

Ready or Not, Here I Come

As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they "are children of the light" (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, "Ready or not, here I come!"

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

*Let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:6

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ Are you faithful to your responsibilities?
- ✧ If not, what is holding you back?

Dear Padre,

Is it OK to donate my body to science?

Yes, and here is some background. Christ makes possible a new and eternal creation. He “will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead” (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 219).

Resurrection, then, is not a return to life as we know it. The body is not a resuscitated one like Lazarus’ (see John 11), but a resurrected one like Christ, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—while alive, and at the time of death—because we are created in God’s image. Some reason that such respect for the body prevents donating it to science, but that’s not the opinion of the Church.

“Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death” (*The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 63).

It’s advisable to make this decision to donate in consultation with family members or health care providers. Many, echoing St. John Paul II, consider such a self-giving act in death “with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (*The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae]*, 86) as a supreme manifestation of what it means to be Christian!



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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

From our own death and from our gift the life and health of others, sick and suffering, may spring forth, helping to reinforce a culture of help, of giving, of hope, and of life. In the face of the threats against life...society needs these concrete gestures of solidarity and generous love.

—ADDRESS TO ITALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE DONATION
OF ORGANS, TISSUES, AND CELLS, APRIL 13, 2019

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 16

Weekday

Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5

Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of

Hungary, Religious

Rv 3:1–6, 14–22

Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 18

Weekday

Rv 4:1–11

Lk 19:11–28

Thursday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

Rv 5:1–10

Lk 19:41–44

Friday

NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

Rv 10:8–11

Lk 19:45–48

Saturday

NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:4–12

Lk 20:27–40

Sunday

NOVEMBER 22

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Mt 25:31–46



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NOVEMBER 15, 2020 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 16th	NO MASS
Tuesday, November 17th	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Wednesday, November 18th	NO MASS
Thursday, November 19th	NO MASS
Friday, November 20th	NO MASS
Saturday, November 21st	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Rev. Ed Doyle
Sunday, November 22nd	7:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM Mass -Montgomery City - Our Parish Family



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
October 2020	\$36,633.04	\$61,673.54	-\$25,040.50
Fiscal Year July - Oct. 2020-21	\$198,274.62	\$192,271.25	\$6,003.37
Needed Weekly	- \$ 11,835.50		
November 1st -	\$11,338.59		
November 8th -	\$ 6,132.54		
November 15th -	\$		
November 22nd -	\$		
November 29th -	\$		

Last Week's Envelopes: 50 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: 4:30 to 4:50 PM Saturday or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated during Mass or at another arranged time. Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Austin.

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 November 21st & 22nd

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 11:00 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 November prayer intention for our Local Church is:

For a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our parishes.

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, November 16th	
Tuesday, November 17th	7:00 PM - Catholic Education Mtg.
Wednesday, November 18th	6:00 PM - Administration & Finance Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, November 19th	
Friday, November 20th	
Saturday, November 21st	
Sunday, November 22nd	9:30 AM - PSR 3rd/4th Grades 6:00 PM - PSR 5th/6th Grades 6:00 PM - Confirmation Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

Anthony & Michelle Mathews-35 years of marriage on Nov. 16th

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvement	\$ 78.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 100.00
Special Collections:	
World Mission Sunday	\$ 25.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 45.00
Donations (Christmas Flowers)	\$ 80.00
Holydays	\$ 137.00

All Souls

In the month of November, we remember those who have passed away in the past year: Lorraine Brower, Ignatius Busken, Marian Busken, Dorothy Conner, Doris Grillion, Ruth Reagan Huenefeld, Shery'll Schierhoff, Scott Schulte, and John (Jack) Scott.



Tambourine Ringing



Montgomery County Cares is sponsoring "tambourine ringing" for fundraising between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Montgomery County Cares help people in need across the county. This event is replacing the Salvation Army Bell

ringing that we have helped with in the past. Immaculate Conception Parish will be in charge of ringing the tambourine on Saturday, Nov 21 at Bratcher's Market from 9-4. We would appreciate it if you could sign up for 1 hour. The sign-up list is in the back of church. Any help would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Beth Roesner at 314-974-1087.

Thank you!

The Social Concerns Commission wants to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated towards the Christmas Child Shoe Box drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to pack 19 shoeboxes. These boxes will be picked up by a representative from Samaritan Purse and along with other area boxes will be shipped to 90 countries.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

There will be Mass here at Immaculate Conception Church at 8:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day!

Capital Campaign Committee Update



The roof is nearing completion and we will be looking for our next projects to happen in the spring. Thank you for any pledges or donations and your prayerful consideration. Our current total in donation and pledges is \$198,515.

Christmas Giving Tree



The Social Concerns Commission will have the Christmas Giving Tree up from November 14 thru December 6. Youth in Need (YIN) will take delivery of the gifts, the gifts need to be YIN no later than **Dec 7**. YIN is located next to Dominos Pizza and they are open from 8am to 4pm Monday thru Friday. The Montgomery County Christmas Club recommends each gift be in the range of \$15 - \$20. Keep in mind that each child that we are helping has 3 ornaments on the tree, so you only need to buy one item per gift tag. If you would rather give a cash donation instead of shopping, please send Beth Roesner or Debbie Heidelberger the money by no later than December 1. When you return the gifts to YIN, please have the gifts wrapped and the ornament attached. The Social Concerns Commission and the Montgomery County Christmas Club thank all of you that participate in this program.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

We thank all who have given generously to the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. As we look at our lives and the many blessings God has given us, let us give a portion to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. Through the CSA, we make known the Kingdom of God by helping each other to live our faith and share our Gospel belief. Our gifts to the CSA and ministries it supports are our grateful offerings to God.

2021 - \$12,000.00 Parish Goal

<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
\$3,855	32.125%	(\$8,145.00)

Immaculate Conception School News



A big THANK YOU to all who generously donated Halloween candy to the students off ICS and ECLC! We appreciate your continued support!

November 20th - Early Dismissal at 12:00 noon

November 24th - Thanksgiving Feast

November 25th-30th - Thanksgiving Break

ECLC Happenings

The students in the ECLC class are excited to start working on their Thanksgiving crafts!

We are still in need of good, sturdy rocking chairs. If you have one you want to donate, please call the school office at (573) 564-2679. Thank you!



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.**



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Time Extended to obtain indulgences

Plenary or full indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November for the souls of the faithful in purgatory can now be gained throughout the entire month of November, due to the impact of the pandemic. You can read more about the changes made by the Vatican in The Catholic Missourian or online at bit.ly/CathMo.

Anointing of the Sick

Due to hospitals' strict protocols, it is important to seek the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation prior to going to the hospital. Most hospitals only allow a priest to provide the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick if the patient has been placed on comfort care (hospice) or is nearing death.

Missouri Catholic Conference

This year the Missouri Catholic Conference canceled its in-person Annual Assembly due to COVID-19. As an alternative, they are offering a podcast series, MCC from the Capitol. MCC executive director Deacon Tyler McClay hosts six great episodes focused on issues of interest and concern to Catholics. You can find the podcasts on their [website](http://www.mccmo.org) and Spotify. Below is a description of one of the episodes, addressing religious liberty.

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

Friday, November 13, 2020 - Friday Chicken Dinner - Martinsburg

Saturday, December 12, 2020 - Saint Nick 5K Run/Walk

Friday, November 20, 2020 - Birthright BBQ

BBQ for Birthright



The Knights of Columbus will hold a BBQ for Birthright on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the KC Hall in Montgomery City. Dine in or carry out! Pork steak lunch plates will include potato salad, coleslaw, homemade rolls, and cookie. To pre-order call Suzie (573) 239-0179 or Birthright cell (573) 742-8044. Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus.

2020 No Hunger Holiday Knights of Columbus



The Montgomery Community currently has 45 boxes, which is down 15 boxes in the last three years.

We could really use your help in fundraising! If you can help with the donation of turkeys or cash donations (\$40.00 donation provides dinner for a family of four), they may be dropped off at Bainbridge Insurance in Montgomery City from Thursday, November 12, 2020 thru Monday, November 23, 2020 or call Richard Bainbridge at (636) 751-4030. Thank you for your support!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Bulletin News Deadline for Thanksgiving Week

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th. If you have news you would like to be published in the bulletin that weekend, please send it to the office NO LATER than Tuesday, November 24th. Thank you!



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: Nick Schneider, John Goodwin, Marlene Cunningham, Mackenzie Hagemeyer, Julie Thielmeier, Don Benney, Susan Schipper, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Angela Witthaus Keller, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jo Scott, Bobby Cochran, Mary Hertel, Joshua Cochran, Anita Jones, Jim Cochran, Jr., Jim Cochran, Sr., and Lynn Cunningham Duncan.



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Travis Thebeau, Jacob Merz, Daniel Lohmann, Jared Korman, Tom Kraust, Tim O'Fallon, Brandon Benney, Gary Frey, John Burce, Chris Burce, Jacob Jones, Matt Vedder, Michel James, Michael Adams, and John Martin.



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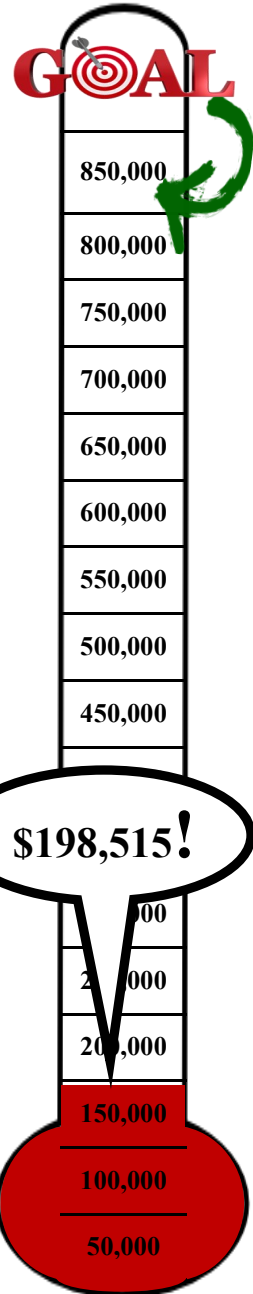
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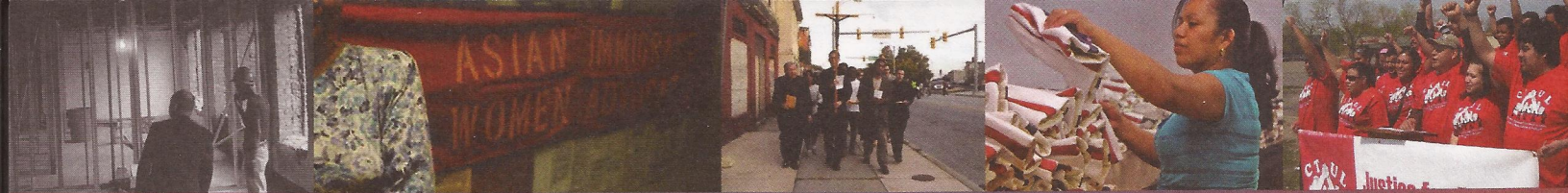
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- **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection.
- **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

Pregnant women and struggling families with young children require assistance with their material and spiritual needs, regardless of their background. For low-income Hispanic women, this is especially true, because linguistic and cultural differences pose unique challenges for pregnancy volunteers and pastoral ministers.

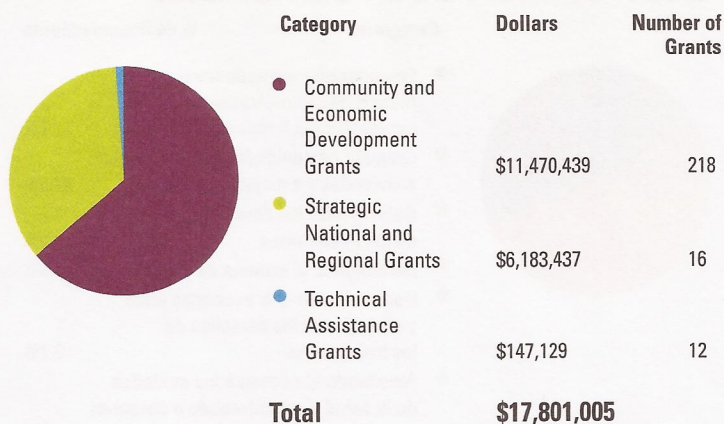
In the Dioceses of Yakima and Spokane in central and eastern Washington, for example, your generosity to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps a group called PREPARES en español to minister to large and vibrant Hispanic communities. By training Spanish-speaking and bilingual volunteers and coordinators, and through developing Spanish-language materials, PREPARES en español offers support groups, family companions, and parent/child learning and playgroups that

not only assist vulnerable families but do so in a context of respect for the unique cultural needs of Hispanic families. With your contributions, Spanish-speaking families are strengthened and nourished at the parish level in these dioceses.

To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants and annual report.

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DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

9 November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform the places where they live into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making an impact nationally, those living in poverty in our own diocese are empowered through the 25% share of our collection that stays here.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic circumstances that are stressful for all and dire for many. For essential workers who must be on the job and away from home, there is increased danger of being exposed to the coronavirus. This has been especially true for many migrant farm and factory workers.

Here in the Diocese of Jefferson City, the CCHD-funded Rural Community Workers Alliance (RCWA) has helped organize workers to ensure that their health and safety are being prioritized, allowing them to continue the vital work that helps feed America. During the pandemic the RCWA has provided the tools and training necessary for workers to be proactive in advocating for the personal protective equipment, workplace modifications, and safety protocols that keep them safe and on the job. In doing so, they ensure and enhance the inherent dignity of each person, a core tenet of our Catholic Social Teaching.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for individuals and families living in poverty across our diocese and the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City



DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

9 noviembre 2020

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Nuestra diócesis pronto realizará la colecta nacional para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD por sus siglas en inglés). El apoyo de ustedes a esta colecta, trae cambios a las comunidades de todo el país y capacita a quienes viven en la pobreza para transformar los lugares donde viven en reflejos del Reino de Dios. Además de tener un impacto a nivel nacional, aquellos que viven en la pobreza en nuestra propia diócesis son ayudados con el 25% de nuestra colecta que se queda aquí.

La pandemia del COVID-19 ha provocado circunstancias económicas que son estresantes para todos y graves para muchos. Para los trabajadores esenciales que tienen que estar en el trabajo y fuera de casa, existe un mayor peligro de estar expuestos al coronavirus. Esto ha sido especialmente cierto para muchos campesinos migrantes y trabajadores industriales.

Aquí en la Diócesis de Jefferson City, *Rural Community Workers Alliance* [La Alianza de Trabajadores de la Comunidad Rural, RCWA por sus siglas en inglés] apoyada por la CCHD ha brindado su apoyo en organizar a los trabajadores para garantizar que sea prioritaria su salud y seguridad, lo que les permite continuar el trabajo vital que ayuda a alimentar a los Estados Unidos. Durante la pandemia, la RCWA ha proporcionado las herramientas y la capacitación necesarias para que los trabajadores sean proactivos en abogar por equipo de protección personal, las modificaciones en el lugar de trabajo y los protocolos de seguridad que los mantienen seguros y en el trabajo. Al hacerlo, aseguran y mejoran la dignidad inherente de cada persona, un principio fundamental de nuestra doctrina social católica.

Su apoyo a esta colecta marca la diferencia para las personas y familias que viven en la pobreza en nuestra diócesis y en los Estados Unidos. Por favor consideren en oración el cómo pueden ayudar a CCHD este año. Si desean obtener más información sobre la colecta y las personas a las que apoya, visiten www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Gracias por unirse a nosotros para trabajar en los márgenes.

Por el Corazón Inmaculado de María, yo soy

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Obispo W. Shawn McKnight, STD
Obispo de Jefferson City