



With many such parables [Jesus] spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

MARK 4:33

Life Happens

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The adage that “life is what happens to us as we’re busy doing other things” seems to be a rewording of this week’s Gospel about the kingdom of heaven, namely about God’s reigning activity in our lives. It is a parable about a man who sows seeds in his field. The seeds sprout, grow, and bear fruit, all without his knowing how. In effect, the message says that it is *God* who happens to us as we’re busy doing other things.

We tend to convince ourselves that we have complete control over our lives, when in reality that is somewhat of an illusion. Though we may decide what we will have for dinner, what TV program to watch, or what we will wear, we have much less control over the portions of life that so often give meaning and shape to who we are. The person someone marries

is dependent upon the mutual commitment of the two people in love. The degree of job satisfaction we eagerly hope to find can partly depend upon the people with whom we work and the expectations of others. “We walk by faith and not by sight” reveals that we recognize the reigning presence of God bringing us to a life we’d never imagined. In reality, the one thing we do have control over is how we respond to life’s events, which can then open us to the ways by which God brings us to fruitful abundance. ●

Reflect

**Think of three of your blessings:
How much did you have to do
with their coming about?**

Dear Padre,

*Why did Jesus always speak in parables?
Why didn't he give us clearer answers?*

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 13:11). For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

Parables are intended to reveal as much about us as they do about God. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*, "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the openhearted. ●



RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON, GUERCINO / WIKICOMMONS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Aloysius	Weekday	Twelfth Sunday
1 Kgs 21:1-16	1 Kgs 21:17-29	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Sir 48:1-14	Gonzaga, Religious	2 Chr 24:17-25	in Ordinary Time
Mt 5:38-42	Mt 5:43-48	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Mt 6:7-15	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Mt 6:24-34	Jb 38:1, 8-11
				Mt 6:19-23		2 Cor 5:14-17
						Mk 4:35-41



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It may happen that we get discouraged, because we see the weakness of good as compared to the apparent power of evil.... The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality...to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life....

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 13, 2021

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

JUNE 16, 2024 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions



Monday, June 17th **NO Mass - Montgomery City**
 Tuesday, June 18th **5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Comfort N. Dike
 Wednesday, June 19th **8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg**
 Thursday, June 20th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** - Clint Cunningham
 (for healing)
 Friday, June 21st **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Bill Dryden
 Saturday, June 22nd **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** - Our Parish Family
 Sunday, June 23rd **8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg**
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Bill Readey

Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
May 2024	\$71,729.33	\$60,011.74	\$11,717.59
Fiscal Year July-May, 2023-24	\$777,224.01	\$716,847.64	\$60,376.37
Needed Weekly - \$13,397.08			

June 2nd - \$6,711.75-Church; \$4,559.00-ICS/Daycare; \$11,270.75 -Total
 June 9th - \$3,361.00-Church; \$6,423.54-ICS/Daycare; \$ 9,784.54 -Total
 June 16th -
 June 23rd -
 June 30th -

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.

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 June 22nd & 23rd

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Beckham Cothren	Janet Stumbaugh
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Dianne Talley
Communion Minister	Dennis Cobb	Jacob Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Cothren Family	Ron & Dianne Talley Jerry Neale Tony Wessel
Servers	Jacob Roesner Lila Broz	Carl Smith Josie Harrell
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Darryl Rhoads Don & Sandy Oakes	Cathy McCormack Dave Teeter

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

For our seminarians and deacon candidates preparing for the sacrament of Holy Orders: May they follow the example of the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for his sheep.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, June 17th	NO Mass - Montgomery City	Monday, June 17th	
Tuesday, June 18th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City	Tuesday, June 18th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, June 19th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, June 19th	5:30 PM - Parish Council/Finance Mtg. @ ICS 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, June 20th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Thursday, June 20th	6:30 PM - Central Deanery Leadership Meeting @ Lourdes in Columbia
Friday, June 21st	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Friday, June 21st	
Saturday, June 22nd	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)	Saturday, June 22nd	
Sunday, June 23rd	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)	Sunday, June 23rd	



Wedding Anniversary

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

*John & Agnes Baldetti - 30 yrs of marriage on June 18th
Dustin & Hilary Benney - 16 yrs of marriage on June 21st
Charlie & Pat Korman - 51 yrs of marriage on June 23rd*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	20.00
Holy Days (Ascension & Assumption)	\$	40.00
School Donation	\$	200.00
Mass Intentions	\$	180.00

Save the Date!

The Annual Harvest Picnic will be September 15, 2024. Details to follow in future bulletins!

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

As we walk by faith, we grow as disciples of Christ, living out our faith with a trusting heart that is courageous, praying for God's grace to fill us with everlasting peace and unending joy.



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings are especially timely at this point of the year. Two of the passages concern nature, specifically the growth of large trees and plants. As we head into summer, we can appreciate the shade from an expansive, leafy tree. On this Father's Day, a sturdy tree that provides shelter and comfort may remind us of our own father or fathers we know. Like trees and plants during the summer, like fathers who love us and care for us, the seeds we sow and nurture grow slowly and steadily, producing fruit that builds the kingdom of God in our midst.

Question of the Week

How do I walk by faith, showing my trust in God and things I cannot see? Can I recall a recent occasion in which I chose to put my trust in God?

Our Prayers & Condolences

Bill Dryden, brother of Bob Dryden passed away on Monday. We offer our prayers and condolences to Bob, Kim, and their family during this time of sorrow. May God grant them hope and strength in the days ahead.

Prayer for Fathers on Father's Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honor to You and them. Bless and heal all those wounded by the imperfections of their fathers and grant an eternal rest to our fathers you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ Lord. Amen



Wishing all fathers a very Happy and Blessed Father's Day!



Immaculate Conception School News

School's out for the summer! See you in August!

Head Count for June

June 1st - 71	June 2nd - 71 (not a typo!)
June 8th - 60	June 9th - 102
June 15th -	June 16th -
June 22nd -	June 23rd -
June 29th -	June 30th -

Grand Total for June -



Vacation Bible School

Come join us this summer July 30th—August 2nd from **4:00 PM to 7:30 PM** (this is a time change) at Immaculate Conception School! Information and registration forms are inserted in this week's bulletin. Due to the generosity of our local Knights of Columbus and a grant received from the State Knights of Columbus, there is **NO CHARGE** to attend and every child who registers by June 30th will receive a free shirt. Geri Park will also have information/registration forms after Mass the next couple of weeks! We are in need of parent volunteers. If you can help, please call Geri at 573-590-2478 or the parish office at 573-564-2375.

Parish Council/Administration & Finance Committee Meeting Summary

Following is a summary of the Parish Council/Administration and Finance Committee Meeting on May 16, 2024;

- Update on combined bulletin (Immaculate Conception & St. Patrick) - still working on obtaining a colored printer which is being donated by anonymous donors.
- Recruitment Committee - committee has met several times. ICS flyer updated, and distributed. The main objective is to make the community aware of ICS.
- Candle Wax - need to discuss ways to keep the wax from the Easter Candles spilling onto the floor and pew cushions.
- Father expressed his sincere appreciation for everyone's support during the time of the loss of his mother.
- Father will be meeting with the Stewardship & Social Concerns Committees about a parish retreat and to talk about showing the TV series, "Chosen".
- Father reported the "Feast of the Immaculate Heart" is in June.
- Father requested Diane Witthaus and Lila Broz to be on the School Advisory Board which they accepted.
- 2024-25 Budget needs to be approved by July 1st. The Finance Committee is working on it.
- The next meeting is schedule for Wednesday, June 19, 5:30 PM at ICS.

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

June 20th-23rd - St. George Rummage Sale in Hermann.
 Thursday, June 20th - 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 Friday, June 21st - 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 Saturday, June 22nd - 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Sunday, June 23rd - 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary News

The ladies met at Kim Dryden's house on Tuesday, June 11th. During their meeting they elected officers for the upcoming year who are:

President - Kim Dryden
 Vice-President - Nancy Hinkel
 Secretary - Lila Broz
 Treasurer - Sharon Pottebaum

They are still looking for new members to join. Any ladies interested can contact one of the officers to find out more about the Auxiliary, or any member of the Knight of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary!



Pick-A-Prize Winners

...and the winner of the June 2nd drawing was **Joe Oden!** He chose the Texas Roadhouse, Olive Garden, Culvers, and Syberg's gift cards.

Past winners and prizes include:

- George Boes - \$500.00 gift card to Sams/Walmart
- Angela Keller - \$500.00 gift card to Amazon
- Daryl & Nancy Cobb - \$250.00 Cash/\$250.00 in lottery tickets
- Eileen Lotton - \$500.00 Visa gift card

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, Mary Pettig, Bill & Lucille Muenz, and Larry Jahner.

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

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

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Clint Cunningham, Avery Penn, Jim Wortmann, Lindsey O'Bryan, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Evelyn Strauss, Larry Brueggemann, Rosemary Brower, Beau Boschenreither, Sheryl Gibbs, Ed Grillo, Tony Wessel, Sr., Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, 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.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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 Isaiah 49:15

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 our Lord and
 Savior, Jesus
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 deepen your
 intimate friendship
 and be nourished
 and strengthened
 by his Presence
 and Love. At
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 Divine Mercy and
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 Mass will start at
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