

## Isn't That a Bit Extreme?

**N**o sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or health-care workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander,

gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Pray for the insight to recognize a bad habit that keeps you from being your best self.*
- ✦ *What behavior might you have to give up?*



# Dear Padre,

**Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?**

**M**any Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News.

Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing

God's will and work on earth.

Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing

with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

*The Redemptorists / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*It is our great responsibility, as baptized persons, to proclaim Christ, to carry the Church—this fruitful motherhood of the Church—forward. Mary, during the persecution of the first Christians, prayed so much and moved those who had been baptized to go forward with courage.*

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2013

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 27  
St. Vincent de Paul,  
Priest  
Zec 8:1–8  
Lk 9:46–50

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 28  
Weekday  
Zec 8:20–23  
Lk 9:51–56

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 29  
Sts. Michael, Gabriel,  
and Raphael,  
Archangels  
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or  
Rv 12:7–12a  
Jn 1:47–51

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 30  
St. Jerome,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12  
Lk 10:1–12

### Friday

OCTOBER 1  
St. Thérèse of the Child  
Jesus, Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church  
Bar 1:15–22  
Lk 10:13–16

### Saturday

OCTOBER 2  
The Holy Guardian Angels  
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29  
Mt 18:1–5, 10

### Sunday

OCTOBER 3  
Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Gn 2:18–24  
Heb 2:9–11  
Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Mass Intentions

Monday, September 27th **NO MASS** - Montgomery City  
Tuesday, September 28th **NO MASS** - Montgomery City  
Wednesday, September 29th No Mass - Jonesburg  
Thursday, September 30th **NO Mass** - Montgomery City  
Friday, October 1st **NO Mass** - Montgomery City  
Saturday, October 2nd **5:30 PM Mass** - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family  
  
Sunday, October 3rd 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg  
**10:00 AM Mass** - Montgomery City +Decease of the Koch & Garrissine Family



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

**Church/School Financial Report:**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>August 2021</b>	\$44,031.69	\$71,601.87	-\$27,570.18
<b>Fiscal Year July-Aug. 2021-22</b>	\$83,983.17	\$120,195.60	-\$36,212.43
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	- \$ 12,995.00		
September 5th -	\$11,954.75		
September 12th -	\$ 9,759.75		
September 19th -	\$11,567.09		
September 26th -	\$		

Last Week's Envelopes: 56 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 2nd & 3rd

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Michael Smith
Children's Liturgy	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
Communion Minister	Beth Cobb	Eileen Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Cothren Family	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman
Servers	Jacob Roesner Malory Schulte	Owen Merz Carl Smith
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Rea Jean & Daryl Rhoads	Mike & Jenidean Readey

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

For a greater appreciation for the gift of friendship; that bonds of friendship may strengthen our resolve to be a people of communion in divisive times.



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, September 27th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, September 28th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday, September 29th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday, September 30th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday, October 1st	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday, October 2nd	4:00 PM Mass - Wellsville 5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 5:00 PM)
Sunday, October 3rd	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, September 27th	7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, September 28th	6:15 PM - School Board Mtg.
Wednesday, September 29th	
Thursday, September 30th	
Friday, October 1st	
Saturday, October 2nd	
Sunday, October 3rd	8:30 AM - 3rd/4th/5th Grade PSR 6:00 PM - 6th/7th/8th Grade PSR

### *Wedding Anniversary*



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

*George & Punky Boes—52 years of marriage on September 27th  
Andy & Julie Worsham - 28 years of marriage on October 2nd*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvements	\$ 1,276.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 2,700.00
Special Collections:	
Mission Sunday	\$ 50.00

### **Annual October Count**



The time is fast approaching when we start the Annual October Count. The Diocese along with parishes across the United States are involved with what is known as the "October Count". The reason October was selected for the count is because studies indicated the month is the best month for counting individuals who attend weekend Masses. The count enables the pastoral planning for parishes.

### **Weekend Mass Celebrant**

This weekend we welcome Fr. Chris Cordes from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia. **Thank you** Fr. Chris for making the trip over here. We appreciate you!!!

### **Harvest Picnic This Weekend!**

We hope to see everyone at the Fairgrounds for the Harvest Picnic on Sunday from 11 am - 4 pm. Please drop off your cakes and pies outside the church before Mass on Saturday or at the Fairgrounds on Sunday morning. If you are unsure of your time slot to work, please call or text Dianne Talley (573-590-3158). Invite your family, friends, and neighbors for a great day of food, fun, and fellowship!



**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.**

### *Pastor's Pen*



*My Dear Parishioners,*

*This Monday, September 27th marks the half way point of my treatments! 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!*

*I want to invite you all to our annual Parish Picnic this Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There will be great food and fun for everyone!*

*The rectory is progressing. Today Central Heating and Cooling removed the old air conditioning unit in the ceiling. While insurance will cover the damages, our deductible is \$2,000.00.*

*I appreciate the Parish Council and Administration/Finance Commission keeping the parish running while I am on medical leave and look forward to working new members in which we are still searching. If you have an interest, please let us know!*

*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*

### **Priesthood Sunday September 26, 2021**



This Sunday we celebrate Priesthood Sunday! It is a time to honor those who are priests, especially our priest, Father Hartley.

To make the decision to dedicate oneself to becoming a priest is one of the most loving, giving, caring, and humbling aspects of a person's character. He must have a gentle heart and spirit, a sense of humor, be able to listen and hear what a person is saying, be a counselor, have a love of people, be open to new ideas, and so much more. These are qualities that help him lead his flock.

Thank you, Fr. Hartley, for everything you do for our parish!

## Immaculate Conception School News



Sept. 24- No School-Diocesan PD  
Sept. 28- Dr. Vader will be visiting our school  
Oct. 5-8 - Achievement Testing Week  
Oct. 7 - Prayer Partner Communion Service

Reminder ICS has a student lead Prayer Service at 8am every Thursday at church. We also have a student lead Rosary at 8am in the Prayer Garden every Friday. Everyone is welcome!



### 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.**

### Prayer Partner Communion Service

On the Immaculate Conception School Prayer Partner dates of October 7th, November 4th, and December 2nd, Deacon Ron Deimeke will lead a Communion Service here in the Parish. The Communion Service will be at 8:00 AM and is open to ALL the Parish. Music and Readings will be done by the Immaculate Conception School students.



### 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.samaritanapurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanapurse.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.

### Parish Council Members Needed!

We will have two vacancies on the Parish Council soon. If you are interested or would like to nominate a parishioner, please call or email the parish office at (573) 564-2375 or [imm-con@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imm-con@sbcglobal.net).

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

**Sept. 26th** - Harvest Picnic at the Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds  
**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.

### Capital Campaign Update



Dear parishioners,

Our current total in pledges and donations is \$248,412.16. Our current bank balance is \$112,817.12 and we have paid for all of the projects that have been completed.

Next we hope to see the work on the steeple and the entrance begin and we will be ordering a new front door. Those projects will really change the entrance to our church and we are very excited to see that work get underway. Once all of the outside projects are addressed, we will begin to work on the landscaping and the yard that has been disturbed during construction.

We are in need of your help to make it to our goal of raising \$850,000 and completing the projects on our list for the Capital Campaign. We appreciate your prayerful consideration towards giving to this drive to make our parish home a beautiful place to worship for years to come.

### 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).



### 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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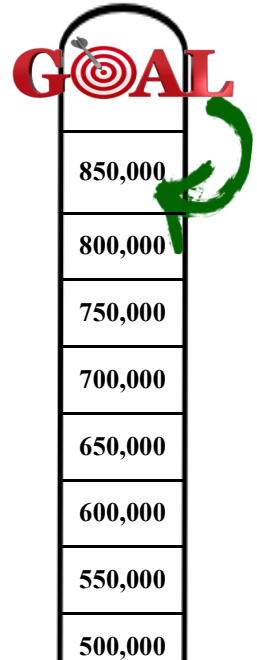
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