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Society of St. Vincent DePaul - 573.835.3631 Fr. Ernest Dike, Parochial Administrator, edike@diojeffcity.org Bulletin Deadline is 9:00 AM on Wednesdays

March 23, 2025 - Third Sunday of Lent

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 of resources.

MONDAY March 24
Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1-15b
Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY March 25
The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

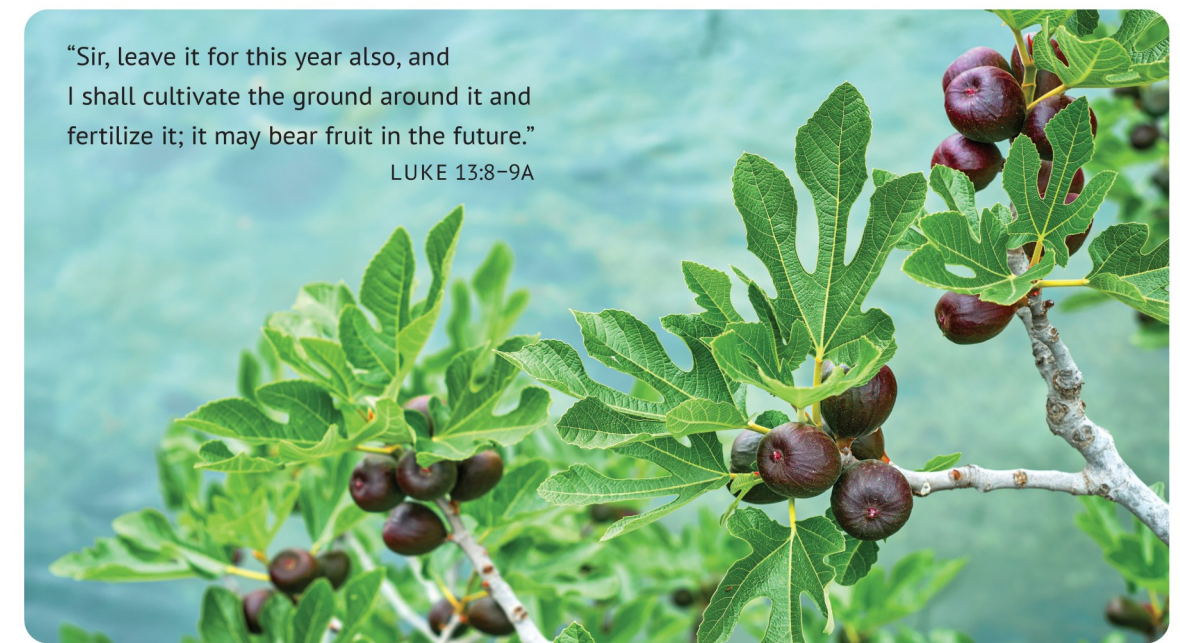
WEDNESDAY March 26
Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5-9
Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY March 27
Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23

FRIDAY March 28
Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2-10
Mk 12:28-34

SATURDAY March 29
Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1-6
Lk 18:9-14

SUNDAY March 30
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10-12
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."
LUKE 13:8-9A

A Gardener God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given.

if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit. ●

In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as

Reflect
What needs nurturing in my life, and what needs weeding out?

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	March	24th	NO MASS	Montgomery City	
Tues	March	25th	5:30 PM	Montgomery City	+Vincent & Delores Schimweg
Wed	March	26th	8:30 AM	Jonesburg	+Mr. Gussner
Thur	March	27th	8:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Don Benney
Fri	March	28th	8:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Maxine Witte
Sat	March	29th	5:00 PM	Montgomery City	-Confirmation Candidates/Our Parish Family
Sun	March	30th	8:00 AM	Jonesburg	+Roy Duenke
			10:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Dorothy Stumbaugh

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

Sacraments & Information

Parish Membership: Please call the parish office to register.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: IC Sat 4:15PM-4:45PM, SP Sun 7:15AM or by appointment.
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. Classes on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM at ICS.
Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized or have a family member who is home-bound, please call the parish office.

Immaculate Conception Parish & School

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 24-Jan 25, YTD	\$469,719.34	\$506,047.57	-\$36,328.23
February 2025	\$56,958.71	\$49,664.70	\$7,294.01
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
March 2nd	\$5,861.00	\$9,050.50	\$14,911.50
March 9th	\$4,906.03	\$5,856.50	\$10,762.53
March 16th	\$3,195.00	\$4,156.75	\$7,351.75
March 23rd			
March 30th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,233.00	Wkly Avg	\$11,008.59

Your Gifts to God! Thank You!



St. Patrick Parish

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget Goal FY 25	\$76,000.00		
Total Collected YTD	\$22,804.00		
	Church		Total
March 2nd	\$2,118.00		
March 9th	\$1,303.00		
March 16th	\$1,260.00		
March 23rd			
March 30th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,365.39	Wkly Avg	\$1,560.33

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements - \$135.00
 Easter Flower Donations - \$496.00
 Retirement for Religious - \$25.00
 First Offering - \$40.00

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	March 22nd & 23rd	March 29th(Confirmation) & 30th	April 5th & 6th	April 12th & 13th(Palm Sunday)
IC SAT 5PM	Lector	Beckham Cothren	Confirmation Candidates	Beth Cobb
	Eucharistic Minister	Mary Pottebaum	Priests	Gary Hoette
	Ministers of Hospitality	Cothren Family	Bill & Liz Huston Steve & Beth Cobb	Kasey Pottebaum Family
	Servers	Emelia Hans Ella Hans	Reed Pottebaum, Jacob Roesner Steele Anderson, Alena Beabout Keagan Rakers	Malorie Schulte Mercer Cothren
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes / Dennis Cobb	John & Aggie Baldetti/ Daryl Rhoads	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Don & Sandy Oakes / Judy Cobb
IC SUN 10AM	Lector	Janet Stumbaugh	Elizabeth Schierhoff	Mark Brower
	Children's Liturgy	Dianne Talley	Geri Park	Geri Park
	Eucharistic Minister	Tudie Simpson	Jenidean Readey	Jack Wells
	Ministers of Hospitality	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman	Ron & Dianne Talley Jerry Neale & Tony Wessel	Justin & Melissa Beabout Dana & Brady Schneider
	Servers	Paisley & Steele Anderson	Ella & Emelia Hans	Leyla & Natalie Beabout
Money Counters	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Elaine Winford & Megan Hans	Cathy McCormack & Pam Schwartz	Amanda Arens & Michael Smith Bonnie Walker Dennis Cobb Steve Williams & Julie Worsham Jeff & Amanda Arens Alena Beabout — Elizabeth Schierhoff Gayle & Rick Adams/Dave Teeter
SP SUN 8AM	Hospitality/Usher	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Ellis Family	Farrar Family
	Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark
	Lector	Donna Cobb	Julie Ellis	Gracie Cobb
	Servers	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss
	Eucharistic Minister	Bridget Cobb	Vicki Duenke	Nancy Cobb
Money Counters	Jan Milzark & Katherine Stroot	Gracie Cobb & Karen Stenger	Laurie Dothage & Katherine	John Cobb, Jr. Family Laurie Dothage Laurie Gilbert Luke Farrer & Anna Johnson Vicki Duenke Gracie Cobb & Karen Stenger

Remember, if you are unable to complete your assigned time, you are responsible for finding a replacement! Thank you for your service!

Dear Padre,

May I receive Communion if I'm divorced and haven't gotten an annulment?

Yes, you may. Divorce, in itself, is not an impediment to the reception of Communion. Divorce, although regrettable because of the many ramifications that may be part of the experience, is not in itself a sin. There are situations when divorce may be the most loving choice and make it possible for all parties involved to live the lives God is calling them to live.

Remarriage, when a person is not free to marry because of the presence of a previous bond, is an impediment to the reception of holy Communion. Although this situation is more and more common, it does not mean that the law of the Church, representative of the teaching of Jesus, can be set aside. As part of the process of healing from your divorce and moving on with your life, you may want to seek an annulment, particularly if you think you might want to marry again. The annulment process can often be healing and a source of great blessing. It also provides a rare opportunity to reflect on what was lost as a result of the original divorce and what can be learned as a way of moving forward and building a second marriage that is strong and life-giving. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Bishop McKnight's March prayer intention for our Local Church

For a spirit of humility and repentance, that we may confess our sins and seek reconciliation in preparation for the Easter feasts. May our hearts be purified and opened to the grace of God. We pray to the Lord.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I like to think that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility".... [God] does not look at the achievements you have not yet reached, but the fruits you can still bear. He does not keep track of your shortcomings but encourages your potential. He does not dwell on your past, but confidently bets on your future.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 20, 2022



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March 7
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April 11

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Upcoming Events and Announcements

Monday March 24th	IC	6:30 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Meeting
Tuesday March 25th	IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - OCIA @ ICS
Wednesday March 26th	SP IC IC SP & IC	Following 8:30 AM Mass - Stations of the Cross followed by breakfast @ The Warehouse 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent DePaul Building - all are welcome 5:30 PM - Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM - Movie Night @ KC Hall - Montgomery City
Thursday March 27th		
Friday March 28th	IC SP IC	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Fish Fry at KC Hall 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Fish Fry at Church Hall 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM - Fish Fry at KC Hall
Saturday March 29th	IC	5:00 PM Mass - Confirmation followed by a reception at Immaculate Conception School
Sunday March 30th	SP	After 8:00 AM Mass - Coffee & Donuts in Parish Hall - all are welcome



See!

I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand.
Isaiah 49:15

Welcome everyone.
On Tuesdays starting at 6:00 AM we have Eucharistic Adoration: a special time to worship and praise our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and to deepen your intimate friendship and be nourished and strengthened by His presence and love.
At 5:00 PM Adoration will close with Devotion to the Divine Mercy and Benediction. Mass will start at 5:30 PM.

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Pope Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Join us for The Chrism Mass

at our Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City on April 15 at 3:00 p.m.



Please join us for a light meal after Mass:



RSVP online at:
diojeffcity.org/Chrism-Mass-RSVP
or scan the QR code



The Lord does righteous deeds, brings justice to all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, to the Israelites his deeds. Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

Psalms 103:6-8

God is just, merciful, and patient, delivering justice and extending grace and mercy to each of us through the gifts he has bestowed upon us.



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
515 Picnic Street, New Florence, MO 63363
Susie Ryan, Bill & Lucille Muenz, Mike Busken, and John Schneider

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2120 Village Lane, Hermann, MO 65041
Peggy Gardner

Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann
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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, Geoff Brueggen, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerdick, Parker Calbreath, Robert Carillo, Becky Cothren, Clint Cunningham, Marla Daniels, Mike Dorlac, Tom Eggering, Jean Fishback, Sheryl Gibbs, Richard Grelle, 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, Peatross Family, Avery Penn, Peggy Readey, Rae Jean Rhoads, Susie Ryan, John Rybacki, Nick Schneider, John Schneider, Tommy Shine, 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, Alex Brueggen, & Tanner Cobb



St. Clement Fish Fry's

March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
April 4th, 11th

Serving 4:30p-7:30pm

All You Can Eat-excluding Shrimp
Carry Outs Available

Price: Adult \$15 Children: 6-12: \$7
5 and Under Free

Gun & Quilt Raffle Tickets for Sale

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!



Error - The Becks & Rakers were not married in March as noted in last weeks. Please forgive this oversight.

Karl & Becky Queathem - 30 years of marriage on March 18th
Paul & Kim Flake - 12 Years of marriage on March 21st

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in March!

5th - Keith Farrar
11th - Kenny Schwartz
14th - Jan Milzark
23rd - Nancy Cobb
25th - Sam Poggas



Lent/Easter 2025 Schedule

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesdays following 8:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick
Wednesdays at **5:30 PM** at IC (including Holy Week)
Fridays at 2:45 PM - ICS Students at IC-all are welcome

Penance Services for both Parishes:

Thursday, **April 10th** (date change) at 6:30 PM at IC

2025 RETREAT for Both Parishes:

Saturday, April 12th at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg

Easter Triduum:

Holy Thursday (April 17th) -

10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/Office of Reading at IC
7:00 PM - Mass at IC (Holy hour/Adoration following Mass until 10:00 PM)

You are encouraged to plan to keep vigil with the Lord for at least one hour just as Jesus requested Peter and the two most beloved Apostles.

Good Friday (April 18th) -

10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/Office of Reading at IC
7:00 PM - Evening Service of the Passion of the Lord at IC

Holy Saturday (April 19th)-

10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/Office of Reading at IC
8:30 PM - Easter Vigil Mass at IC

Easter Sunday (April 20th):

8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick
10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27th):

3:00 PM - Service of Divine Mercy @ IC

The ICS kids will be doing the "Living Stations of the Cross" on Good Friday @ **12:00 Noon**.

Easter Triduum Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets are now posted in both churches. We invite parishioners from both parishes to prayerfully consider signing up for one or more of these ministries.

Congratulations!

Congratulations, **Merrin Schluss**, on making your First Holy Communion. We are so happy to have you join us at the table of the Lord.



Parish Retreat Information

Plans for the Retreat on April 12, 2025 at Starkenburg are well underway. Following is the schedule for the day.

9:30-9:55 AM - Arrival (coffee/tea/donuts/pastries)
10:00-10:30 AM - Rosary
20 minute break
10:55 AM- Guest Speaker
12:10-12:40 PM - Sack Lunch
(please bring your own)
12:45-1:15 PM - Stations of the Cross
1:20-2:00 PM - Adoration



In order to prepare for refreshments and set up enough chairs, we are asking you to please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church vestibules. We hope you can join us!

Confirmation - March 29th

Please pray for our six Confirmation candidates, Tinley Anderson, Leyla Beabout, Natalie Beabout, Brionna Hildebrand, Allie Johnson, and Robert (Bobby) Merz, who will be confirmed by Bishop McKnight at 5:00 PM Mass this coming Saturday, March 29th. We would love to fill the pews! Afterwards, please join us for a reception at the School. If you are providing snacks for the reception, please drop them off at the school at 4:00 PM.



Women's Retreat

All women of Immaculate Conception and St Patrick parishes are invited to the Annual Women's Retreat at White House Retreat Center the weekend of May 22nd-May 25th. Jan Milzark is captain and will make reservations for us to avoid paying the \$50 registration fee at time of registration. Please contact Jan Milzark at 573-254-3306 or 573-592-9254 to register.

Their website is www.whitehouseretreat.org if you would like more information.

St. Patrick News

If you see packages delivered to the Church (front door of church or hall double doors) please take them inside and DO NOT OPEN. Please call the office and let me know something has been delivered or leave a message if no answer. Packages are NOT TO BE OPENED by anyone other than office personnel. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please call the office during these hours at 636-488-5623, to discuss anything pertaining to church business, or leave a message and I will return your call. That way I don't forget to do something asked of me before Mass or after Mass and during coffee hour. I greatly appreciate being able to visit and fellowship with everyone on a more personal level. Thank you for your understanding.

Immaculate Conception School News

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



Calendar:

Mar. 25 - ICS Spelling Bee, 2pm
Mar. 28 - PK-4th Visit Montgomery City Public Library
Mar. 29 - Diocesan Speech Meet
Mar. 29 - Confirmation - 5pm at IC with Bishop McKnight, reception following

For the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, we unfortunately have some teachers that are moving on. We currently have **several openings to fill:** 1st/2nd Grade Teacher (25-26), 3rd/4th Grade Teacher (25-26), ECLC Full-Time Staff (ASAP). If interested, please contact Ms. Dana Schroeder at 573-564-2679.

The students all did a great job at the **Wax Museum** on Wednesday night. It was so great to see all their hard work and family support.

We have our school **Spelling Bee** on Tuesday, March 25 at 2pm. The top two spellers in each grade will be recognized. The top two in grades 4-8 will attend the Diocesan Spelling Bee on April 10.

The students will start practicing for the **Living Stations of the Cross** soon. They will present on Wednesday, April 16 at 2pm as well as Good Friday, April 18 at noon.

Virtue of the Month:

Temperance: only having a healthy amount of something good

What are some things you like to do for fun? What would happen if we only did these fun things and did not do other things that we have to do? Who would take out the trash? God wants us to enjoy good things, but in the right amounts so that they are good for us.

Saint of the Week: Venerable Matt Talbot

Venerable Matt Talbot was a man who worked hard and loved God. When he was young, he struggled with drinking too much, but he used temperance, or self-control, to stop and change his life. He spent the rest of his days praying, helping others, and living simply. Now, he is remembered as a role model for people who want to overcome bad habits and grow closer to God.

You're
Invited

Second Tuesday
of Every Month
March - November

Adoration
10:00 a.m.

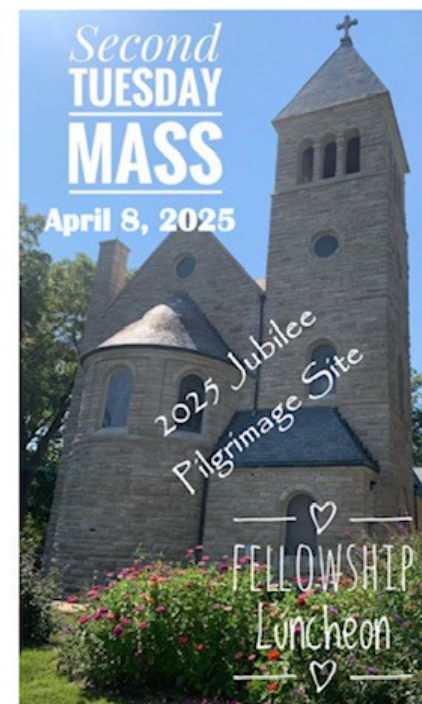
Sacrament of
Reconciliation
11:00 a.m.

Rosary
11:40 a.m.

Lunch
Following Mass

Tours Available
9:30 a.m.
Call 573-236-4390 for details.

Shrine of Our Lady
of Sorrows
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served with
Dessert, Tea & Coffee - \$10.00



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