



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

Future Gazing

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still they placed their future in his hands.

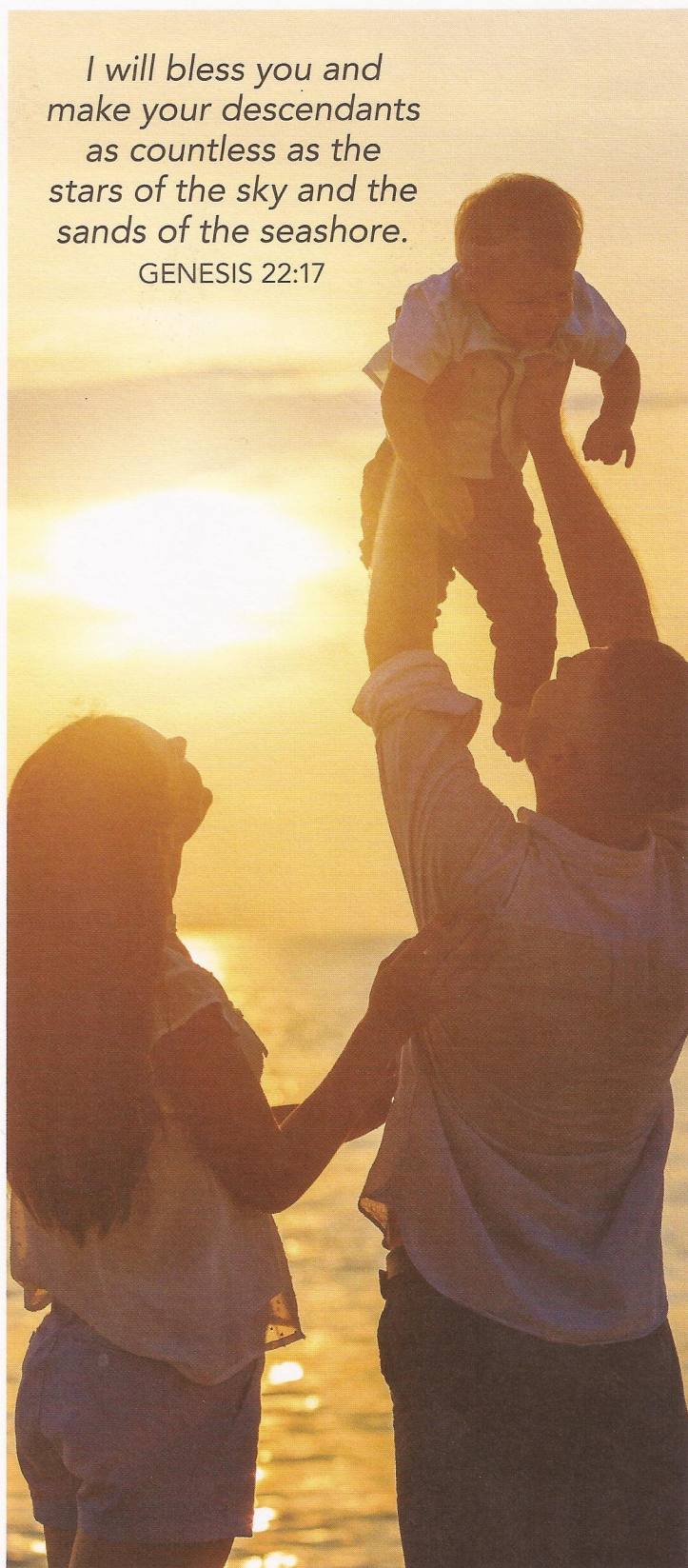
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Have you ever felt like your whole world has collapsed? How did you get through it?
- ★ True disciples must place their lives in God's hands. Pray for this grace.

*I will bless you and
make your descendants
as countless as the
stars of the sky and the
sands of the seashore.*

GENESIS 22:17



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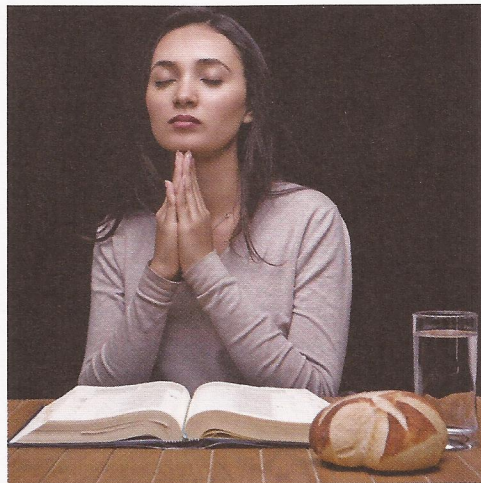
Dear Padre,

Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

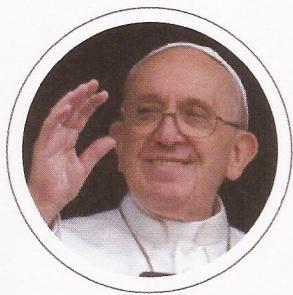
A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.

Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b–10

Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16–20

Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18–20

Mt 20:17–28

Thursday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5–10

Lk 16:19–31

Friday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a,

17b–28a

Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Sunday

MARCH 7

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1–17 or

20:1–3, 7–8, 12–17

1 Cor 1:22–25

Jn 2:13–25



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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb- President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Secretary-Open, Laura Yelton, Vicki Parker, & Mary Pottebaum

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 1st	NO MASS
Tuesday, March 2nd	5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City +Don Benney
Wednesday, March 3rd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, March 4th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Richard Mark Stumbaugh
Friday, March 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Kenneth Cunningham
Saturday, March 6th	5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family
Sunday, March 7th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
	10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Valerie Readey Nuedeker



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
January 2021	\$34,759.00	\$46,965.65	-\$12,206.65
Fiscal Year July - Jan. 2020-21	\$326,240.66	\$314,391.54	\$11,849.12
Needed Weekly	- \$ 11,835.50		
February 7th -	\$11,900.32		
February 14th -	\$10,960.40		
February 21st -	\$ 3,964.00		
February 28th -	\$11,393.95		

Last Week's Envelopes: 59 of 179

With God all things are possible

(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 to 4:10 PM Saturday or call for an appointment. Additional times have been schedule for Lent. See page 2

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Hartley.

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 March 6th & 7th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	<u>No ministries will be assigned at this time.</u>	
Children's Liturgy		
Communion Ministers		
Ministers of Hospitality		
Servers		
Gift Bearers		
Money Counters		

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

For parents: may they have the spiritual and material resources they need to provide their children a home in which charity and mercy are practiced, and knowledge of our faith is shared.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, March 1st	NO MASS
Tuesday, March 2nd	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, March 3rd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, March 4th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, March 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, March 6th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 4:30 PM)
Sunday, March 7th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, March 1st	7:00 PM RCIA
Tuesday, March 2nd	6:15 PM Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, March 3rd	7:30 PM Knight of Columbus
Thursday, March 4th	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confessions
Friday, March 5th	2:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 6th	
Sunday, March 7th	9:20 AM Confessions 9:30 AM 3rd/4th Grade PSR Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

Alan & Marie Rock - 34 years of marriage on March 6th

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvement	\$ 245.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 5,850.00
Bulletin Ads	\$ 00.00
Special Collections:	
3 in 1 Collection	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 55.00

St. Vincent DePaul Collection

Next weekend is the first full weekend in March and there will be a collection for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul. There will be a basket marked "St. Vincent DePaul" in the church vestibule where contributions can be placed. If your contribution is in an envelope, please write St. Vincent DePaul on it. If you are unable to make the weekend Masses, you are welcome to leave a donation at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Capital Campaign Update



Parish members should have recently received a letter from Father Hartley with updated information on the Capital Campaign. If anyone has a pledge card they would like to send in, it can be dropped off at the rectory or dropped in the collection basket in the vestibule at either Mass. We are pleased to say our new total in donations and pledges is \$208,000. The letter you received also has a link to a video for information about the projects and the process of the Capital Campaign. We are so grateful for your generosity and we ask for each parish member's prayerful consideration in helping us with this Campaign. Be well and God Bless.

To view the video, use the URL below:

tinyurl.com/1xrbdaeo

From Deacon Wayne



Seventeen years ago God brought Pam and I to this community, to begin a new phase in our life. We hardly knew anyone when we moved here. Immaculate Conception Parish and the community as a whole welcomed us as a part of your families. You invited us to your celebrations and together we mourned losses. God truly blessed us with more than just a job, it has been an adventure.

We feel that God is taking us to another phase in our life as we move back to our roots in Bowling Green partly to be closer to family, or at least part of them, and for reasons that have yet to be revealed to us.

We will miss being with you, and will keep you in our prayers. Our new address is 18910 Pike 9230, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Confirmation Candidates

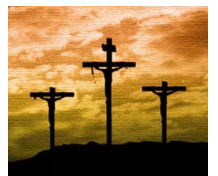
Fr. Hartley would like to meet with the Confirmation candidates so he can get to know them on Sunday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

The Thursday before Holy Thursday this year falls on March 25, and because the Solemnity of the Annunciation outranks the Chrism Mass, the Chrism Mass has been moved to Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Stations of the Cross

Please be mindful of the opportunity to make the Stations of the Cross during Lent. We will be offering them at least twice a week (twice on Fridays and some Tuesdays). If you feel more comfortable, we will have books in the church vestibule so you can pray them on your own during the day. What a wonderful way to commemorate Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.



Immaculate Conception School News



February 26th - KC Fish Fry
February 27th - IC Students Lead Mass
March 2nd - Dr. Seuss Party (Pre-K-2nd) & National Reading Day
March 3rd - Home & School Meeting 6pm at KC Hall
March 5th - End of the 3rd Quarter

If there are any volunteers that would donate their time to help put up boards in the classrooms, ICS would greatly appreciate the help! Please contact Ms. Schroeder at school.

ECLC Happenings

We are accepting applications for ECLC and Pre-School for next school year which begins in August 2021 and Summer Care for school-age kids after school lets out in May. For more information, please contact Peggy Brower at (573) 564-2679.

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.ShopWithScrip.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.**

Thank You!

We would like to thank all involved with our Valentine's Day meal and the homemade cards of the IC children. It was all delicious and very much appreciated!



Judy & Charlie Nelson

2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

(March 1st - March 7th)



March 1st	NO MASS
March 2nd	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at IC 5:30 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception 6:15 PM Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception
March 3rd	8:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick
March 4th	8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confessions at Immaculate Conception
March 5th	DAY OF ABSTINENCE 8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception
March 6th	3:30 PM Confessions at Immaculate Conception 5:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
March 7th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 7:15 AM Confessions at St. Patrick 8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick 9:20 AM Confessions at Immaculate Conception 10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

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

February 26, 2021 - Drive-thru Lenten Fish Fry @ KC Hall

Part-Time Secretary/Bookkeeper Opening at Jonesburg

St. Patrick's Church in Jonesburg is looking for a part-time secretary/bookkeeper, 12 hours a week. You would be doing accounts receivables, payables and recording parishioner donations. Also you would gather info, prepare and print the weekly bulletin. Knowledge of Quick Books is necessary and experience with Microsoft Word and/or Publisher would be helpful. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call Fr. Hartley at 573-564-2375.

Annual Lenten Fish Fries

February 19 - March 26, 2021
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
4:30 - 6:30 PM



We want to thank all who came to the Drive-thru fish fry last Friday. It was very well attended and we are hoping for continued success throughout Lent. The \$10.00 plate will feature Cod and/or Catfish with sides. We did run out of sides last Friday but plan to have that remedied by this Friday!

Potato Peelers Needed



Thank you to all who helped peel potatoes last Thursday! The KOC will be peeling potatoes starting at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday at the same time through March 25, 2021. Please bring your own paring knife! Anyone who is able to assist in peeling and making potato salad is invited to come to the KC Hall each week. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

2021 - \$12,000.00 Parish Goal

Committed	\$ Received	% of Goal	Over(Under)
\$9,706.00	\$5,872.00	48.93	(\$6,128.00)



Confirmation

This year Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick will be combining their Confirmation into one ceremony, which will be held at Immaculate Conception on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 5:00 PM.



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: Karen Clark, Nick Schneider, Darlene Sachs, Alex Clark, Lucille Griesbauer, and Pat (Cobb) Hunn.

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, Michel James, and Daniel Lohmann.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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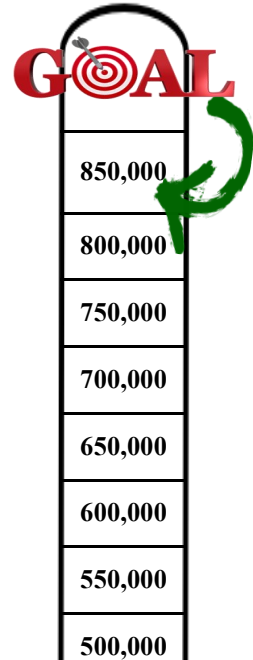
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February 26, 2021

Message from Ms. Schroeder

The Immaculate Conception School Board has approved for our 2021-22 school year to be changed to a 4-day school week for K-8. Our school week will be Tuesday-Friday. The calendar will be approved by the school board at the March meeting. Once the calendar is approved I will be sending the calendar out to school families. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

The Department of Elementary & Secondary Education requires 1,044 hours during a calendar year. We have built in hours for special circumstances such as our roof issue earlier this year, and inclement weather days. With the approval of virtual learning for inclement weather, ICS has decided to move the last day of school up to May 14, 2021 at 12 pm. The 8th graders last day will be May 11, 2021 at 12 pm. We will still have 8th grade graduation on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at the 8 am Mass.

A HUGE thank you to all who contributed to Catholic Schools Week. CSW 2021 was a huge success! Students and staff truly appreciate all that Home & School and the committee provided during this amazing week. THANK YOU!

We are still needing some volunteers to install plywood, paint, and hang new whiteboards before the new interactive boards can be installed. We would love to have all the updated work finished by Easter Break. Please contact the school office if you are willing to help.

Congratulations Mylie, Keagan, Steele and Adler for making their First Reconciliation! We are very proud of their journey with God. First Communion is scheduled for April 11, 2021 at the 10 am Mass.

Important Dates:

Mar. 2- Dr. Seuss Party & National Reading Day

Mar. 3- \$1 Spirit Day for SVDP

Home & School Meeting @ 6pm, KC Hall

Mar. 5- End of the 3rd Quarter

KC Fish Fry

Mar. 12- KC Fish Fry

Mar. 19- Early Dismissal @ 12pm

Teacher PD Day

KC Fish Fry

Mar. 26- NO School

Diocesan PD Day

KC Fish Fry

Mar. 29-Apr. 5. Easter Break

Apr. 2- Good Friday

Living Stations of the Cross at 12pm

Apr. 6- School Resumes

Inclement weather announcements will be made through FACTS alerts, KOMU (channel 8) and KRCG (channel 13). Please make sure we have updated contact information for all parents, so you can stay informed about the latest announcements.

We still have candy bars! Send in money and we will send home candy bars. Every \$10 = 1 dress down pass. \$30/box of 60 bars.

