



“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

MATTHEW 25:40



Pay Attention to Your Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Invite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open daytimes of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored. ●

Reflect

Has your instinct to care for the underdog ever not made sense to others?

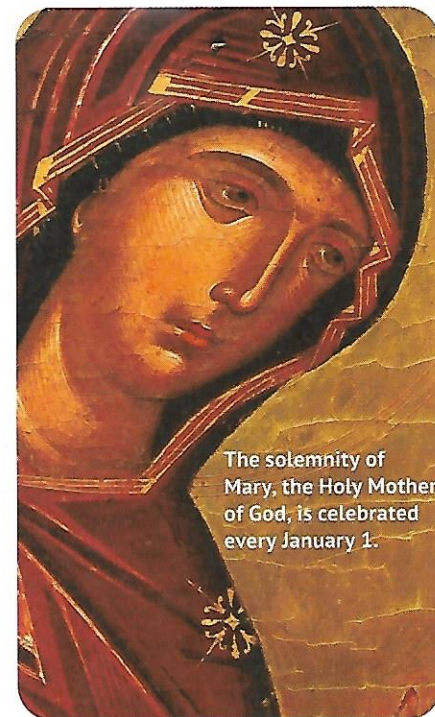
Dear Padre,

In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?

Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.



The solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is celebrated every January 1.

Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective

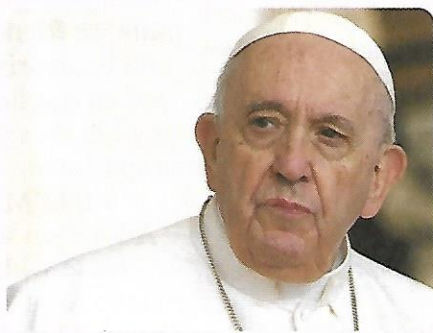
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Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 27 <i>Weekday</i>	November 28 <i>Weekday</i>	November 29 <i>Weekday</i>	November 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	December 1 <i>Weekday</i>	December 2 <i>Weekday</i>	December 3 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19	Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33	Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters—whether hungry or thirsty, a stranger, in need, sick, or in prison—we do to him (see Matthew 25:37-40). In this way, the Lord gives us his “gift list” for the eternal wedding feast he will share with us in heaven.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, NOVEMBER 22, 2020



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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NOVEMBER 26, 2023 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Mass Intentions



Monday, November 27th **No Mass - Montgomery City**
 Tuesday, November 28th **5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City +All Deceased Parishioners**
 Wednesday, Nov. 29th **8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg**
 Thursday, Nov. 30th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Diane Happe**
 Friday, December 1st **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Don Benney**
 Saturday, December 2nd **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City +Mary Kay Johnson**
 Sunday, December 3rd **8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg**
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family

Your Gifts to God!

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Church & School Financial Report:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
October 2023	\$55,695.45	\$52,223.98	\$3,471.47
Fiscal Year July-October, 2023-24	\$240,739.87	\$247,705.90	-\$6,966.03
Needed Weekly - \$13,397.08			

November 5th - \$6,368.00-Church; \$5,907.25-ICS/Daycare; \$12,275.25-Total
 November 12th - \$3,534.13-Church; \$4,520.00-ICS/Daycare; \$ 8,054.13-Total
 November 19th - \$4,528.00-Church; \$5,440.00-ICS/Daycare; \$ 9,968.00-Total
 November 26th -

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.

To Become a Catholic: Order 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 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 December 2nd & 3rd

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Beth Roesner	Michael Readey
Children's Liturgy	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Geri Park
Communion Minister	Dennis Cobb	Eileen Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Steve & Beth Cobb	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
Servers	Mercer Cothren Jacob Roesner	Leyla Beabout Natalie Beabout
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Judy Cobb Daryl Rhoads	Megan Hans Steven Williams

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

For our family, friends and benefactors of our community who have passed from this world to the next; may they attain a share in eternal happiness through our Lord Jesus Christ risen from the dead.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, November 27th	No Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, November 28th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, November 29th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, November 30th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, December 1st	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, December 2nd	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, December 3rd	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, November 27th	
Tuesday, November 28th	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday, November 29th	
Thursday, November 30th	7:00 PM - OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) @ ICS
Friday, December 1st	
Saturday, December 2nd	
Sunday, December 3rd	10:30 AM - Youth Group leaves for Columbia 4:15-6:16 PM (?) Gr.1-7 PSR Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

Steven & Debbie Williams –48 yrs. of marriage on November 29th

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$	50.00
All Saints/All Souls Day	\$	20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	50.00
Mass Intentions	\$	80.00

Immaculate Conception School Advent & Christmas Program

Please mark your calendar now for Friday, December 15th. The 2023 Advent & Christmas Program will be held at the church beginning at 6:00 PM. Seating is limited; plan to arrive early! Matinee/dress rehearsal is at 1:00 PM.



Youth Group Activities



The Youth Group will be leaving for Columbia at 10:15 AM on December 3rd. They will be attending Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, then go to the mall for lunch and then on to the escape room.

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

KC-IC Memorial Mass on Tuesday, **November 28th**, at 5:30 PM right after devotion/benediction. At the end of Mass we will be announcing the names deceased Knights of Columbus members. The Mass Intentions also includes all deceased parishioners. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this Memorial Mass.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

Today we are given the chance of a lifetime: a preview of what we will face at the end of time, straight from the lips of the One who will come in glory on that day. This is Christ the King, who rules over God's creation. In today's Gospel, Jesus confides to his disciples how he will pass judgment on us all. Keep in mind that it's never too late. Let us take heed so that we may do what Jesus expects from us. Then one day may we inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Stewardship Renewal Forms

We want to thank everyone who returned their forms. If you have not yet turned yours in, it is not too late. Simply fill out the forms and drop them in the locked mailbox on the wall by the bulletin board in the church vestibule. *Thank you!*

All Souls



In the month of November, we remember those who have passed away in the past year:

Hilda Schreiner, Donna Boes Whitehead, Bill Broz, All Rakers, Gerald Feltmann, Steven Ross Dunlap, and the deceased relatives of our Parish Family.

Penance Service

Penance Services for the Christmas Season are as follows:

December 13th - St. Patrick's at 6:30 PM
December 14th - Immaculate Conception at 6:30 PM

Fr. Derek Hooper and Fr. Joseph Abah will be assisting.

December Prayer Partner Mass

The December Prayer Partner Mass will be on Thursday, December 7th at 10:00 AM. Following Mass there will be a meal and fellowship at ICS. We hope everyone can make it!

Immaculate Conception School News



Nov. 22-24- Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28-Dec. 8- Book Fair
Nov. 29- Muffins with Mom @ 7:15am
Dec. 6- Home & School Meeting @ 6pm

On Monday, the 7/8 Graders presented the Stone Soup story to all of the students of ICS! Each child took part and was able to put their vegetables they supplied into the pot.

We enjoyed learning about the theme of sharing and how one little stone created several things to feed an entire village.

We referenced the story of "feeding the multitude" in the Bible where Jesus wanted the disciples to feed a large crowd. A boy in the crowd gave his "gift" of five loaves of bread and two small fish to Jesus. He accepted this gift, thanked God and fed over 5,000 people!

We thank Mrs. Pat Korman for creating this presentation and opportunity for us.

On Tuesday, ICS students and staff had our annual ICS Thanksgiving Feast. Thank you to all parents, students, teachers and Home and School for providing all the amazing food and fellowship! 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Thank you to the IC Quilters for the yummy Halloween candy for ALL of our students. They loved it! Thank you!

Thank You!

The Sachs family would like to thank the parish for all the prayers and overwhelming support given during the difficult time as our family prepared to say good-bye to our mom, grandma, and g-grandma and gg-grandma! Thank you, Fr. Ernest for a thoughtful and meaningful celebratory mass. The wonderful luncheon provided by the parish ladies for family and friends was delicious! Thank you to the K of C for being flexible and providing us with time and opportunity to share memories. Thank you to Jeff Arens and Debbie Heidelberger for granting mom's wish for beautiful music. The support of the school by providing servers and having students in attendance would have warmed mom's heart. The church family was mom's family too. Thank you!!

Darlene Sachs Family

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 9 at Bratcher's Market from 12:30-4. We would appreciate it if you could sign up for a half hour or an entire 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.

Head Count for November

November 4th - 84	November 5th - 93
November 11th - 58	November 12th - 111
November 18th - 77	November 19th - 103
November 25th -	November 26th -

Grand Total for November -

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

December 3rd - "Rooftop" Luncheon at United Methodist Presbyterian Church in Montgomery City. Serving starts at 11:15 AM

Dr. Mary Healy

Biblical Healing, Then and Now

Sunday | December 3, 2023 | 1 PM - 4:30 PM

St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish
602 Turner Avenue, Columbia, MO



Dr. Mary Healy is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and a bestselling author and international speaker. She is one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is a consultant to the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

1:00 - 1:50 pm - Talk #1 (Church)
1:50 pm - Break (refreshments in the Gathering Space)
2:00 - 2:50 pm - Talk #2 (Church)
2:50 pm - Break (refreshments in the Gathering Space)
3:00 - 4:30 pm - Healing Prayer Service (Church)
5:00 pm - Mass



Scan the QR code to register!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE NOTICE

The Social Concerns Commission will have the Christmas Giving Tree up starting November 18. Youth in Need (YIN) will take delivery of the gifts anytime until Dec 8th. YIN is located next to Dominos Pizza and they are open from 7:30am to 3:00pm 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 3rd. New this year, 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.



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, Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, and Ida Kopf.

Resident of Oak Point Nursing Home in Warrenton, 700 Forrest Avenue, Warrenton, MO 63383 - Judy Topel.

Resident of Stonebridge in Hermann, 1800 Wein St, Hermann, MO 65041 - Tony Wessel, Sr.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Darrel Prior, Pat Stumbaugh, Sheryl Gibbs (daughter of Sue Fox), Ed Grillo, Tony Wessel, Sr., Ed Torbeck, Donald Oakes, Bill Dryden, Rae Jean Rhoads, Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Marla Daniels, Matt Brumagin, Don Zerr, Kim Dryden, Ingrid Keller, Laverne Wessel, and Margaret Van Beek.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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

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 Parish Family!**

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 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
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 close with
 Devotion to the
 Divine Mercy and
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 Mass will start at
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With Thanksgiving approaching, I just wanted to take some time and express our gratitude for Immaculate Conception school. Our family is very grateful and appreciative of the education and character building IC is providing our two kids.

Their teachers have been wonderful in guiding them since preschool with academics, character building, and their faith. The teachers show love, kindness, and have clear expectations of their class. I always love every opportunity I have to come into the school and see the greatness taking place!

I have also witnessed so much kindness from the older students towards my two younger ones and I believe that goes to say the community they are building there is like none other. They truly are like a big family who looks out for each other.

We have been nothing but happy with the school, teachers, and administration. Any concern I have ever had, Ms. Schroeder (along with their teachers) have been prompt to address it, discuss it with us, and come to a solution. I greatly appreciate that she takes the time to listen and take any suggestions I have with an open mind/heart. She is truly an advocate for all the students. I am also amazed by the grants she has taken the time to write in order to improve the school.

We are just so very grateful to have the school available, along with the staff and administration. My kids look forward to school each day and I don't ever have to worry about them (which is a GREAT feeling as a parent). Again, I just wanted to express our gratitude for the school and staff.

Thank you IC family for being amazing and caring for each kid!

Happy Thanksgiving!