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# St. Patrick Parish

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Fr. Ernest Dike, Parochial Administrator, edike@diojeffcity.org Bulletin Deadline is 9:00 AM on Wednes-

## December 22, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### **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.

#### St. Patrick Parish Mission

As a church community here at St. Patrick, we want to know, love and serve Jesus in our efforts in: Christian formation/faith development; worship; social services; and stewardship

#### **MONDAY**

December 23 Advent Weekday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

#### **TUESDAY**

December 24 Advent Weekday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79

#### WEDNESDAY

December 25 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

#### **THURSDAY**

December 26 St. Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

#### **FRIDAY**

December 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### **SATURDAY**

December 28 Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18

#### **SUNDAY**

December 29 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52



# Feeling Our Way

ost of the time we find ourselves backing our way into the will of God, or maybe even feeling our way into it. There are times when the will of God is quite clear: Should I lie or tell the truth? Should I steal or not? Most often, however, the will of God is not so clear. Too often it becomes a question of how to negotiate an aspect of life that's been handed to us, often a reality we cannot escape. It may be an unwanted divorce, or a son or daughter in a questionable relationship, or an illness that dismantles one's life plans. On the one hand, it is not as if God hands out scripts that we are expected to live by. On the other hand, God is part of all that unfolds. Somewhere in the midst of that is the will of God, which is another way of saying somehow you and I need to negotiate what we never chose, but is now served up by life. Or is it served up by God? Or by our own doing? Or all of that? That's what I mean when I say we feel our way into the will of

It is what Jesus sorted out in the desert when he was tempted, "I come to do your will, O God." It is Elizabeth's story of an unexpected pregnancy in her old age. It is Mary saying "Yes" to an uncharted path. Living God's will seems mostly to be a sorting process.

#### Reflect

Have you responded with a wholehearted "Yes" to God's will for you?

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#### Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	December 23rd	NO MASS Montgomery C	itv
Tue	December 24th	5:00 PM Montgomery C	•
		10:30 PM Jonesburg	- Parish Family
Wed	December 25th	10:00 AM Montgomery C	ity - Our Parish Family
Thur	December 26th	8:00 AM Montgomery C	ity +Bill Dryden
Fri	December 27th	8:00 AM Montgomery C	ity +Virginia Cochran
Sat	December 28th	5:00 PM Montgomery C	ity - Our Parish Family
Sun	December 29th	8:00 AM Jonesburg	- Peggy O'Donnell

**A reminder:** If there is a funeral at any of the two parishes or a school cancellation due to weather, there will be **no** scheduled Mass

10:00 AM Montgomery City

Immaculate Conception Parish & School				
	Income	Expenses	Difference	
Fiscal Jul 24-Nov 24, YTD	\$279,800.22	\$311,091.06	-\$31,291.04	
November 2024	\$45,007.29	\$54,677.19	-\$9,669.90	
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total	
December 1st	\$4,131.00	\$5,243.00	\$9,374.00	
December 8th	\$4,217.25	\$5,344.50	\$9,561.75	
December 15th	\$8,614.00	\$5,293.00	\$13,907.00	
December 22nd				
December 29th				
Weekly Goal	\$13,233.00	Wkly Avg	\$10,947.58	
Additional Financial Information				

Capital Improvements - \$282.00

Feast of Immaculate Conception - \$50.00

Christmas Flowers - \$40.00

Mass Intention - \$10.00

School Donation - \$200.00

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Parish Membership: Please call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: IC Sat 4:15PM-4:45PM, SP Sun 7:15AM or

**Sacraments & Information** 

Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation: 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: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Please call for details.

**Hospitalization:** If you are hospitalized or have a family member who is home-bound, please call the parish office.

St. Patrick Parish			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget Goal FY 25	\$76,000.00		
Total Collected YTD	\$21,501.00		
	Church		Total
December 1st	\$1,633.00		
December 8th	\$1,242.00		
December 15th	\$6,641.00		
December 22nd			
December 29th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,365.39	Wkly Avg	\$3,172.00

#### 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.

	Mass Ministries	December 21st & 22nd	December 28th & 29th	January 4th & 5th	January 11th & 12th
	Lector	Beth Roesner	Gary Hoette	Landon Pottebaum	Jacob Roesner
	Children's Liturgy				
5PM	Eucharistic Minister	Megan Hans	Dennis Cobb	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Mary Pottebaum
SAT 5	Ministers of Hospitality	Cothren Family	Bill & Liz Huston Steve & Beth Cobb	Don & Lila Broz Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Cothren Family
30	Servers	Ella Hans & Reed Pottebaum	Liz Broz & Jacob Roesner	Mercer Cothren & Emelia Hans	Reed Pottebaum Beth Roesner
	Money Counters	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Dennis Cobb & Daryl Rhoads	John/Aggie Baldetti & Judy Cobb	Don/Sandy Oakes & Darryl Rhoads
	Lector	Amanda Arens	Michael Smith	Jerry Witthaus	Richard Schierhoff
	Children's Liturgy	Dianne Talley	Geri Park	Geri Park	Bonnie Walker
AM	Eucharistic Minister	Jacob Lotton	Eileen Lotton	Tudie Simpson	Jenidean Readey
SUN 10AM	Ministers of Hospitality	Charlie & Pat Korman Ron & Dianne Talley	Jerry Neale & Tony Wessel Melissa & Justin Beabout	Dana Schneider & Brady Craven Steve Williams & Julie Worsham	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
2	Servers	Elizabeth Schierhoff & Kendra Rakers	Keagan Rakers & Carl Smith	Josie Harrell & Paisley Anderson	Steel Anderson & Tinley Anderson
	Money Counters	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Dottie Brueggen & Carla Parker	Cathy McCormack & Pam Schwartz	Dave Teeter & Vickie Parker
	Hospitality/Usher	Lenzenhuber/Dothage	John & Nancy Cobb	Youth	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber
_	Altar Clean Up Only	Laurie Dothage	Laurie Dothage	Laurie Dothage	Laurie Dothage
8AN	Lector	Bridget Cobb	Sarah Johnson	Gracie Cobb	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Gilbert
SUN 8AM	Servers	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson
SP S	Eucharistic Minister	John Cobb, Sr.	Bridget Cobb	Vicki Duenke	Nancy Cobb
	Money Counters	Katherine Stroot & Laurie Dothage	Brad Ellis & Derrick Cobb	Gracie Cobb & Karen Stenger	Jan Milzark & Katherine Stroot

## Dear Padre,

#### Where does the Hail Mary prayer come from?

The Hail Mary owes its origin to the rosary. The traditional story of the rosary was that Mary herself appeared to St. Dominic in the twelfth century and gave him the rosary with the promise that if he spread devotion to the rosary, his religious order would flourish. In the twelfth century, religious orders recited together the 150 psalms as a way to mark the hours of the day and the days of the week. In order to pray the psalms, though, people had to know how to read. People who didn't know how to read wanted to share in the practice, so the rosary, or praying on beads, began as a parallel prayer practice. It was a way that illiterate people could remember the Lord and his Mother throughout the day.

The first rosaries consisted of a string of 150 beads, and, much as we do now, a person would pass over each bead after saying a prayer, usually the Our Father. Later, people added the Archangel Gabriel's greeting—"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee"—



and later still, Elizabeth's prayer we hear in today's Gospel—"Blessed art thou among women." Finally this prayer was added in the sixteenth century: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."

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## Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention for our Local Church



For hope to find a home in our hearts as we embrace the joy of Christ's birth. Amid the jubilation, may we also find time in prayer to experience the calm and peace of God's presence in our lives.



#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Do I move forward with hope...? We can also ask for...the grace of a healthy sense of humor: it does so much good.... The first act of charity we can do for our neighbors is to offer them a serene and smiling face. It is bringing the joy of Jesus to them, as Mary did with Elizabeth. ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 19, 2021



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## Readings for December 30, 2024 thru January 5, 2025

#### Monday December 30 Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2:12-17

# Lk 2:36-40

#### Friday Saturday January 4

January 3 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34

#### **Tuesday** December 31 Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

St. Elizabeth

Ann Seton,

1 Jn 3:7-10

Jn 1:35-42

Religious

## Mother of God Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Mary, Holy

#### **Sunday** January 5 Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6

Mt 2:1-12

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

#### Wednesday Thursday January 2 January 1

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28



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#### **Parishioner Christmas Gift**

Merry Christmas from your parish! Please find books in both church vestibules for each family written by Matthew Kelly.

We hope the parishioners at St. Patrick enjoy "Thirty Three Days to Eucharistic Glory" and Immaculate Conception parishioners enjoy "The Three Ordinary Voices of God"!

We want to thank Michael Auchly for purchasing the Christmas Books for the parishioners at Immaculate Conception.

The Diocese of Jefferson City is preparing for the 2025 Jubilee. This holy year will invite the faithful to embrace the spirit of hope.

The Jubilee Year will provide opportunities to experience grace, including by participating in special Jubilee Masses or joining a pilgrimage.

The diocese has launched a new webpage with information about how we will be celebrating the Jubilee. More information may be found at: https://diojeffcity.org/jubileeyear/.

When Elizabeth heard Maru's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Luke 1:41-42

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Today we give thanks to our Blessed Mother for her "yes" as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior.



			Upcoming Events and Announcements	<b>†</b>
Monday	Dec. 23rd			IHS
Tuesday	Dec. 24th	IC	NO Adoration NO Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy	See!
				I will not forget you, I have
Wednesday	Dec. 25th			carved you on the palm of my hand. Isaiah 49:15
₹	_			Welcome everyone.
Thursday	Dec. 26th			On Tuesdays starting at 6:00 AM we have Eucharistic Adoration: a special time to
Friday	Dec. 27th			worship and praise our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and to deepen your intimate friendship and be
Saturday	Dec. 28th	SP	10:00-11:30 AM - Grief Class at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jonesburg	nourished and strengthened by His presence and love. At 5:00 PM Adoration will close with Devotion to the
Sunday	Dec, 29th	SP	After 8:00 AM Mass - Coffee & Donuts in Parish Hall - all are welcome	Divine Mercy and Benediction. Mass will start at 5:30 PM.
		•	Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will lis	sten to you.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12

#### 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 Susie Ryan, Bill & Lucille Muenz, and Mike Busken

**Resident of Victorian Manor** 2120 Village Lane, Hermann, MO 65041 Peggy Gardner

Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann 1800 Wein St., Hermann, MO 65041 Tony & Laverne Wessel, Sr.



Residents of **Aspire Nursing Home** 308 Cedar Avenue, Jonesburg, MO 63351

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STRUGGLING, SICK AND INFIRMED:

Al & Christine Barger, Beau Boschenreither, Geoff Brueggen, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerdick, Parker Calbreath, Robert Carillo, Becky Cothren, Clint Cunningham, Marla Daniels, Tom Eggering, Jean Fishback, Sheryl Gibbs, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Michael & Grace Hanneken, Ken Hocke, Antoinette Hoing, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Pat Kline, Pat Merz, Kathleen Mohrmann, Lyndsey O'Bryan, Alice O'Donnell, Margaret O'Donnell, Terry Parker, Peatross Family, Avery Penn, Rae Jean Rhoads, Shirley Rose, Susie Ryan, John Rybacki, Nick Schneider, Ruth Schneider, Evelyn Strauss, Katherine Stroot, Londa Swoboda, Ed Torbeck, Tony Wessel, Sr., Jim Wortmann, Don Zerr



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES.

Brandon Wells, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, Donnie Wisdom, and Alex Brueggen

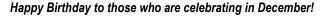


Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. ~Ephesians 5:25

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



Blake & Melissa Beabout - 18 years of Marriage on December 23rd John & Tudie Simpson - 32 years of Marriage on December 26th Larry & Denise Callahan - 38 years of Marriage on December 27th Jeff & Julie Porter - 40 years of Marriage on December 28th Dion & Cindy Thurman - 33 years of Marriage on December 28th



3rd - Mike Claussen

8th - Karen Stenger

9th - Alice O'Donnell

10th - Pauline Horstdaniel

12th - Elizabeth Barclav

29th - Christina Poggas

29th - Alan Schluss 30th - Makenzie Woods





#### **Parish Office Holiday Schedule**

St. Patrick - Closed December 23, 2024 thru January 1, 2025 Immaculate Conception - Closed Dec. 24th thru January 1, 2025 (Janet will be in the office on December 30th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM)

There will be NO bulletin on December 29th. Following is the Mass schedule for that week:

Mon	December 30th	NO MASS	Montgomery City	
Tue Wed	December 31st January 1st	5:30 PM 8:00 AM	Montgomery City Jonesburg	+Sue Kyle +Mr. Gussner
		10:00 AM	Montgomery City	-Clint Cunningham
Thur	January 2nd	NO MASS	Montgomery City	
Fri	January 3rd	NO MASS	Montgomery City	
Sat	January 4th	5:00 PM	Montgomery City	+Judy Cunningham
Sun	January 5th	8:00 AM	Jonesburg	+Sandy Wahby
		10:00 AM	Montgomery City	-Our Parish Family

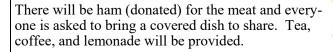
#### **Decorating for Christmas at IC**

We will be decorating the church after Mass on Sunday, the 22nd. If you are available to join us and would like to, we would love that.

#### **Epiphany Party**

Potluck Dinner

In the spirit of community and fellowship we would like to have an Epiphany party again this year. It will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall after 10:00 AM Mass on January 5th.



Fr. Ernest said ping pong would be played this year, but please bring your games, cards, corn hole, or anything you would like to play after the meal.



#### **Christmas Second Collection**

There will be a second collection taken up at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses in both parishes. This is one of the three yearly diocesan collections and is for Seminary Formation and Infirm Priests. Each diocesan parish is assessed a specific amount; Immaculate Conception-\$2,424.00 and St. Patrick-\$1,257.00. There were envelopes for this collection in the December 6th Catholic Missourian, and in your regular giving envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!

#### 2025 Calendars

Your box of Sunday Contribution Envelopes are available to pick up in the Church Lobby, they are in numerical order not alphabetically.

2025 Calendars are also available in the Church Lobby.

#### **Envelopes & Calendars at IC**

The 2025 calendars are in the church vestibule. We want to thank Korman Auction Service and Bainbridge Insurance for purchasing the calendars for us!

#### **IC Liturgical Ministries for Christmas Season**

There are still a few spots left on the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for the Christmas season. If you can help out at any of the Masses, we would really appreciate it!

#### **Christmas Masses - Music at IC**

Music will begin on Christmas Eve at 4:30 PM and Christmas Day at 9:30 AM prior to both Masses.

#### **Change in Adoration Schedule at IC**

There will be NO Tuesday Adoration at Immaculate Conception on December 24th. We will still have Adoration on Tuesday, December 31st.

#### **January Prayer Partner Mass**

Prayer Partner Mass will be on January 9, 2025 when the students are back from Christmas break.

## Immaculate Conception School News

Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal | Judy Cobb, School Secretary | 573.564.2679 - School Office | immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org

## **Immaculate Conception School News**

Mrs. Bergmann's 3rd & 4th Grades The class has been reading, reading. Now it's time to share their books with their friends. The rubric was given at the beginning of the school year and the assignment was posted on Google Classroom September 18th. The students have had a lot of time to prepare for these book conferences.

#### Rubric

Read a book (100-150 pages) and complete the reading logs that have been given to them weekly. There were two logs to complete; one each semester. At the end of the semester, there will be a book talk and they will have a book conference with their teacher / classmates. They can have notes in your own handwriting. They may also find it helpful to do character sketches and a "storyboard" sketch of the book. They will need to follow the story guide.

#### **Thanksgiving Feast**

Each classroom had a great Thanksgiving feast. Families provided food and items.

#### **Month of November**

In the month of November, the students worked on "Humility" virtue and learned about St. John the Baptist, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, and St. Therese of Lisieux. The following students have been chosen as "Angel of the Week" and received a coupon to Texas Roadhouse! Congratulations!

PreK4-/K - Claudia, Josie, Hank

1/2 - Axton, Easton, Zoie

3/4 - Paisley, Josie, Maverick

6/8 - Aiden, Steele, Bobby

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others." ~Philippians 2:3-4

#### Happy 100th Birthday!

Darlene Lamb will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on December 26th, 2024. What a milestone!

Her family is inviting us to "shower" her with birthday cards on this momentous occasion! Darlene's address is:

> 862 Mitchel Road Sedalia, MO 65301

> > Thank You!

May God bless Darlene on her 100th birthday and always!

Thank you to everyone who participated in shaking the tambourine for Montgomery County Cares. During our 4 hours we brought in \$199.03!

#### Lost and Found

A vehicle key was found in the Immaculate Conception parking lot. It was found on Friday, December 13th. If you lost yours, please contact the ICC office at (573) 564-2375 or imm-con@sbcglobal.net.



#### **Our Prayers and Condolences**

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Margaret Van Beek who passed on December 17, 2024. May God grant them hope and strength during this time of great loss.





Thank you to parishioners who donated Poinsettias in memory/ honor of:

John, Mary, & Bill Dryden Ken, Mickey, & Dwaine Hauskins Bob & Sue Ruhl Oakes Family Members Ray & Margaret Brueggen David Morrow Sue Kyle Virginia Cochran Mr. & Mrs. Tom Cunningham **Dorothy Stumbaugh** Jim Longstreet, Sr. Jackie Toebben Poorest of the Poor Valerie Neudecker

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We also want to thank the following parishioners who made a donation towards the Christmas poinsettias:

Richard & Shirley Arens John & Tudie Simpson Tony & Betty Wessel, Jr. Tony & LaVerne Wessel, Sr. Peter & Carolyn O'Fallon Ruth Brueggen

Al & Rosalie Jenisch

Michelle Schroer Mike & Marilyn Peveler Richard Schierhoff Michael & Gina Smith Samuel Madrigal

