richard Schierhoff	Janet Stumbaugh	Elizabeth Schierhoff	Mark Brower
	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Bonnie Walker	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley	Geri Park
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Jenidean Readey	Jack Wells	Jacob Lotton	Eileen Lotton
	<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Jeff & Amanda Arens Dave & Janet Cobb	Pat & Janet Stumbaugh Melissa & Justin Beabout	Melissa & Justin Beabout Dana Schneider & Brady Craven	Ron & Dianne Talley Jerry Neale & Tony Wessel
	<b>Servers</b>	Steele Anderson & Tinley Anderson	Leyla Beabout & Natalie Beabout	Alena Beabout & Paisley Anderson	Kendra & Keagan Rakers
<b>Money Counters</b>	Dave Teeter & Vickie Parker	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Rick/Gayle Adams & Dave Teeter	Cathy McCormack & Pam Schwartz	
<b>SP SUN 8AM</b>	<b>Hospitality/Usher</b>	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber	Ellis Family	Farrar Family	Youth
	<b>Altar Clean Up Only</b>	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark
	<b>Lector</b>	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Gilbert	Donna Cobb	Nancy Cobb	Gracie Cobb
	<b>Servers</b>	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Nancy Cobb	John Cobb, Sr.	Bridget Cobb	Teri Lenzenhuber
<b>Money Counters</b>	Jan Milzark & Katherine Stroot	John Cobb, Jr. & Brad Ellis	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Dothage	Derrick Cobb & Karen Stenger	

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

**Dear Padre,**

**We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?**

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity. ●

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

**Bishop McKnight's January prayer intention for our Local Church**

For our civic leaders, that they may be guided by wisdom and integrity in their decisions. May they seek the common good, foster unity in our communities, and lead with compassion and justice.



**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*Let us thank the Lord for baptism. Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the sacrament...for the community in which we received him.... Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?*

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 7, 2024



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## SAVE THE DATE!

### MARRIAGE RETREAT

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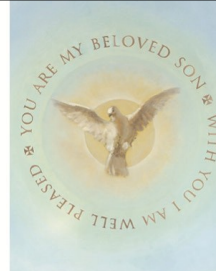
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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."  
Luke 3:21-22

Despite his perfection, Jesus chose to be baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan River, standing alongside sinners, to lead by example. In doing so, he showed us the way of humility and service. We, too, are called to lead by example—whether in our homes, ministries, schools, or workplaces—modeling love, humility, and selfless service, just as Christ did.



St Peter (Fulton, MO) Ladies Auxiliary Annual Lasagna Candlelight Dinner, January 25, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM serving an endless salad bar, made from scratch lasagna, bread, beverage and dessert. Call 573-642-6553 to reserve a table or you may purchase tickets at the door. \$20/per person.

This even will be held at the St. Peter Church Multipurpose Building, 700 State Road Z, Fulton MO 65251.



## Upcoming Events and Announcements

Day	Date	Event	Time
Monday	Jan. 13th		
Tuesday	Jan. 14th	IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday	Jan. 15th	SP SP IC SP SP	Following 8:30 AM Mass - Breakfast @ The Warehouse - all are welcome 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM - Adoration 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome 6:30 PM - Parish Council Meeting at Parish House 6:30 PM - Finance Council Meeting at Parish House 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting at the KC Hall
Thursday	Jan. 16th	SP IC	1:00 PM - Bunco at Parish Hall 6:30 PM - Parish Council Meeting at ICS
Friday	Jan. 17th		
Saturday	Jan. 18th	SP	10:00-11:30 AM - Grief Class at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jonesburg
Sunday	Jan. 19th	SP IC IC	After 8:00 AM Mass - Coffee & Donuts in Parish Hall - all are welcome 4:15 PM to 6:15 PM - 1st-7th Grade PSR Class 4:15 PM to 6:15 PM - Confirmation Class



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.

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.



Residents of  
Aspire Nursing Home  
308 Cedar Avenue, Jonesburg, MO 63351

### 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, Jean Fishback, Sheryl Gibbs, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Ken Hocke, Antoinette Hoing, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Pat Kline, Pat Merz, Kathleen Mohrmann, Lyndsey O'Bryan, Alice O'Donnell, Margaret O'Donnell, Terry Parker, Peatross Family, Avery Penn, Rae Jean Rhoads, Shirley Rose, Susie Ryan, John Rybacki, Nick Schneider, John Schneider, Tommy Shine, Evelyn Strauss, Katherine Stroot, Londa Swoboda, Ed Torbeck, 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, Donnie Wisdom, and Alex Brueggen



**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!



Steve & Kathy Holtz - 52 years of marriage on January 13th

**Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in January!**

- 3rd - Sam Cobb
- 4th - Marion Bullerdick
- 5th - Beth Bextermiller
- 6th - Millie Myrick
- 6th - Everleigh Poggas
- 12th - Chelsea Barclay
- 16th - Matthew Politsch
- 18th - Linda Stewart
- 24th - Goldie Reynolds
- 24th - Barb Turpin
- 26th - Shelby Barclay
- 29th - Rich Rose



## Immaculate Conception School News

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### Immaculate Conception School News

#### WHY ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**\*TEACH** Christ's core values to children; love, generosity, responsibility, self-discipline.

**SELF DISCIPLINE** - Students are expected to accept responsibility for their actions, to respect others and to make good decisions in the context of the faith experience. Christ as a model - The goal of a Catholic education is to help children mature into Christ-like people.

#### WHY:

Catholic school education has been transformative, shaping not only academic abilities but also character, values, and faith. The emphasis on compassion, service, and a relationship with God has influenced the way one lives and interacts with others.

#### STRENGTHS OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

- Faith and values based learning environment
- A holistic education - academics, spiritual, social, emotional and physical development
- Welcoming, inclusive and family - oriented environment.
- High standards of behavior and respect for self and others
- Safe and caring environment
- Sense of belonging and community

#### GOSPEL VALUES

- \*Humility: seeing life as a gift
- \*Compassion: having empathy
- \*Kindness: gentleness
- \*Justice: working for a fairer world
- \*Forgiveness: reconciling with self and others
- \*Integrity: do what you say
- \*Peace: committed to peace making and non-violence
- \*Courage: standing up for the truth



Parish Council Meeting at St. Patrick is this week Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish House.

Finance Council Meeting is also this week Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish House.

Parish Council and Finance Council Members please pick up your information packet after Mass this Sunday. They can be found in the Parish Hall.

#### Thank You!

We want to thank the Immaculate Conception Church family for all their thoughts, prayers, and cards on the passing of our mother. A special thanks to Fr. Ernest and Fr. Derek for their comforting words, the women of the parish for the funeral luncheon after the funeral, and to Jeff and Debbie for the beautiful music.

The Family of Margaret Van Beek

#### Calling all Seniors in High School

Applications are open for the William H. (Bill) Simon Scholarship and the John L. Warack Scholarship. Applications are available at: [diojeffcity.org/scholarships](http://diojeffcity.org/scholarships).

#### Epiphany Party - Change in Date

Due to weather conditions last Sunday, the Epiphany Party has been re-scheduled for **Sunday, January 19th**. It will still be at the Knights of Columbus Hall after 10:00 AM Mass.

There will be ham (donated) for the meat and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Tea, coffee, and lemonade will be provided.

Fr. Ernest said ping pong would be played this year, but please bring your games, cards, corn hole, or anything you would like to play after the meal.

Everyone is invited to attend!



#### Tax Statement

It's that time of the year! If you **WANT** a titling statement for your taxes, please call (573) 564-2375 or email ([imm-con@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imm-con@sbcglobal.net)) the parish office and we will get one out to you.



#### Christmas Decorations in Church

Christmas decorations in church at Immaculate Conception will now be taken down at **6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 14th**. We would appreciate all the help we can get, especially some strong backs to help carry and put things away!

#### World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

#### Knights of Columbus Offers Video Series

Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus* called the "Mission of The Family." The videos can be found on the Knights of Columbus website for free! Here is the link to find "The Mission of The Family" videos: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length.

#### Desserts Needed for Sausage Dinner

The annual Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner is on Sunday, January 26th. If you like to bake, they would love to have your pies, cakes, and/or cookies for desserts. Thank you!



KC COUNCIL #2044



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### WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE DINNER

SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2025

10:30am - 2:00pm

"Rain, Ice, Sleet, or Snow, IT'S A GO"

Knights of Columbus Hall

Montgomery City

**Dine in and Carry out only**

**\$15.00 dinner... Child \$7.00**

**(Over 90 & under 6 no Charge) Age 6 to 12**

Sausage with Kraut, Mashed Potatoes,

Green Beans, Applesauce and Dessert

**Bulk Sausage Sales \$6.00** 4- link vacuum package

Starting Friday **Jan. 24th** at KC Hall

#### Quilt Raffle Tickets Available



The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary have quilt raffle tickets available for \$1.00/each or 6/\$5.00 donation. The tickets will be available thru the Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner when one lucky person will receive it! Please see any auxiliary member for tickets. They will also be available at the sausage dinner.

#### Bill Becker Memorial PRO LIFE Breakfast

### All You Can Eat Breakfast

Sunday January 19, 2025

8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Knights of Columbus Hall-Martinsburg

- Whole Hog Sausage
- Bacon
- Eggs- Scrambled & Fried to Order
- Biscuits & Gravy
- Pancakes
- Fruit
- Juice & Coffee

Adults \$12

Children (6-12) \$5

Children (Under 6) Free

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