

## Come On In!

**H**ospitality has been defined as entertaining your guests and caring for their needs. It is a gracious custom. However, in some ancient communities it was necessary for survival. Travelers were vulnerable to the climate and topography of an unfamiliar area, as well as to its inhabitants. Every stranger was a potential enemy. Conversely, the traveler might be a thief, murderer, or a spy sent ahead to reconnoiter his enemies. People had to be on their guard, and travelers never really knew how others would receive them. They could be robbed by their host, captured, enslaved, or even put to death.

### FOR Reflection

- ✱ *How might you offer your services to open-door projects of your parish?*
- ✱ *Most of us trace our family history back to immigration. How have you benefited from that form of hospitality?*

To guarantee protection on all sides, a certain protocol of hospitality had to be presumed and observed. The host was expected to treat all travelers as guests, not as potential enemies. Such treatment was thought to neutralize any threat to the household. The traveler was expected to act as a guest rather than a threat, accepting the generosity of the host for necessary food, drink, and shelter. Such hospitality was a temporary arrangement, but it assured everyone of a degree of safety.

We see traces of this custom in the first reading from Genesis. Surprise! The visitors were no ordinary travelers. They were messengers from God. In the Gospel reading, Jesus was a guest in the home of Martha and Mary. Their hospitality flowed from love, not social custom. Furthermore, he was no ordinary traveler. Both readings encourage us to practice hospitality. You never know who might appear as a guest.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*



*"The Lord said to her... 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part.'"*  
LUKE 10:41–42

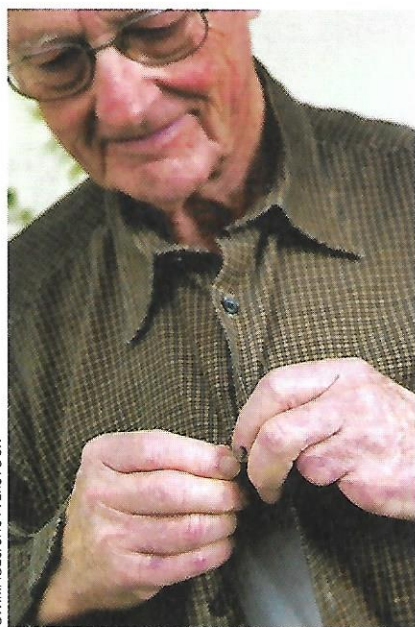


# Dear Padre,

**Especially in the summertime, parishioners come to Mass dressed quite casually. Some wear shorts, sandals, old jeans, or gym shoes. What is proper church attire?**

**W**hen I was a child, my father always wore a dress shirt and tie to church, my mother wore a dress, and my eight siblings and I were also impeccably dressed. Times have changed. We're a more casual society. That said, I think it's good for people to dress up for Mass. Parents need to set an example for their children and get into the habit of wearing their "Sunday best"—even if it's Saturday evening.

The Church, being universal, doesn't have an official dress code.



"Appropriate attire" for the jungles of Brazil is different from that in New York City. We must be sensitive to culture and to financial situations. Also, what is inappropriate for Easter Sunday may be fine for a Saturday teen Mass.

Although not a mandate, in 2006 the US bishops issued a statement with suggestions for Mass attire: "As Christians we should dress in a modest manner, wearing clothes that reflect our reverence for God and that manifest our respect for the dignity of the liturgy and for one another" ("Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper").

We should speak up when someone is dressed inappropriately, but do so in a kind, nonjudgmental manner. A sign in the back of church or an announcement in the bulletin may be a better alternative. Try something like, "Summer is here, but remember when you dress for Mass that church isn't the beach." We show respect at church events by our participation and in the way we dress.

*Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus' response to Martha—when he tells her that there is only one thing that needs to be done—finds its full significance in reference to listening to the very word of Jesus...If we go to pray, for example, before the crucifix, and we talk, talk, talk, and then we leave, we do not listen to Jesus.*

ANGELUS, JULY 17, 2016



## Calendar

### Monday

JULY 18

Weekday

Mi 6:1–4, 6–8

Mt 12:38–42

### Tuesday

JULY 19

Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Mt 12:46–50

### Wednesday

JULY 20

Weekday

Jer 1:1, 4–10

Mt 13:1–9

### Thursday

JULY 21

Weekday

Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13

Mt 13:10–17

### Friday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

### Saturday

JULY 23

Weekday

Jer 7:1–11

Mt 13:24–30

### Sunday

JULY 24

Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20–32

Col 2:12–14

Lk 11:1–13



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# 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

## JULY 17, 2022 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

Monday, July 18th	<b>NO Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Tuesday, July 19th	6:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Wednesday, July 20th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, July 21st	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> +Ruth Huenefeld
Friday, July 22nd	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> +Evelyn Pool
Saturday, July 23rd	<b>5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b> - Kim Dryden - Healing Mass according to God's will
Sunday, July 24th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City</b> - Our Parish Family

*(No Mass if there is a funeral)*



### July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

<b>Church &amp; School Financial Report:</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>June 2022</b>	\$ 77,917.97	\$ 63,509.91	\$14,408.06
<b>Fiscal Year July-March 2021-22</b>	\$712,620.06	\$643,822.45	\$68,797.61
<b>Needed Weekly</b> - \$ 13,232.95			
July 3rd - \$14,538.00			
July 10th - \$ 6,929.00			
July 17th - \$			
July 24th - \$			
July 31st - \$			

Last Week's Envelopes: 64 of 189

*Thank you!! With God all things are possible!*

**Parish Membership:** Call the parish office to register.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 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.

### 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 24th & 25th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Dennis Benney	Amanda Arens
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	None at this time	None at this time
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Larry Brueggemann	Jenidean Readey
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Ty & Courtney Cothren Family	Ron & Dianne Talley Dana Schneider & Brady Craven
<b>Servers</b>	Emerson & Fallon Schroeder	Leyla Beabout Carl Smith
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
<b>Money Counters</b>	Rae Jean & Daryl Rhoads	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberg

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

For our nation, for the integrity of our judicial system, and that all branches of government be dedicated to seeking the common good and protecting the dignity and rights of the human person, from conception to natural death.



## Weekly Mass Schedule

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Sunday, July 24th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> <b>(Rosary @ 9:30 AM)</b>

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, July 18th	
Tuesday, July 19th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration
Wednesday, July 20th	7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Mtg
Thursday, July 21st	
Friday, July 22nd	
Saturday, July 23rd	
Sunday, July 24th	



### **Wedding Anniversary**

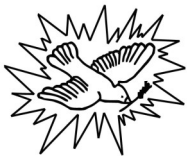
*Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!*

*Jeffrey & Latricia Ferguson - 16 years of marriage on July 22nd  
Jerry & Nancy Fischer - 29 years of marriage on July 24th*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvements	\$ 95.00
Refund on Van Insurance	\$ 470.00
Special Collections:	
Catholic Missourian	\$ 28.00
Communication & Educ.	\$ 15.00
Diocesan Missions	\$ 105.00
Holy Days (Ascension)	\$ 15.00

### **Come Pray With the Seedbearers!**



The Seedbearers will be in the area again for the 5<sup>th</sup> year. Seedbearers is a program that brings teens and adults from the Archdiocese of St. Louis to work on homes in our community.

Everyone is invited to pray with them daily at 5:00 PM Mass here at Immaculate Conception Church Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> thru Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>.

This year, the Seedbearers will be working on 2 homes in Montgomery City, redoing a bathroom in the rectory, and another home in Jonesburg.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from their program for next year, please contact them at [sb@impactym.org](mailto:sb@impactym.org), or call them at 314.398.0861.



### **Congratulations & Welcome!**

We want welcome the newest member to our parish family, Taliana Brooke Lynea Ferguson, who was baptized last Sunday. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Latricia Ferguson of our parish. Congratulations to Taliana and her family on this momentous occasion!

### **Harvest Picnic Update**



We are starting to send out some letters for **Picnic Sponsors**. If you know an individual or business that would like to be a sponsor, please let Beth Cobb or Mary Pottebaum know. We are also looking for vendors for the **Vendor Fair**. At the Harvest Picnic, besides having delicious food, there will also be fun games and activities for kids and adults, a cake walk, a country store, raffles, and a **Live and Silent Auction**. We will need many hands to work at the picnic. Please be thinking about what kinds of items you will donate as well as where your talents will best serve the parish for this event. Packets will be handed out soon with more information and quilt raffle tickets. We need everyone's help to make this 6th Annual Harvest Picnic a success!

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

### **Parishioners Attend Camp Lolek**

We had a great time at Camp Lolek. Lolek was Pope John Paul II's nickname. We attended daily Mass and prayer service, sang camp songs, performed skits, played archery dodgeball, went swimming in the pool and the river, received the sacrament of Reconciliation, played putt-putt golf, and had a water war. We made new friends and had good reflection time. We definitely recommend this camp! Thank you for your prayers.

-Jacob Roesner and Carl Smith

## Immaculate Conception School News



School is out for the summer! See everyone in 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](http://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.**

### Parish Council/Administration & Finance Committee Report

The Parish Council/Administration and Finance Committee met on June 29, 2022. Before the meeting started, council members had a "walk-thru" of the parish's buildings and grounds. (Please see list in second column)

The following was discussed and/or approved during the meeting:

- Financial Report discussed
- Approval of bid for parish van from Richard Bainbridge in the amount of \$1,500.00.
- Bylaws and term limits for Parish Council and Administration/Finance Committee members.
- Letter of Resignation from the Administration/Finance Committee submitted by Richard Bainbridge accepted.
- Gary Hoette acknowledged he has "termed out" and will no longer be serving on the Administration/Finance Committee.
- Summer Care is going well.
- ECLC received \$29,000.00 from PPP for reimbursement of ECLC salaries.
- ECLC received a \$5,000.00 Enhancement Grant which will be used to replace flooring in daycare room.
- School Enrollment looks to be about the same for the upcoming school year.
- Fr. Ernest expressed appreciation for welcoming lunch.
- Fr. Ernest reported the Catholic Stewardship Council (CSC) will need to be formed in our parish soon.
- Fr. Ernest thanked Richard Bainbridge and Gary Hoette for serving on the Administration/Finance Council.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM. The meeting closed with prayer led by Gary Hoette.

**Inserted in this weekend's bulletin is the list of items which need to be addressed from the "Walk Thru". If you can help with any of these projects, please let the parish office or Dennis Cobb (573-253-9257) know. Thank you!**

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

There are no events to post this weekend.

### Mass Attendance Log

In order for the diocese to obtain a more accurate "snapshot" for future pastoral planning, parishes are asked to record attendance at every individual weekend Mass/Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest and Holy Day Mass, from Aug. 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. The Hospitality Ministers will begin taking this count on August 6th.

### Thank You For Your Service

We want to thank Richard Bainbridge and Gary Hoette for serving on the Administration and Finance Committee. Their time and talent while serving on the committee has been invaluable and will always be very much appreciated!

### New Statues in Church

Have you noticed the beautiful new statues of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary in church? We want to thank Jeff & Amanda Arens and Pat & Janet Stumbaugh for this donation.

**Couples Retreat: Love & Life**  
Explore the truth and beauty of marriage and God's plan for it.  
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Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center  
Jefferson City

### 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, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Barb Kliethermes, Marla Daniels, Lindsey (Dryden) O'Bryan, Valerie Readey Neudecker, John Rybacki (father 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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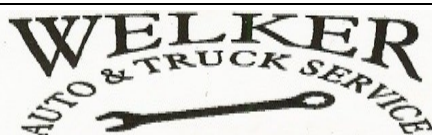
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## **Immaculate Conception Parish - Building and Grounds Walk-Thru**

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Finance Committee - Parish Council

### **RECTORY -**

Inside: Floor trim cleaned-up OR Quarter round reinstalled

Secretary's Office - Doorway flooring needs repair

- Bathroom painted

Pastor's Living Area – Left hallway ceiling needs painting

Back Bedroom – Ceiling painted

Garage – Ceiling

Outside: Not viewed

### **CHURCH -**

Inside: Not viewed

Outside: Cry Room – Louvers – Replace OR repair & paint

White trim and windows painted

Gutters have “growth”

### **SCHOOL -**

Inside: Not viewed

Outside: Parking Lot – Asphalt sealed

Shed – Siding

South Playground – Railroad ties and drainage

ECLC South wall – Painted

ECLC Emergency Exit Railing - Painted

West side of building - Painted

- Preschool window(s) leaks air

North Side - Kitchen – Louvers – Replace OR repair & paint

- Handrails & Electric Box painted

- Electrical entry way sealed

- Dead wire pulled to inside