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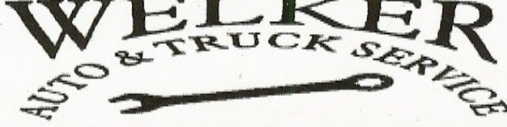
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573.564.2375 Parish Office | Office Hours M-Th 9am-3pm  
Janet Cobb, Bookkeeper/Secretary | imm-con@sbcglobal.net | www.mccparish.org  
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Vicki Parker, Dennis Cobb, and Michael Smith



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# St. Patrick Parish

505 First St. | Jonesburg | Missouri | 63351

636.488.5623 Parish Office | Office Hours T—Th 9am-1pm  
Debbie Enger, Secretary | stpats@centurytel.net | www.stpatricksjonesburg.org  
Parish Council Members: Dan Schwartz (314-488-7118) -President, Barb Turpin (636-368-2157) -Vice-President, Katherine Stroot (573-629-8362) -Secretary,  
Michael Van Beek (641-275-5184) & Jocelyn Schluss (573-953-0324)

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

## September 7, 2025 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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**  
September 8  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Mi 5:1–4a or  
Rom 8:28–30  
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or 1:18–23

**TUESDAY**  
September 9  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
Col 2:6–15  
Lk 6:12–19

**WEDNESDAY**  
September 10  
*Weekday*  
Col 3:1–11  
Lk 6:20–26

**THURSDAY**  
September 11  
*Weekday*  
Col 3:12–17  
Lk 6:27–38

**FRIDAY**  
September 12  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14  
Lk 6:39–42

**SATURDAY**  
September 13  
*St. John Chrysostom Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Tm 1:15–17  
Lk 6:43–49

**SUNDAY**  
September 14  
*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
Nm 21:4b–9  
Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17



## When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

### Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?



Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Sacraments & Information

Mon	September	8th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	September	9th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Wed	September	10th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Tom Lenzenhuber
Thur	September	11th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +August Bloebaum
Fri	September	12th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Don Benney
Sat	September	13th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
Sun	September	14th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Charlie Bextermiller
			10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City–Clint Cunningham (for healing)

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

Immaculate Conception Parish & School			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 24-May 25, YTD	\$701,519.55	\$721,862.33	-\$20,342.78
June 2025	\$55,462.38	\$54,637.43	\$824.95
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
August 3rd	\$5,644.53	\$6,822.00	\$12,466.53
August 10th	\$4,718.00	\$3,014.00	\$7,732.00
August 17th	\$3,643.02	\$9,958.50	\$13,601.52
August 24th	\$4,426.00	\$4,704.00	\$9,130.00
August 31st	\$4,487.00	\$8,962.50	\$13,449.50
Weekly Goal	\$13,233.00	Wkly Avg	\$11,275.91

Your Gifts to God! Thank You!



Additional Financial Information		Who is an Active Parishioner?	
Capital Improvements - \$60.00		♦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		September 6th & 7th	September 13th & 14th	September 20th & 21st	September 27th & 28th
IC SAT 5PM	Lector	Beth Roesner	Gary Hoette	Jacob Roesner	Dennis Cobb
	Eucharistic Minister	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, & Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Dennis Cobb, Beth Cobb, & Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Dennis Cobb, Gary Hoette, & Mary Pottebaum	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum & Ruth Ann O'Keefe
	Ministers of Hospitality	Don & Lila Broz Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Cothren Family	Steve & Beth Cobb Bill & Liz Huston	Don & Lila Broz Daryl & Nancy Cobb
	Servers	Malorie Schulte Mercer Cothren	Lila Broz Jacob Roesner	Beth Roesner Malorie Schulte	Jacob Roesner Mercer Cothern
	Money Counters	Dennis Cobb & Daryl Rhoads	Judy Cobb & John/Aggie Baldetti	Don/Sandy Oakes & Dennis Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberg
IC SUN 10AM	Lector	Amanda Arens	Jerry Witthaus	Richard Schierhoff	Janet Stumbaugh
	Children's Liturgy	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley
	Eucharistic Minister	Dennis Cobb, Megan Hans & Jenidean Readey	Dennis Cobb, Tudie Simpson & Jack Wells	Dennis Cobb, Megan Hans & Gayle Adams	Dennis Cobb, Tudie Simpson & Jenidean Readey
	Ministers of Hospitality	Dave & Janet Cobb Jerry Neale & Tony Wessel	Justin & Melissa Beabout Brady & Dana Schnider	Jacob Hans Family	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
	Servers	Mavrick Johnson & Leyla Beabout	Natie & Alena Beabout	Keagan Rakers & Luke Johnson	Leyla & Natlie Beabout
SP SUN 8AM	Money Counters	Dave Teeter & Vicki Parker	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Dottie Brueggen & Elaine Winford	Cathy McCormack & Pam Schwartz
	Hospitality/Usher	Youth	John & Nancy Cobb	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber
	Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark
	Lector	Gracie Cobb	Laurie Gilbert	Sara Johnson	Matt Politsch
	Servers	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss
SP SUN 8AM	Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., & Vicki Duenke	John Cobb, Sr., Vicki Duenke, & Terri Lenzenhuber	Vicki Duenke, Barb Turpin, & Terri Lenzenhuber	Terri Lenzenhuber, Barb Turpin, & Sara Johnson
	Money Counters	Gracie Cobb & Jan Milzark	John Cobb, Jr. & Brad Ellis	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Dothage	Derrick 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,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the “Order” rather than the “Rite” is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

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



NANCY WIEGHC / CNS



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle...

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



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9TH ANNUAL

HARVEST  
PICNIC

All Are  
Welcome

Sunday, September 21, 2025  
11 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Montgomery County Fairgrounds

Sponsored by:  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
Montgomery City, MO

FUN activities  
for all ages  
Quilt Raffle  
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Piñata

Rain or Shine

Water Games  
Barrel Train Ride  
Kid Games & Bounce  
Houses 11–2:30  
Adult Games  
Silent Auction

Covered  
Seating

Live Auction  
12:30 pm  
Paddle Auction  
2:00 pm  
Pumpkin Drop  
3:00 pm

FOOD

Dinner: Kettle Beef(Gr) & mashed potatoes or Fish & fries,  
green beans, slaw, roll (carry-outs available) – Serving until 1:30 pm

Sandwiches: Porkburger ~ Fish ~ Hot Dog ~ Chicken Strips  
French Fries ~ Nachos ~ Dessert ~ Cotton Candy ~ Kettle Corn

Help/Volunteer/Questions contact Gina Smith 573-289-8635 or 573-564-2679



Shrine of  
Our Lady of Sorrows

Starkenburg, MO

Annual Fall Pilgrimage

Sunday – September 14, 2025



Pilgrimage begins at 10:00 a.m.  
Followed by Traditional Dinner  
Serving 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. Confessions  
1:00 p.m. Benediction  
2:00 p.m. Outdoor Mass

2025 Jubilee  
Year Pilgrimage  
Site

Serving: Fried Chicken, Roast  
Beef, Green Beans, Mashed  
Potatoes, Corn, Slaw and  
Dessert for Adults, \$15.00,  
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Upcoming Events and Announcements		
Monday September 8th	IC IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice 6:30 PM - Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Tuesday September 9th	IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration NO Benediction and Devotion to Divine Mercy NO Evening Mass
Wednesday September 10th	IC IC  SP	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome 6:30 PM - Movie Night  at KC Hall  8:30 AM - Morning Mass followed by breakfast at The Warehouse - all are welcome
Thursday September 11th	IC IC IC	8:00 AM - Morning Mass 10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance 12:00 Noon - KOC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. @ KC Hall
Friday September 12th	IC	8:00 AM - Morning Mass
Saturday September 13th		
Sunday September 14th	SP	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 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.

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 Aspire Nursing Home (formerly St. Andrews)  
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Susie Ryan, Bill Muenz, and Dorothy Bowman

Resident of The Arbors at South Pointe  
5129 Old State Hwy 100, Room 13, Washington, MO 63090  
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:

John Arens, Richard (Dick) Arens, Al & Christine Barger, Billie Brown, Mike Busken, Geoff Brueggen, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerdick, Parker Calbreath, Robert Carillo, Becky Cothren, Clint Cunningham, Marla Daniels, Mike Dorlac, Nick Erbe, Orlana (Lanie) Gardner, Sheryl Gibbs, Richard Grelle, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Ken Hocke, Antoinette Hoing, Fr. Russell Judge, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Pat Kline, Pat Merz, Sarah Matthews, Kathleen Mohrmann, Lyndsey O'Bryan, Alice O'Donnell, Margaret O'Donnell, Peatross Family, Avery Penn, Peggy Readey, Rae Jean Rhoads, Susie Ryan, Nick Schneider, Tommy Shine, Trenton Schroeder, Eric Smith, 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

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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

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Second  
TUESDAY  
MASS

September 9, 2025

2025 Jubilee  
Pilgrimage Site



FELLOWSHIP  
Luncheon

Rev. Philip E. Nickamp, Officiant

JUBILEE 2025



Light Lunch  
served with  
Dessert, Tea & Coffee \$10.00



You've been told all your life that the first and greatest commandment is to  
'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND, AND STRENGTH' (MARK 12:30)  
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\$25 Dinner Fee DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM \$15 Lunch Fee DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 AM

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<p><b>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. ~Ephesians 5:25</b></p> <p>Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!</p> <div><p>Matthew &amp; Caroline Politsch - 15 yrs of marriage on Sept. 11th Lloyd &amp; Polly Sachs - 39 yrs. of marriage on September 12th Brad &amp; Peggy Stahlhuth - 27 yrs. of marriage on September 12th Mike &amp; Marilyn Peveler - 50 yrs. of marriage on September 13th</p></div>	<p><b>Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in September!</b></p> <div><div><p>6th - Annette Bextermiller 10th - Vivian Grelle 12th - Kathleen Mohrmann 17th - Londa Swoboda 20th - Connor Finke 24th - Anna Johnson 25th - Jordan Finke 29th - Samantha Politsch 29th - Madeline Politsch</p></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div><p>Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal   Mrs. Anna Harrell, Administrative Assistant   573.564.2679 - School Office   immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org</p></div></div> <p><b>Immaculate Conception School News</b></p> <p><b>Calendar:</b> Sept. 15 – Regional Professional Development for Teachers Sept. 18 – \$2 Dress Down for United Way Sept. 21 – IC Harvest Picnic Sept. 26 - Grandparent’s Day</p> <p><b>Sept. 21 - Harvest Picnic</b> ICS families are encouraged to work the kids’ games at the Harvest Picnic.</p> <p><b>Sept. 26 - Grandparents Day</b> Grandparents are invited to attend Mass with their grandchildren on September 26 . We will start out the day with Mass at 10:00 AM. Then they are welcome to come to the classroom with their grandchildren for activities and lunch.</p> <p>You are welcome to volunteer to work with students during the school day. All volunteers need to be sure to have completed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Virtus: Protecting God’s Children training</i></li><li>• <i>Background Check</i></li><li>• <i>Pastoral Code of Conduct</i></li></ul> <p>Please check with the parish secretary, Janet Cobb, to see if you have all three requirements completed.</p> <p>ICS needs classroom substitutes and a volunteer librarian. See Ms. Schroeder for more information.</p> <p><b>Virtue of the Month: CHARITY</b> Charity: <i>loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength and your neighbor as yourself</i> Charity is one of the theological virtues that God gives us in baptism. Charity is another word for <i>love</i>; Saint John tells us that God IS love. The best way to know how much we love God is to look at how we treat others.</p>	
<p><b>HARVEST PICNIC SEPTEMBER 21, 2025</b></p> <p>Our Harvest Picnic is <b>only 2 weeks away!</b> Thank you to all of those that have returned your information sheet from the packet. Thank you for dona- tions as well as signing up to work! We would like all sheets to be <b>turned in by September 1st</b> so we can start <b>organizing items</b> and <b>volunteers</b>. Items for the <b>auctions</b> can be dropped off at the Rectory during the week or you can make arrangements with Julie Worsham (Paddle) or Pat Korman (Live/Silent). We still have spots for the <b>Vendor Fair</b>. There are many different types of <b>tickets</b> you can purchase. <b>(Quilt, \$500 Bass Pro, Pumpkin Drop, Square Up)</b> If you purchase tickets, we will have your ticket stubs in the vestibule for you to pick up. Are you excited for our first ever <b>Pumpkin Drop?!</b> Ball numbers are \$10 each. Square Up tickets are also available to purchase (\$40) after Mass. Please post up event flyers and share on Facebook! We need everyone's help to make this <b>9th Annual Harvest Picnic</b> a success!</p> <div></div>	<p><b>St. Patrick’s News</b></p> <p><b>September Mass Intentions</b></p> <p>3rd +Donald Kammler 7th +Joe Lenzenhuber 10th +Tom Lenzenhuber 14th +Charlie Bextermiller 17th +Charmaine Post 21st +Roy Duenke 24th +Frank Cobb Family 28th +Herb Mertz Family</p> <p>Mary Lou Turpin, Barb Turpin’s Mother in Law passed away Tuesday. The funeral mass was held Friday the 5th at St Theodore in Flint Hill. Please keep the Turpin family in your prayers.</p> <p>Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.</p> <p>PSR will begin Sunday, September 7th after Mass in the parish house. Please be sure to sign up in the parish hall. We need to know how many students to make sure we have enough supplies. Thank you! Any ques- tions, see Barb Turpin.</p> <div></div>	<p>“The Catholic Faith Explained” Episodes</p> <p><b>Part 1</b></p> <p><b>Episode 1</b> - The Journey of Faith - Trinity, Faith, and the God Who is Love.</p> <p><b>Episode 2</b> - Divine Relation - God Seeking Us, and the Compass of Our Lives.</p> <p><b>Episode 3</b> - The Bible - God’s Love Letter to Humanity.</p> <p><b>Episode 4</b> - The Story of Salvation - Creation, Fall, and Redemption</p> <p><b>Episode 5</b> - Who is Jesus? - Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?</p> <p><b>Episode 6</b> - The Paschal Mystery - The Mystery of Jesus’s Death and Resurrection.</p> <p><b>Episode 7</b> - The Holy Spirit and the life of Grace - God’s Divine Life Within Us.</p> <p><b>Episode 8</b> - Why Do I Need Church? - The Mystery of the Catholic Church.</p> <p><b>Episode 9</b> - Mary and the Saints - Out Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints.</p> <p><b>Episode 10</b> - The last Things—What Happens After We Die?</p>	<p>“The Catholic Faith Explained” Episodes</p> <p><b>Part 2</b></p> <p><b>Episode 1</b> - The Sacraments - Baptism and Confirmation</p> <p><b>Episode 2</b> - The Eucharist - Source and Summit of Christian Life.</p> <p><b>Episode 3</b> - Walk Through the Mass - Exploring the Sacred Liturgy.</p> <p><b>Episode 4</b> - Penance and Anointing of the Sick - God’s Mercy Revealed.</p> <p><b>Episode 5</b> - Matrimony and Holy Orders - The Sacraments of Service and Communion.</p> <p><b>Episode 6</b> - A Catholic Moral Vision - Virtue, Grace, and the Path of Happiness.</p> <p><b>Episode 7</b> - A Love That Lasts - Discovering Authentic Love.</p> <p><b>Episode 8</b> - God’s Plan for Sexuality.</p> <p><b>Episode 9</b> - Catholic Social Teaching - Building a Civiliza- tion of Love.</p> <p><b>Episode 10</b> - Catholic Social Teaching - Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person.</p>
<p><b>Come and Join Us!</b></p> <p>Come and join us for food, fun, and fellowship on Sunday, September 14th. We will have coffee, tea, fruit and donuts after 10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception. It will be held on the lawn between the church and rectory. We hope to see you there!</p> <div></div>	<div></div> <p>Come join us for ‘Movie Night’ on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Montgomery City. This year we will be watching Season 5 of “The Chosen” and the first showing will be on <b>September 10th</b>.</p> <p><b>Parish Leadership Deanery Meeting</b></p> <p>The scheduled Parish Leadership Deanery meetings scheduled for September 9th have been canceled.</p>		
<p><b>Parish School of Religion (PSR) Classes to Resume</b></p> <p>Parents - please mark Sunday, September 7th on your calendar as the first PSR Class for the 2025-26 school year. These classes are for all students in 1st - 8th grade who haven’t been confirmed yet and who don’t attend the Catholic School. Parents are asked to attend this first class to review the calendar for the year and cover any questions you have concerning the classes. So...Sunday, September 7th, 4:15-6:15 PM in the school basement. Questions, contact Dottie Brueggen (573-564 -2183) or Michelle Schroer (573-826-5086).</p>			

Goal	Groups involved	Resources/Activities to implement this goal	How will this goal improve or grow our parish?	What resources are needed to implement this goal?
To increase discipleship by providing faith formation programs for all youth and adults	Catholic Education Commission Children's Liturgy IC teachers RCIA teachers Pastor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication and collaboration among parish leaders, council members, and commission leaders</li> <li>Programs to implement the teaching of the sacraments</li> <li>Promote the proper reception and understanding of church teachings</li> </ul>	By providing faith formation, programs for all youth and adults.. the parish will grow.	Credible programs that fit the needs of our youth and adults.
To increase parishioner involvement in the ministries	Acolyte Hospitality Stewardship Council Pastor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality ministers will ask for volunteers to help them.</li> <li>Parishioners have the training and support needed to participate in ministries</li> </ul>	By increasing parishioner involvement, the parishioners will take more ownership in the parish.	Training for all ministries.
To create a welcoming and inclusive environment	Hospitality Ministers Social Concerns Committee Parishioners Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome new members</li> <li>Continue small groups</li> <li>Continue Movie Night</li> <li>When weather permitting gather outside of church after mass</li> </ul>	By creating a welcoming and inclusive environment, people will feel a part of the congregation and continue to attend mass.	
To respond to the needs of the poor, sick, and parish families.	Knights of Columbus Saint Vincent dePaul Birth Right Social Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responding to parishioners and community members in need.</li> <li>Implement: Soup Kitchen, Thanksgiving Dinner</li> <li>Continue to support Saint Vincent dePaul and Birth Right</li> </ul>	By reaching out to the community to help meet their needs, parishioners will grow closer together in faith.	Donation of funds and time to keep the established programs functional.