

*On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it.  
It shall put forth branches and bear fruit,  
and become a majestic cedar.*  
EZEKIEL 17:23

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## To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God?

**T**oday's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. The Gospel writer chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first

transform, lose the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night.

These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24).

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *What about these metaphors gives you comfort and encouragement?*
- ✧ *How do you contribute to the health and growth of the kingdom of God?*



# Dear Padre,

**I care for my mother, who has dementia. I was active in my parish, but now I hardly have a minute to spare for prayer, much less helping out at church. I'm getting very depressed. What should I do?**

**I** have several ideas. First, make your prayer life part of your mother's routine, and you'll find it easier to fit prayer into your day. People with dementia find it soothing to listen to repetitive prayer, so consider praying the rosary aloud in her presence. Sometimes people with advanced dementia can still remember and recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary, so you could end up praying the rosary together. That would truly be a gift.

Next, try reading aloud Scripture stories from a youth Bible. They'll be easier for her to understand than passages from an adult Bible, and you'll get some time with God's word.

Last, but absolutely not least, it's important for you to be connected. If your parish has a parish nurse, he or she can help you find respite care, in which someone takes your place with your mom so you can get away for a while, or

a caregiver-support group where you can talk with other people in your situation. If your parish doesn't have a nurse, your diocese can give you the same information.

Remember, attending to your spiritual health doesn't just help you—it helps your mother, too.

*Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR*  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*How often do we see a man or woman arrive at work with a weary face, with a tired countenance and, when we ask them, "What happened?" they answer: "I only slept two hours because we are taking turns at home to be close to... our grandfather, our grandmother"...These are heroic deeds, the heroism of families!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 10, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

JUNE 14

Weekday

2 Cor 6:1–10

Mt 5:38–42

### Tuesday

JUNE 15

Weekday

2 Cor 8:1–9

Mt 5:43–48

### Wednesday

JUNE 16

Weekday

2 Cor 9:6–11

Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

### Thursday

JUNE 17

Weekday

2 Cor 11:1–11

Mt 6:7–15

### Friday

JUNE 18

Weekday

2 Cor 11:18, 21–30

Mt 6:19–23

### Saturday

JUNE 19

Weekday

2 Cor 12:1–10

Mt 6:24–34

### Sunday

JUNE 20

Twelfth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8–11

2 Cor 5:14–17

Mk 4:35–41

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

## June 13, 2021 - Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Mass Intentions

Monday, June 14th	<b>NO MASS</b> - Montgomery City
Tuesday, June 15th	<b>8:00 AM MASS</b> -Montgomery City - TBA
Wednesday, June 16th	8:30 AM Mass -Jonesburg - TBA
Thursday, June 17th	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b> - Montgomery City - TBA
Friday, June 18th	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b> - Montgomery City - TBA
Saturday, June 19th	<b>5:00 PM Mass</b> - Montgomery City +Vincent & Delores Schimweg
Sunday, June 20th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
	<b>10:00 AM Mass</b> - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family



**July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

<b>Church/School Financial Report:</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>May 2021</b>	\$33,118.09	\$42,063.00	-\$8,944.91
<b>Fiscal Year July-April 2020-21</b>	\$503,852.74	\$547,180.74	-\$43,328.00
<b>Needed Weekly</b> - \$ 11,835.50			
June 6th -	\$16,897.00		
June 13th -	\$		
June 20th -	\$		
June 27th -	\$		

Last Week's Envelopes: 69 of 179

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

*With God all things are possible*

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 3:30 to 4:50 PM Saturday or call for an appointment.

**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 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 19th & 20th

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Dennis Benney	Michael Smith
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Jerry Witthaus
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Ty & Courtney Cothren Family Kasey & Mary Pottebaum	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman
<b>Servers</b>	Emerson Schroeder Fallon Schroeder	Chase Queathem Madison Queathem
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
<b>Money Counters</b>	Rea Jean & Daryl Rhoads	Gayle Adams Steve Williams

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

In this year of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, may we grow in our appreciation for the importance of the vocation of fatherhood for the benefit of society and the Church.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, June 14th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, June 15th	<b>8:00 AM</b> Mass - Montgomery City - TBA
Wednesday, June 16th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg - TBA
Thursday, June 17th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - TBA
Friday, June 18th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - TBA
Saturday, June 19th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 4:30 PM)
Sunday, June 20th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, June 14th	
Tuesday, June 15th	7:00 PM - Catholic Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 16th	7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday, June 17th	
Friday, June 18th	
Saturday, June 19th	
Sunday, June 20th	



### **Wedding Anniversary**

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

*Brian & Karen Schmidt - 35 years of marriage on June 14th  
Dennis & Mary Dickherber-52 years of marriage on June 14th  
Gary & Beth Roesner - 20 years of marriage on June 16th  
John & Aggie Baldetti - 27 years of marriage on June 18th*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvements	\$ 45.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 4,050.00
Special Collections:	
Bulletin Ads	\$ 750.00
Catholic Missourian	\$ 56.00
Communication & Education	\$ 50.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 50.00
Feast of Ascension	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Mission	\$ 10.00
School Donation	\$ 8,000.00
Fr. Hartley's Bathroom Renovation	\$ 2,000.00

### **Mass Schedule This Week**



On the first page of the bulletin, you noticed the weekday Masses were "TBA" (to be announced). If there is a certain weekday Mass you would like to attend, please call the office the afternoon on the day before. Fr. Hartley will begin his radiation treatments on Monday and it will depend on his health if he will be able so say Mass. IF Mass is said, following will be the intentions:

Tuesday +Lorraine Brower  
Thursday +Judy Cunningham  
Friday +Don & Claire Benney

Thank you for your understanding!

### **From Fr. Hartley**



I deeply appreciate all your prayers and concern. When the time comes that I will need transportation for my chemo treatments, I will put up a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule. The treatments will be in Columbia and wait time for the driver will be at least 3 1/2 to 4 hours. God Bless!



### **Capital Campaign Update**

Dear Parishioners,

Our new total of donations and pledges is currently \$237,905.16. We are grateful for your generosity. Our current bank balance is \$151,391.40 and we have had a total of \$65,884.95 in expenses. We have been awarded \$29,146.19 in insurance claims.

As you can see, we continue to move forward with the replacement of our sidewalks and front entrance. If the weather holds for us, we hope that project will be completed by the end of the week of June 25. The goal will be to have the front door available for entry for weekend Masses, but we do hope you will be patient, watchful and understanding as we move forward. There is always the chance that entry by the side door could be required. We will try to keep you informed.

Our short term goal continues to be \$600,000. That will help us meet the list for the things needed for the church building. We pray you will be able to help us with that goal. There are envelopes and pledge cards available at the back of the church. Either can be dropped in the offering plate.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration to assist in this capital campaign. Let's make our parish home a beautiful place to worship for generations to come.

Capital Campaign Committee

## Immaculate Conception School News



We are now enrolling students for grades K-8 for the 2021-22 school year!

### ECLC Happenings

ECLC is still looking for a substitute employee for the summer months. Applicants must be at least 17 years old. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Peggy at the school (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](http://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.**

### Teaching Positions Available At ICS

Immaculate Conception School (ICS), a kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic School located in Montgomery City, with approximately 40 students, is seeking a 3rd & 4th Grade Homeroom Teacher and a part-time Art/Music Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. This past year, our students have been learning instrumental music with keyboards, guitars, recorders, etc. ICS runs on a 4-day school week (Tuesday-Friday). A successful candidate is a practicing Catholic in good standing who can minister to students regardless of subject area or a teacher who, consistent with the Mission of Immaculate Conception School, promotes and teaches the Catholic faith as reasonably determined by the principal. Applicants should hold the appropriate Missouri teaching certification, or its equivalent.



All interested persons should complete the application on the Jefferson City Diocesan website at: <https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2019/06/17/employment-in-our-catholic-schools/> and contact the Principal, Dana Schroeder at [dschroeder@icschool-mc.org](mailto:dschroeder@icschool-mc.org).



### Breaking the Silence of Abuse

As a Diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information, or want you to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to use the 'reach us' form on our diocesan website, [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org). Assure them every submission is read.

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

June 11th - 4:30 PM-6:30 PM - KOF Drive-Thru Fish Fry  
July 15th - 18th - St. George Rummage Sale in Hermann

### SSVDP Collection



Thank you to all who donated generously to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul collection last weekend. \$336.12 was collected!

### New Diocesan Marriage Policy & Program



The Diocese of Jefferson City is inaugurating a new way of preparing couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Because it is so important that couples be well informed concerning the practical and sacramental aspects of a Catholic marriage, the Bishop has decided to expand the reach of preparation into the parishes that include the engaged couple, the pastor, and a facilitating couple to insure the best possible foundation for a Catholic Marriage. A program has begun to be implemented to assess the needs of a couple preparing for marriage on an individual basis and to provide support and encouragement when it comes to living out the Sacrament of Married Life.

With this in mind, I would ask for the help of married couples in our parish to volunteer to undergo specific training in the matter of marriage preparation provided by the Diocese that would involve a commitment to not only be trained in the specifics of the program but also to take on the responsibility along with the pastor in seeing to it that engaged couples have all that they need to enter into married life with a true understanding of what Christ wishes their marriage to be.

If you would be willing to take on this ministry, please contact me at the rectory and I will get you in touch with the Diocese to begin the work necessary to carry out this new policy. I would encourage those who have been married for at least 10 years and who have a willingness to work with couples in this important part of our parish life. If you feel that you would like to take on this work, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or by phone.

Thank you and God bless all who have received the graces of the Sacrament of Marriage.

### 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, Alex Clark (granddaughter of Karen Clark), Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Pat (Cobb) Hunn, Susan Schipper, Charlee Kate (niece of Sue Beck), Diane Happe, Jim Walker, Fr. Hartley, and Gene Schiefelbein (brother-in-law of Judy Cobb).

*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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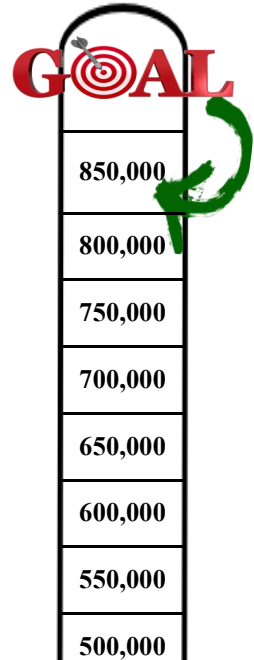
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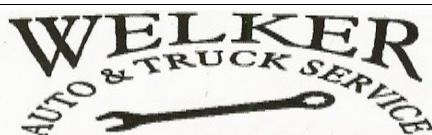
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