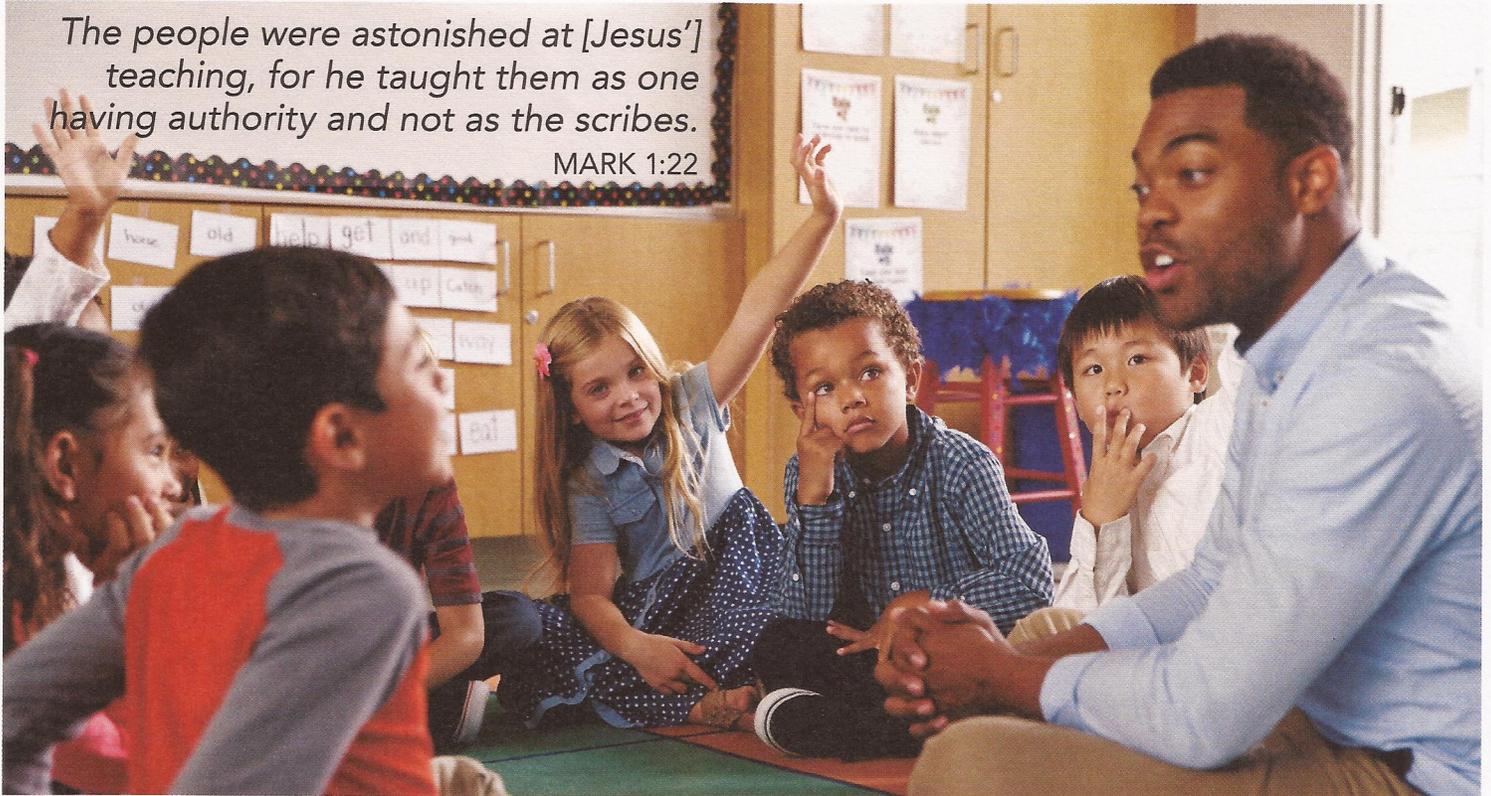


The people were astonished at [Jesus'] teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

MARK 1:22



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Teaching with Authority

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God’s voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: “The one with authority.” But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses’ position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, “Who died and left you boss?” comes right

out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one’s life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? “By their fruits you will know them” (Matthew 7:16).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *As a disciple of Jesus, whose voice are you inclined to follow? Why?*
- ✦ *What is your attitude toward official authority? Is this a good attitude to hold?*

Dear Padre,

Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?

You raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we're sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when

we've been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the cross....Although man frequently equates authority with control, dominion, success, for God authority is always synonymous with service, humility, love. It means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet.

ADDRESS TO INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF SUPERIORS GENERAL, MAY 8, 2013

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 2

Presentation

of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

or 2:22-32

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 7

Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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Society of St. Vincent DePaul - 573.835.3631

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

JANUARY 31, 2021 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 1st	NO MASS	
Tuesday, February 2nd	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Don Benney	
Wednesday, February 3rd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg	
Thursday, February 4th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Sr. Paula Reiter	
Friday, February 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Ed & Dora Purschke	
Saturday, February 6th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family	
Sunday, February 7th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg	
	10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Decease of Schipper & Purler Families	

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
December 2020	\$53,698.42	\$41,521.65	\$12,176.77
Fiscal Year July - Dec. 2020-21	\$291,481.66	\$270,011.03	\$21,470.63
Needed Weekly	- \$ 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 -	\$		

Last Week's Envelopes: 35 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: 3:30 to 4:10 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. 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 6th & 7th

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

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, February 1st	NO MASS	Monday, February 1st	7:00 PM - St. Vincent DePaul
Tuesday, February 2nd	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City	Tuesday, February 2nd	
Wednesday, February 3rd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg	Wednesday, February 3rd	6:00 PM - Home & School Mtg. 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, February 4th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Thursday, February 4th	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass
Friday, February 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Friday, February 5th	
Saturday, February 6th	5:00 PM - Mass - Montgomery City	Saturday, February 6th	
Sunday, February 7th	8:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City	Sunday, February 7th	9:30 AM - 3rd/4th Grade PSR Class

Wedding Anniversary



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

There are no anniversaries this weekend.

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvement	\$ 00.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 00.00
Special Collections:	
Holydays	\$ 00.00
Seminary	\$ 00.00

Annual Fish Fry



The Annual Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, February 19 - March 26, 2021
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!

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.



From the Pastor

Thanks to everyone of the parish who have made my transition from Glasgow to Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick so effortless. You have truly made me feel at home and I deeply appreciate your patience as I get settled in.

It will soon be time for the Season of Lent and before that time of Penance and Self-Denial there will be a Lenten Schedule given to you for your use in planning to attend the Masses, Confessions, and Stations of the Cross that will be taking place throughout the Lenten Season. The Schedule will be available on the weekend before Ash Wednesday, which is February 17th this year.

The Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blasé will be offered at the end of the Masses this weekend. Instead of an individual blessing, it will be offered from the altar as part of the Final Blessing of Mass for everyone.

Thank You!



Thank you to Mike & Molly Taylor and Jeff & Theresa Turner of Brandkamp Industries for providing the new cabinets in the rectory kitchen. Thanks also to Dennis & Jean Benney, Tom Benney, Pat Stumbaugh, 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!

Immaculate Conception School News



January 30th - Catholic Schools Week Mass - 5:00 PM
January 31st - February 6th - Catholic Schools Week
February 3rd - Home & School Teacher Meet and Greet - 5:15 PM
Knights of Columbus Hall
February 3rd - Home & School Meeting - 6:00 PM @ KC Hall
February 9th - 100th Day of School

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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 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.**

Parish Marriage Preparation Facilitators Needed



The Bishop has asked that each Parish have Marriage Preparation Facilitators who will collaborate with the parish's priest or deacon responsible for preparing engaged couples according to the diocesan policy on marriage preparation. "It is highly recommended that married couples, especially those married for at least five years, be invited to be Marriage Preparation Facilitators, since their personal experience in marriage will be helpful as they walk with engaged couples in their marriage preparation journey. However, some individuals may be good Marriage Preparation Facilitators due to their education, experience, and/or gifts in working with couples."

All potential Marriage Preparation Facilitators should exhibit the following characteristics:

- Active Catholics and faithful to Catholic doctrine.
- Have good communication skills with their spouse (if married) and be open to sharing their marital experiences.
- Have effective interpersonal and social skills. The relationship formed with the engaged couple is a key element of the impact and success of the marriage preparation process.
- Be able to inspire trust and maintain confidentiality.
- Have knowledge, experience and/or gifts that will empower, help, or inspire engaged couples. Be open to work with and collaborate with the priest(s) and/or deacon(s) of their parish.
- Open to time commitment necessary for training and working with couples. • Feel called to serve through this ministry.

If you would be interested in serving as a Marriage Preparation Facilitator, please let Fr. Hartley know.

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 - Lenten Fish Fry @ KC Hall

World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated life is February 2nd. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

2021 - \$12,000.00 Parish Goal

<u>Committed</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
\$8,890.00	\$5,487.00	45.73	(\$6,513.00)

Money Counters Needed

If you are a "money counter" and would be available to count money after either Mass on the weekend, please contact the parish office at (573) 564-2375 or imm-con@sbcglobal.net. THANK YOU!

Thank You For Your Prayers

From Gina Smith: "My last scan was clear, putting me at a year since my last cancer treatment. They also removed my port-a-cath! Thank you for all of your prayers and support!"



Virginia Cochran, who had heart surgery on January 13th, would like to thank the parishioners for their prayers. She is recovery nicely and doing well!

Rosary Leaders



If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary before Saturday or Sunday Masses, please contact Dennis Cobb at (573) 253-9257.

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.



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

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.



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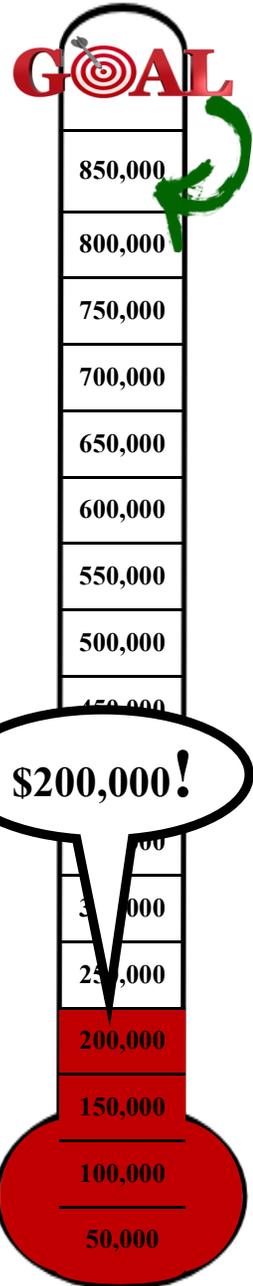
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January 29, 2021

Message from Ms. Schroeder

We have welcomed three new students this semester. They are in PreK, Kindergarten, and 3rd grade. We also have 2 new children in the ECLC.

To begin our Catholic Schools Week festivities, we invite you to attend Mass on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 5 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and your family while celebrating our wonderful Catholic school.

February 9, 2021 dress as if you were 100 years old, or wear your favorite 100th day shirt to celebrate our 100th day of school. Also, February 12, 2021 wear your favorite Valentine's Day or red/pink shirt to school with your PE pants.

Here is a reminder regarding our Community and External Operations Diocesan Policies:

*****DSP 1105*****

A cooperative approach where school administrator/principal, teachers and parents work in harmony to educate and develop the child in all areas in his/her life – spiritual, academic, human formation.

*****DSP 1810*****

Enrollment in a Catholic School is a privilege, not a right. Especially in the Catholic Schools, an expectation of a child's enrollment is the support and close cooperation of the parent(s) or guardian(s) with the school. By enrolling children in this private, Catholic School, parents are agreeing to this policy as well as all other policies and regulations of the school.

We have received 30 chromebooks to use in classrooms and for virtual learning. We are all very excited to finally have them so we can start learning with our new technology.

A HUGE thank you to Don (Grandpa) Rieke, for taking down our old whiteboards. It was a big task!!! Our new interactive boards have been delivered and are waiting to be installed. We are still needing some volunteers to install plywood, paint, and hang new whiteboards before the new interactive boards can be installed.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for tickets to the annual Sausage Dinner for all students and staff!

Important Dates:

Jan. 30-Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 5pm

Jan. 31-Feb. 6-Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 3- Home & School Teacher Meet and Greet 5:15pm @ KC Hall

Home & School Meeting 6pm @ KC Hall

Feb. 9- 100th Day of School

Feb. 12-Valentine's Day Parties 1-3pm

Feb. 15- No School Presidents' Day

Feb. 17- Ash Wednesday

Feb. 19- Noon Dismissal Teacher PD

KC Fish Fry

Feb. 26-KC Fish Fry

Mar. 2- Dr. Seuss Party & National Reading Day

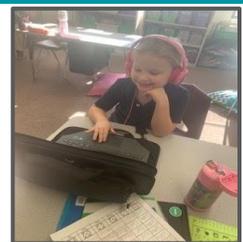
Mar. 5- End of the 3rd Quarter

Inclement weather announcements will be made through FACTS alerts, KOMU (channel 8) and KRCG (channel 13). Please make sure we have updated contact information for all parents, so you can stay informed about the latest announcements.

We still have candy bars! Send in money and we will send home candy bars. Every \$10 = 1 dress down pass. \$30/box of 60 bars.



Students are loving the new Chromebooks!





New Cabinets and Floor in kitchen of rectory.