

A Suitable Partner

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word *ezer* is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as “helper” or “helpmate,” thus making the woman an addition to the man. The *Lectionary* translates the word as “suitable partner,” emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is *bad*, usually translated as “alone.” A common meaning is “separated from,” implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.

The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is

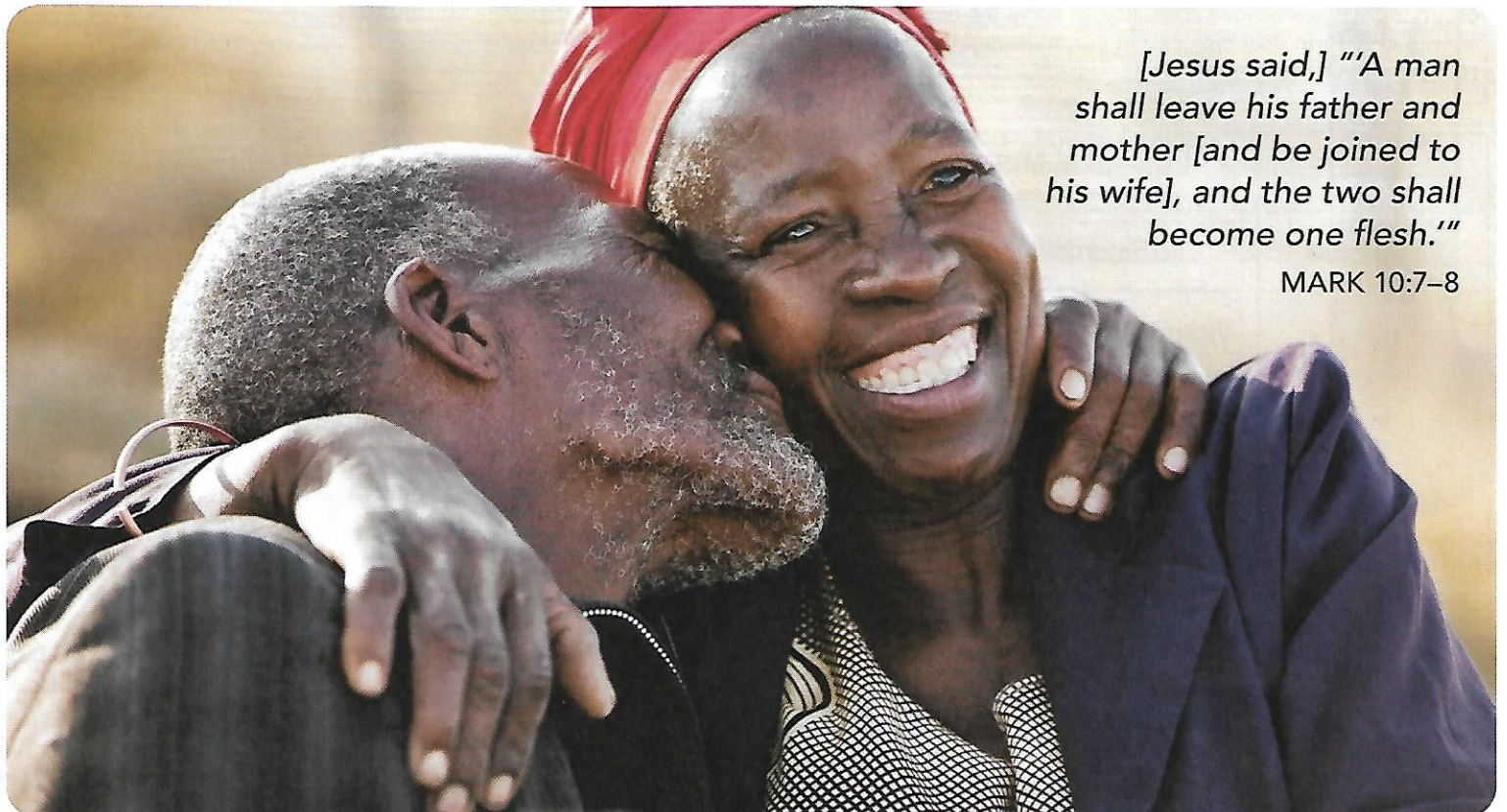
on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus’ interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today’s readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✳ Do you consider yourself a “suitable partner”?
- ✳ Are you nurturing and respectful?



[Jesus said,] “A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh.”

MARK 10:7-8

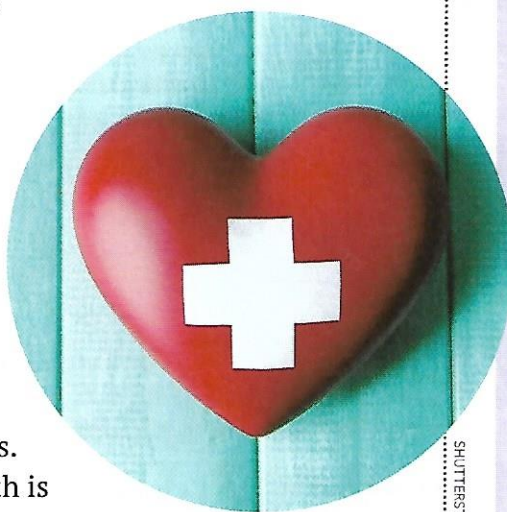
Dear Padre,

I just got my new driver's license, and my wife is encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor. Are organ transplants permitted by the Catholic Church?

Yes, under certain conditions. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that "organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good that is sought for the recipient" (CCC 2296).

Organ transplants from a dead person to a living person must fulfill two additional criteria: First, the donor must give free and informed consent prior to death, or those who legitimately speak on the donor's behalf must do so at the time of death. And second, the donor must be dead before the tissue can be harvested—in other words, the donor must not be declared dead prematurely, nor may the donor's death be hastened just to use the organs. The *Catechism* adds, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity."

The transplantation of organs from a living donor must fulfill two criteria: First, the removal of the organ must not seriously impair the donor's health or bodily function. Second, the donor must make an informed and free decision recognizing the potential risks involved.



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In the first reading we also hear that God was pained by Adam's loneliness....God did not create us to live in sorrow or to be alone. He made men and women for happiness, to share their journey with someone who complements them, to live the wondrous experience of love.

HOMILY, OCTOBER 4, 2015



Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11

Lk 10:25—37

Tuesday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Jon 3:1—10

Lk 10:38—42

Wednesday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Jon 4:1—11

Lk 11:1—4

Thursday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Mal 3:13—20b

Lk 11:5—13

Friday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Jl 1:13—15; 2:1—2

Lk 11:15—26

Saturday

OCTOBER 9

Weekday

Jl 4:12—21

Lk 11:27—28

Sunday

OCTOBER 10

*Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Wis 7:7—11

Heb 4:12—13

Mk 10:17—30

or 10:17—27

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October 3, 2021 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 4th **NO MASS** - Montgomery City
 Tuesday, October 5th **NO MASS** - Montgomery City
 Wednesday, October 6th No Mass - Jonesburg
 Thursday, October 7th **NO Mass** - Montgomery City
 Friday, October 8th **NO Mass** - Montgomery City
 Saturday, October 9th **5:30 PM Mass** -Montgomery City +Tommy Walker
 Sunday, October 3rd 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
August 2021	\$44,031.69	\$71,601.87	-\$27,570.18
Fiscal Year July-Aug. 2021-22	\$83,983.17	\$120,195.60	-\$36,212.43
Needed Weekly	- \$ 12,995.00		
September 5th -	\$11,954.75		
September 12th -	\$ 9,759.75		
September 19th -	\$11,567.09		
September 26th -	\$ 8,985.24		(Harvest Picnic Income NOT included)

Last Week's Envelopes: 59 of 182

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

Thank you!! With God all things are possible!

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass

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 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 October 9th & 10th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Vicki Oden	Jerry Witthaus
Children's Liturgy	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Communion Minister	Larry Brueggemann	Richard Bainbridge
Ministers of Hospitality	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Steve & Beth Cobb	Dana & Brady Schneider Ron & Dianne Talley
Servers	Beckham Cothren Landon Pottebaum	Chase & Madison Queathem
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes Judy Cobb	Cath McCormack Pam Schwartz

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

For our local church of the Diocese of Jefferson City; that we may become a sign and instrument in the world of the presence of Christ through our communion in charity, faith, and the Eucharist.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, October 4th	NO MASS
Tuesday, October 5th	NO MASS
Wednesday, October 6th	NO MASS
Thursday, October 7th	NO MASS
Friday, October 8th	NO MASS
Saturday, October 9th	4:00 PM Mass - Wellsville 5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 5:00 PM)
Sunday, October 10th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, October 4th	
Tuesday, October 5th	
Wednesday, October 6th	6:00 PM - Home & School Mtg. 7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Mtg
Thursday, October 7th	8:00 AM - ICS Prayer Partner Communion Service 10:00 AM-Ministerial Alliance Mtg
Friday, October 8th	
Saturday, October 9th	
Sunday, October 10th	8:30 AM - 3rd/4th/5th Grade PSR

Wedding Anniversary



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

*Mike & Jane Dorlac - 13 years of marriage on October 4th
David & "Sis" Falloon - 49 years of marriage on October 7th
Tony, Jr. & Betty Wessel - 40 years of marriage on October 10th*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$ 55.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 575.00
Special Collections:	
Mission Sunday	\$ 60.00
Holy Days	\$ 65.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 20.00

Harvest Picnic News



The Harvest Picnic Committee is absolutely overjoyed and grateful for the success of our event. Thank you to all the generous donations for the auction, bingo prizes, country store, gun raffle, quilt raffle, cakes, pies, and the many monetary donations. Thanks to those who purchased auction items. Most importantly, we are thankful to GOD for a BEAUTIFUL day!

We were overwhelmed by the support from the parish helpers and community attendance. It was heartwarming to see so many come together in fellowship to work for a great event. Our parish members stepped up to make everything run smoothly. We realize it was our first time at the fairgrounds and we have a few kinks to work out. We feel the fairgrounds was a good move by the many positive comments we received.

The Live Auction total was \$6,540.00, and the Bingo total was \$498.00. Grand total to come!

The winner of the quilt was Odilia Turner, second place baby quilt winner was Heath Gotsch. Tom Benney won the Gun Raffle.

Back seat driver contest winners were Noah Beck and Glen Knoepfle. Their time was 1 minute, 57 seconds. Second place was Hudson & Doug Schroeder (3:06:75) and Bob and Mike Hildebrand (3:06:77). Nineteen teams competed and the winning team donated their winnings back to the Picnic. We raised just short of \$200.00. Thanks to all who participated!

Pastor's Pen



My Dear Parishioners,

On October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, I will have an MRI to see how the chemo is working. If you have a minute or two, please offer up prayers, or even a rosary for me on that day!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest Picnic, especially the workers and committee who spent countless hours in preparation.

I appreciate the Parish Councils and Administration/Finance Commissions keeping the parishes running while I was on medical leave and look forward to working with you all again as my health allows.

Thank you for all your well wishes and cards. Please continue to pray for me as I do you.

*God bless you all,
Fr. Hartley*

THANK YOU!

We want to thank Deacon Ron Deimeke for filling in as administrator of our parish while Fr. Hartley was on medical leave. His prayerful guidance was very appreciated!

No Parking

Please remember to not park in the street facing the MFA gravel lot anytime during harvest season. Trucks hauling grain need room to maneuver on and off the scales.



Kim Dryden will be collecting for the Bike MS 2021 after Mass on Saturday, October 2, 2021 and after Mass on Sunday October 3, 2021.

Immaculate Conception School News



Oct. 5-8- Achievement Testing
Oct. 6- Home & School Meeting @ 6pm
Oct. 7- Prayer Partner Communion Service @ 8am
Oct. 13- Muffins with Mom @ 7:15am MCHD Flu Clinic
Oct. 15- End of 1st Quarter

Grandparents Day was a huge success! ICS was full of happy students and grandparents with lots of SMILES! Thank you to Home and School and parents for providing lunch for Grandparents Day!

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.**

Breakfast - Sunday, Oct. 17



The ICS 7th & 8th graders are raising money for the 8th grade class trip. Please support us by coming down to our Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, October 17 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception School cafeteria. It will be a "free will" donation for biscuits & gravy, sausage, eggs, french toast, pancakes, fruit, and a drink. We will also have a Bake Sale at the breakfast.



Operation Christmas Child

Immaculate Conception parish has been asked if we would be interested in participating in Operation Christmas Child. This is a fabulous way for the parish to reach out to children who do not have a lot. We will be filling small boxes (shoe box size) with small gifts/necessities for children. These boxes will be shipped to various locations like Mexico, Philippines, Dominican Republic, etc. We are looking for donations of things like: combs, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, wash clothes, blankets, reusable plastic containers, band aids, underwear, flip flops, sunglasses, socks, hair bows, bar soap, non liquid chap stick, stick deodorant, hat, scarf, mittens, shoes, pencils, crayons, markers, pencil case, playdough, stickers, coloring books, manual pencil sharpener, blank index cards, glue sticks, ruler, blunt scissors, small toys, clothes, and stuffed animals. These are just a few ideas, there are others on the website at www.samaritanpurse.org/occ. Items that they ask that we DO NOT include are: candy, toothpaste, war related toys, chocolate, food, lotion, liquids, vitamins, and anything breakable. Once we have everything collected we will pack the boxes. The shipping for each box is \$9. A new option that that are giving us is that we can "pack a box" electronically, so if you prefer to make a cash donation, we can save on shipping and do the boxes electronically. We would like to have all the donations in by Oct 31. If you have questions, please contact Beth Roesner, 314-974-1087.

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

October 3rd - Octoberfest at St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg. For more information, see the flyers posted in the church vestibule.

October 10th - Polka Mass & Fall Dinner at St. George in Hermann.

Information from the Diocese

The Diocese of Jefferson City wants to make us aware that they have been informed Fr. Augustine Okoli, formerly serving in this dioceses, is soliciting funds for his mission. He does not have the permission of the Diocese to do this.

Mark Your Calendar!

Friday, **November 5, 2021** ICS Home & School is sponsoring Trivia Night! For more information, please see the flyer in this week's bulletin.

Adult Faith Information



It is not too late!....If you missed the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Inquiry Night you may still participate. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, now is an opportunity to do so. Although RCIA is often thought of as just for unbaptized adults and persons of other denominations joining the Catholic Church, it is also for persons who were baptized as an infant or small child and did not participate in a Catholic education and did not receive their First Communion or Confirmation. Also people who have been away from the church for a while (either a little while or a long time) and would want a "refresher course" are encouraged to participate. All are invited!!! Please call the Parish Office (573-564-2375) or Sue Kyle (573-564-3221).

Annual October Count



Just a reminder that this weekend we will start the October Count. We hope everyone in our parish will be able to attend Mass and be counted!

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, Charlee Kate (niece of Sue Beck), Jim Walker, Fr. Hartley, Tim Stumbaugh, Carolyn Steinmetz, Jim Wisdom, Mark Gerke (friend of Fr. Hartley), Baby Corinth (Corie) Farrell, Tracy Ravencraft (Amanda Aren's sister), and Diane Happe.

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, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.

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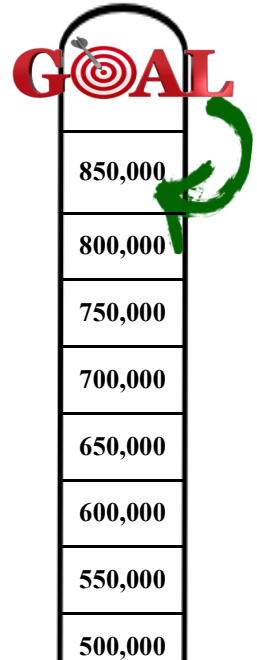
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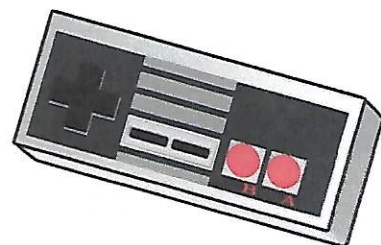
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Immaculate Conception
Home & School



Trivia Night



Friday, Nov. 5, 2021

Knights of Columbus Hall, Montgomery City

Theme: **Game Night**

6 PM: Doors Open
7 PM: Trivia Begins

**Dress Up and Decorate Your Table
Prizes for Best Costume and Best Table**

Silent Auction / Live Auction / Raffles

Must be 21 or Older to Attend ~ BYOB and snacks

\$100 Per Table of 8 (Before October 31) or \$15 per person

Drop off or mail payment to Immaculate Conception School.
Questions? Email homeandschool@icschool-mc.org or call 573-564-2679



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September 30, 2021

Message from Ms. Schroeder

Grandparents Day was a HUGE success! We are so happy to have had such an amazing day after being unable to host Grandparents Day last year. ICS was full of HAPPY students and grandparents with lots of SMILES!

ICS will be offering a hot lunch for our students on Friday, October 8, 2021 for a donation of \$3.00 per student. We will be serving mostaccioli, green beans and garlic bread. If you would like to sign your child up for this hot lunch please send in \$3.00 by Thursday, October 7.

Little Bit of Heaven will be held on October 28, 2021. Your child will be researching a saint in class. We ask that parents help their child dress up as their saint so they can present their research information about their saint to the school as well to "St. Peter" (Dennis Cobb) at the Gates of Heaven. Your child's teacher will be sending home more information in the coming weeks. The classes will then celebrate with a party in their rooms.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will also be held on October 28, 2021 after school from 4-8pm. We will be sending out a Google form to sign up for your desired times with your child(ren)'s teacher(s). There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 29, 2021. If you need child care please let the office know.

ICS party lists are being sent home in Friday Folders. Please ensure that you send in the supplies for the party in which you are responsible. If you are unable to send in supplies, please let your child's teacher and/or other parents to ensure the supplies are provided for the party.

Important Dates:

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Oct. 6- Home & School Meeting @ 6pm, ICS Cafeteria

Oct. 7- Prayer Partner Communion Service @ 8am

Oct. 8- Hot Lunch for those signed up

Oct. 13- Muffins with Mom @ 7:15am

Oct. 13- MCHD Flu Clinic

Oct. 15- End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 17- 7th/8th Breakfast Fundraiser

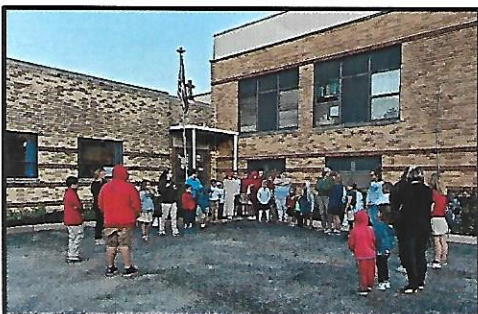
Oct. 25- School IN Session

Oct. 28- Little Bit of Heaven Party @ 9-11am

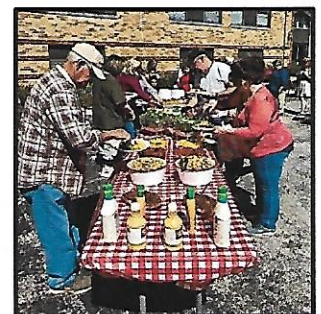
Oct. 28- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm

Oct. 29- NO SCHOOL

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See You At The Pole
September 22, 2021



Grandparents Day was a success! We had a prayer service, enjoyed a delicious lunch, and spent time in the classrooms.