

Dead and Buried —but Risen

"Dead and buried" is a familiar phrase. But add "risen"? That's something else. It may be that we have heard it so often we might miss how astounding it is. To say that we will die and be buried is one thing, but that we will rise, is extraordinary. However, this is really not what St. Paul tells us today. The focus here is Jesus' death, burial, and rising—not primarily ours. Paul says that we actually enter into Jesus' death, burial, and rising. Now, this is amazing! People have always wanted somehow to be divine.

That was the great temptation in the Garden ("...you will be like gods, who know good and evil." [Genesis 3:5]). Well, by baptism we are somehow divinized. Baptized into his death, we are buried with him and rise with him to "newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

Note the form of the verbs here. This death, burial, and rising do not occur in some future place at some

future time. It happens here and now. It all began at our baptism when we were joined to Jesus in his death, burial, and rising. It continues when we die to whatever holds us back from living as we know we should. It continues when, feeling like we are buried with the dead, we stand against injustice, dishonesty, and oppression of any kind. It continues whenever we rise to "newness of life."

How blessed we are to have died, been buried, and live here and now the risen life of Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *In what ways might you die to the standards and practices of society?*
- ✦ *How might others experience the risen Jesus through you?*

You too must think of yourselves as [being] dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 6:11

Dear Padre,

Why is a lighted candle always in front of the tabernacle in my church?

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states that “a special lamp...should shine permanently to indicate the presence of Christ and honor it.” In the past, this candle was to be made of fine-quality beeswax. Now it can be fueled by either wax or oil, with no specification of the kind or quality (*GIRM* 316).

This use of a candle or oil lamp is not new to Christianity. We see the use of lamps near the Holy of Holies, a room in the Temple of Jerusalem. The vision of the heavenly throne room, portrayed vividly in the Book of Daniel, describes the use of lamps in front of the divine throne. In our own day, a perpetual flame honors the dead at the graves of the Unknown Soldier and President John F. Kennedy.

Some pastors ask parishioners to help purchase these candles and lamps. In return, these lamps are lighted for the intentions of donors, making these candles also acts of petition before the reserved Eucharist.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The word of Christ wants to reach all people...Every parish and every ecclesial reality may become a sanctuary for the one who seeks God and a welcoming home for the poor, the elderly, and those who find themselves in need....Go, welcome! Go, seek! Go, bring love, mercy, and tenderness.

—EUCCHARISTIC CONCELEBRATION, NAPLES, MARCH 21, 2015

Know Someone Overly Anxious about Sin?

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered compassionately with those struggling with scrupulosity.

For more information and to sign up for our **free monthly newsletter**, visit: **ScrupulousAnonymous.org**.

Calendar

Monday

JUNE 29

*Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles*

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Tuesday

JUNE 30

Weekday

Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

JULY 1

Weekday

Am 5:14–15, 21–24

Mt 8:28–34

Thursday

JULY 2

Weekday

Am 7:10–17

Mt 9:1–8

Friday

JULY 3

*St. Thomas,
Apostle*

Eph 2:19–22

Jn 20:24–29

Saturday

JULY 4

Weekday

Am 9:11–15

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

JULY 5

*Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Zec 9:9–10

Rom 8:9, 11–13

Mt 11:25–30

BULLETIN NEWS 6-28-2020

The Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook from St. Patrick Church in Jonesburg, at 7:00 AM and from St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg, at 9:00 AM, on Sunday, June 28.

Fr. Austin's Schedule

Saturday, June 20	Mass @ Montgomery 5:00 PM Intention: Our parish Family
Sunday, June 21	Mass @ Jonesburg 7:00 AM
Sunday, June 21	Mass @ Martinsburg 9:00 AM
Sunday, June 21	Mass @ Montgomery 11:00 AM Intention: Valerie Readey Neudecker
Monday, June 22	
Tuesday, June 23	Mass @ Montgomery 5:30PM Intention: + Robert Merz Catholic Education Meeting @ Montgomery 7:00PM
Wednesday, June 24	Mass @ Jonesburg 8:30AM Mass @ Wellsville 5:30PM Finance Council Meeting @ Montgomery 7:00PM
Thursday, June 25th	Mass @ Montgomery 8:00AM Intention: + Howard & Madeline Benney Parish Council Meeting @ Jonesburg 6:00PM
Friday, June 26th	Mass @ Martinsburg 7:45AM

Congratulations to the following couples as they celebrate their special day.



Charles and Pat Korman - 47 years of marriage on June 23
Chris and Carla Parker - 20 years of marriage on June 24

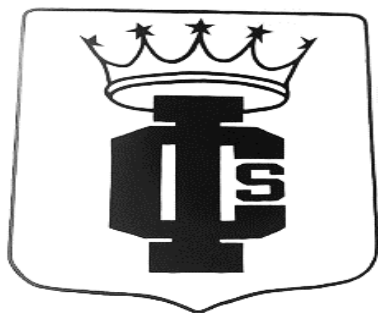
Financials for the month of May 2020

Parish Income: \$42,066.72 SBA Income: \$29,777.64 Total Income: \$71,844.36
Expenses: 52,685.64 Difference: \$19,158.72

Financials for the week of June 14, 2020

Actual: \$6,206.00 Needed each week: \$11,775.43 Difference: (\$5,569.43)
Catholic Missourian: \$42.00 Cornerstone Campaign: \$150.00
Communication & Education: \$270.00 Capital Improvements: \$46.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL GRADUATES



Jade Raye Davis

daughter of Donald Davis and Heather Davis

Hannah Elaine Davis

daughter of Chad and Bethany Davis

NEW MASS SCHEDULES - "BETTER TOGETHER"

BEGINNING JULY 2020

I wanted to give all of you a quick Mass schedule beginning in July.

The weekend Mass schedules remain the same

Weekend Masses: Montgomery: Saturday 5:00pm (Confession 4:30pm-4:50pm)

Jonesburg: Sunday 7:00am (Confession 6:30am-6:50am)

Martinsburg: Sunday 9:00am (Confession 8:30am-8:50am)

Montgomery: Sunday 11:00am

The new weekday Masses will be as follows:

Weekday Masses: Wellsville: Tuesday 5:30pm

Jonesburg: Wednesday 8:30am

Montgomery: Thursday 8:00am

Martinsburg: Friday 7:45am

BLOOD DRIVE – JULY 7

United Methodist Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CARDS to schedule an appointment.

Walking With God? Walk with us! The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Virtual Monastic Experience via Zoom July 12-14, 2020. We hope to digitally show discerners around, introduce some of our Sisters and share some tips on prayer and discernment. The experience will include one hour of input each day. There will also be an opportunity to connect with the vocation director one on one. There is no cost to attend. Visit our website to learn more: www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, please call Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ext. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

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

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus transform all men,
especially fathers, to trust in the model of St. Joseph to
instill in them courageous leadership and devotion for
those whom God has placed in their care.

