



*After sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door.*

MARK 1:32–33

## Grin and Bear It

his harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, *laments*. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

*N Hardship can test our trust in God. Might this be the case with you?*

*As a disciple of Jesus, pray for the gift of trust.*

# Dear Padre,

## Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

The Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents.

The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow.

In other situations, perhaps Christians could show extraordinary love by "adopting" a child or a family of children by supporting them in their own country through assistance to relatives who could not otherwise look after the child. This is obviously not like raising a child in your own home, but think of what it might do for a child in his own home country. A key principle that should underlie the care of orphans is 'what is best for the child.'

From the *U.S. Catholic Medical*

Sunday Bulletin @dis ri.



### A WORD FROM

The goal we must set ourselves...is that no mother be in a position to leave her child. But we must also ensure that in the face of any event, even tragic, that may detach a child from his or her parents, there are structures and processes...in which childhood is always protected and cared for.

ADDRESS TO HOSPITAL OF THE INNOCENTS INSTITUTE,  
MAY 24, 2019

Monday  
FEBRUARY 8  
Weekday  
Gn 1:1—19  
Mk 6:53—56

Tuesday  
FEBRUARY 9  
Weekday  
Gn 1:20—2:4a  
Mk 7:1—13

Wednesday  
FEBRUARY 10  
St. Scholastica, Virgin  
Gn 2:4b—9, 15—17  
Mk 7:14—23

Thursday  
FEBRUARY 11  
Weekday  
Gn 2:18-25  
Mk 7:24—30

Friday  
FEBRUARY 12  
Weekday  
Gn 3:1—8  
Mk 7:31—37

Saturday  
FEBRUARY 13  
Weekday  
Gn 3:9—24  
Mk 8:1—10

Sunday  
FEBRUARY 14  
Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Lv 13:1—2, 44—46  
1 Cor 10:31—11:1  
Mk 1:40—45





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## FEBRUARY 7, 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<b>Mass Intentions</b>
Monday, February 8th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, February 9th	<b>5:30 PM Mass</b> - Montgomery City +Bill & Dione Auchly
Wednesday, February 10th	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> - Jonesburg
Thursday, February 11th	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b> - Montgomery City +Judy Cunningham
Friday, February 12th	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b> - Montgomery City +Jim Cobb
Saturday, February 13th	<b>5:00 PM Mass</b> - Montgomery City +Fr. Ed Doyle
Sunday, February 14th	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b> - Jonesburg
	<b>10:00 AM Mass</b> - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family



	<b>July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021</b>
<b>Church/School Financial Report:</b>	<b>Income Expenses Difference</b>
<b>January 2021</b>	\$34,759.00 \$46,965.65 -\$12,206.65
<b>Fiscal Year July - Ja. 2020-21</b>	\$326,240.66 \$314,391.54 \$11,849.12
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	- \$ 11,835.50
January 3rd	- \$ 10,691.50
January 10th	- \$ 9,640.42
January 17th	- \$ 4,100.40
January 24th	- \$ 11,653.50
January 31st	- \$ 11,900.32

Last Week's Envelopes: 77 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 4:10 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 February 13th & 14th

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, February 8th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, February 9th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, February 10th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, February 11th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, February 12th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, February 13th	5:00 PM - Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 4:30 PM)
Sunday, February 14th	8:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, February 8th	7:00 PM - RCIA
Tuesday, February 9th	1:00 PM - KOC Ladies Auxiliary
Wednesday, February 10th	
Thursday, February 11th	10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance
Friday, February 12th	
Saturday, February 13th	
Sunday, February 14th	9:30 AM - 3rd/4th PSR Class 6:00 PM - 5th/6th PSR Class 6:00 PM - Confirmation Class

### **Wedding Anniversary**



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

*Brad & Lynn Arens - 36 years of marriage on February 9th  
Dale & Diane Quedenfeldt - 34 years of marriage on February 14th*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvement	\$ 75.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 275.00
Special Collections:	
Holydays	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 60.00

### **Congratulations!**



We want to congratulate the following couples for celebrating 50 plus years of marriage on this Valentines weekend: Richard and Shirley Arens, Richard & Carole Bainbridge, George & Lorraine (Punky) Boes, Bill & Marge Cobb, James & Virginia

Cochran, Denis & Mary Dickherber, Marvin & Lucille Griesbauer, Leroy & Betty Hanneken, Francis & Diane Happe, Wayne & Pam Korte, Tom & Margo Nichols, Charles & Judy Nelson, John & Ruth Schneider, and Tony & Laverne Wessel.

### **St. Vincent DePaul Collection**

We are going to resume the collection for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul the first full weekend (which is this weekend) of the month. 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.



## Happy Valentine's Day!



### **Capital Campaign Update**

We have officially been working on our Capital Campaign for one year. We are proud of our total in pledges and donations which still stands at \$200,000. The pandemic has limited our ability to continue to host Town Hall meetings and to be present in front of the parish to talk about the work we have done and the work we have yet to do. For that reason, we have created a video that will allow you to hear about the list of projects we have planned and how we are doing in that work. We know this Campaign will take years – and we are guessing even more years than we had hoped because of current conditions. But our faith is strong and we know this work will only make our parish stronger as a parish family and our building a more beautiful place of worship. We need your help to make this happen.

Thank you to each of you who has made a contribution or a pledge to our campaign. If you have not yet made your donation or pledge, please, watch the video to hear how we hope to transform our church building and more. We appreciate your prayerful consideration as we work toward reaching our goal of \$850,000.

Below is the address you can type into your browser to view the video.

[tinyurl.com/1xrbdae0](http://tinyurl.com/1xrbdae0)

Or you can scan this QR code and it will take you directly to the video.



### **Rosary Rally**



In honor of the Feast Day of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco, there will be a Rosary Rally on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 12 Noon here in the church. The intention for the rosary being prayed is for the conversion of sinners and for our country. Please plan to join us!

## Immaculate Conception School News



February 9th - 100th Day of School - Dress like you are 100 years old or wear your favorite 100th day shirt.  
 February 12th - Valentine's Day Parties 1-3 PM—Wear your favorite Valentine's Day shirt or a pink/red shirt.  
 February 15th - No School—President's Day  
 February 17th - Ash Wednesday Mass  
 February 19th - Noon Dismissal for Teacher PD Day  
 - Drive-thru Lenten Fish Fry

## ECLC Happenings

### 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.**

## Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

### 2021 - \$12,000.00 Parish Goal



<u>Committed</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
\$8,765.00	\$5,230.00	43.58	(\$6,770.00)

## Thank You!



Thank you to Mike & Molly Taylor and Jeff & Thresa Turner of Brandkamp Industries for providing the new cabinets in the rectory kitchen. Thanks also to Dennis & Jean Benney, Tom Benney, Pat Stumbaugh, Gary Hoette, and Dottie Brueggen for removing the old, damaged cabinets, moving appliances and installing new flooring. What a transformation!!! This project has been in the planning phase for many months and finally was completed. Thanks also to those who contributed to the Capital Improvement/Maintenance Fund (monthly green envelopes) which supplied the "seed money" for this project. A picture of the kitchen renovation is posted in the church vestibule for all to see!

## Knight of Columbus Scholarships



The State Knights of Columbus are offering scholarships available to high school seniors. This is different from the local scholarship the Knights offer. For more information, contact Bob Dryden at (573) 564-2515 or (573) 239-6307. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2021.

## Job Opening

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 Q-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.

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

February 12, 2021 - St. Clements Drive-thru Fried Chicken Dinner  
 February 19, 2021 - Drive-thru Lenten Fish Fry @ KC Hall

## Tax Statement



Some parishioners are inquiring about receiving a tithing tax statement. If you **WANT** a tax statement, please call the parish office at (573) 564-2375 and let Janet know. She will prepare one for you. You may pick it up at the Parish Office or have your statement mailed to you.

## Annual Lenten Fish Fries

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



Back by popular demand, the Lenten Fish Fries will be held! They will be drive-thru only, \$10.00 a plate.

Starting on Thursday, February 18, 2021, the KOC will be peeling potatoes starting at 10:30 a.m. and continue 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!

## Thank You For Your Prayers

A sincere thank you to everyone who offered prayers for my sister-in-law, Lynn Cunningham Duncan. After being on the transplant list for a long five years she finally received a double lung transplant on October 5, 2020. She was slow to recuperate but finally went home at Christmas! She now has monthly check-ups and doing well.



Once again, thank you for all the prayers, cards, and well wishes for myself. I continue to improve and feel good. God truly does hear and answer prayers!

Marlene Cunningham

## Our Condolences

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Lewis, formerly of our parish, who passed on January 27, 2021. We offer our prayers and condolences to her family during this difficult time.

## 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.

If you would like to have someone put on the prayer list, please contact the parish office (573) 564-2375 or [imm-con@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imm-con@sbcglobal.net).



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.** Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Michel James, and Daniel Lohmann.

If you would like to have someone put on the military list, please contact the parish office (573) 564-2375 or [imm-con@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imm-con@sbcglobal.net).





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