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Janet Cobb, Bookkeeper/Secretary | imm-con@sbcglobal.net | www.mccicparish.org

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636.488.5623 Parish Office | Office Hours T-Th 9am-1pm

Debbie Enger, Secretary | stpat@centurytel.net | www.stpatricksjonesburg.org

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

October 19, 2025 - Twenty-Ninth 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 exist 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

October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:20-25
Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY

October 21
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY

October 22
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY

October 23
Weekday
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY

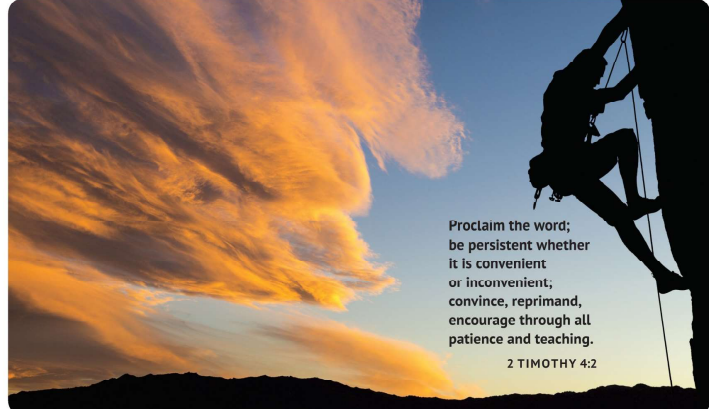
October 24
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY

October 24
Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9

SUNDAY

October 25
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18
Lk 18:9-14



Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing,

and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God. So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Reflect

When I talk to God, do I also listen?

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	October	20th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	October	21st	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Shirley Nation
Wed	October	22nd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Charmaine Post
Thur	October	23rd	8:00AM Mass - Montgomery City +For those struggling w/cancer
Fri	October	24th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Delores Schmidt
Sat	October	25th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Charlene Jahner
Sun	October	26th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Tom Lenzenhuber 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family

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 25-Aug 25, YTD	\$97,379.09	\$132,559.91	-\$35,180.82
August 2025	\$48,767.47	\$53,191.27	-\$4,423.80
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
October 5th	\$5,878.00	\$8,390.00	\$14,268.00
October 12th	\$4,894.38	\$4,687.00	\$9,581.38
October 19th			
October 26th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,233.00	Wkly Avg	\$11,924.69

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to
God!
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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.

St. Patrick Parish

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget Goal FY 25	\$76,000.00		
Total Collected YTD			
	Church		Total
October 5th	\$2,495.00		\$2,495.00
October 12th	\$1,651.00		\$1,651.00
October 19th			
October 26th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,365.39	Wkly Avg	\$1,651.00

Additional Financial Information	Who is an Active Parishioner?
Capital Improvements - \$25.00 All Saints/All Souls Day - \$40.00 Mass Intentions - 20.00	•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	October 18th & 19th	October 25th & 26th	November 1st & 2nd	November 8th & 9th
IC SAT 5PM	Lector	Dennis Benney	Beth Roessner	Gary Hoette	Jacob Roessner
	Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Cobb, Beth Cobb Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Mary Pottabaum, Gary Hoette, & Beth Cobb	Dennis Cobb, Ruth Ann O'Keefe, Mary Pottabaum	Dennis Cobb, Gary Hoette, Beth Cobb
	Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Don & Lila Broz	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Bob Dryden	Ty Cothren Family	Bill & Liz Huston Beth & Steve Cobb
	Servers	Beth Roesner Malorie Schulte	Malorie Schulte Mercer Cothren	Beth Roesner Jacob Roesner	Liz Broz Malorie Schulte
	Money Counters	Daryl Rhoads & Don/Sandy Oakes	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Dennis Cobb & John/Aggie Baldetti	Judy Cobb & Don/Sandy Oakes
IC SUN 10AM	Lector	Allie Johnson	Pat Stumbaugh	Michael Ready	Amanda Arens
	Children's Liturgy	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers
	Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Cobb, Tudie Simpson Jenidean Readey	Jack Wells, Megan Hans, & Pat Stumbaugh	Dennis Cobb, Tudie Simpson, & Jenidean Ready	Jack Wells, Megan Hans & Pat Stumbaugh
	Ministers of Hospitality	Melissa Beabout, Brady Craven, Dana Schneider, Steve Williams	Jeff & Amanda Arens Julie Worsham	Jacob Hans Family	Dave & Janet Cobb Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
	Servers	Kendra Rakers & Carl Smith	Josie & Wade Harrell	Tinley & Paisley Anderson	Paisley Anderson & Ella Hans
SP SUN 8AM	Money Counters	Steve Williams & Elaine Winford	Cathy McCormack & Pam Schwartz	Elaine Winford & Vicki Parker	Mark Brower & Steve Williams
	Hospitality/Usher	Farrar Family	John & Nancy Cobb	Youth	Ellis Family
	Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage
	Lector	Donna Cobb	Nancy Cobb	Gracie Cobb	Julie Ellis
	Servers	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Anna Johnson
	Eucharistic Minister	Bridget Cobb, Nancy Cobb & John Cobb, Sr.	John Cobb, Sr., Nancy Cobb, & Vicki Duenke	John Cobb, Sr., Vicki Duenke & Terri Lenzenhuber	Vicki Duenke, Terri Lenzenhuber & Barb Turpin
	Money Counters	Derrick Cobb & Brad Ellis	Gracie Cobb & Karen Stenger	Laurie Dothage & Katherine Stroot	Jan Milzark & Nancy Cobb

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

Dear Padre,

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●

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.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by



eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME, MAY 16, 2025

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.



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Upcoming Events and Announcements

Monday October 20th	IC IC IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice 6:30 PM - Society of St. Vincent DePaul 6:30 PM - OCIA a@ Immaculate Conception School
Tuesday October 21st	IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction, Devotion to Divine Mercy
Wednesday October 22nd	SP IC IC	8:30 AM Mass followed by breakfast at The Warehouse—all are welcome. 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome 6:30 PM - Movie Night @ KC Hall
Thursday October 23rd	SP	7:00 PM - Endowment Fund Mtg. @ the Hall
Friday October 24th		
Saturday October 25th		
Sunday October 26th	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.

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:

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515 Picnic Street, New Florence, MO 63363
Susie Ryan, Bill Muenz, and Dorothy Bowman

Resident of The Arbors at South Pointe
5125 Old State Hwy 100, Room 13, Washington, MO 63090
Peggy Gardner

Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann
1800 Wein St., Hermann, MO 65041
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Residents of
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308 Cedar Avenue, Jonesburg, MO 63351



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STRUGGLING, SICK AND INFIRMED:

Richard (Dick) Arens, Al & Christine Barger, Mike Benzen, Billie Brown, Mike Busken, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerick, Robert Canillo, 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, Clem Hagenhoff, Howard Hollensteiner, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Pat Merz, Sarah Matthews, Lyndsey O'Bryan, Alice O'Donnell, Margaret O'Donnell, 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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Sunday, October 26, 2025

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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!

Randy & Nancy Hinkel - 46 yrs. of marriage on October 20th
Raymond & Chris Welker - 41 yrs. of marriage on October 20th
Ron & Dianne Talley - 54 yrs. of marriage on October 23rd
Jacob & Sydney Peak - 4 yrs. of marriage on October 23rd
Peter & Carlyon O'Fallon - 44 yrs. of marriage on October 24th
Greg & Geri Park - 8 yrs. of marriage on October 24th
Bill & Liz Huston - 27 yrs. of marriage on October 24th
Alan & Jocelyn Schlus - 22 yrs. of marriage on October 25th
Jacob & Megan Hans - 12 yrs. of marriage on October 26th

Book of Our Beloved Dead



The Book of our Beloved Dead is placed in the church entrance at Immaculate Conception as you pass through the vestibule into the church. You are invited to write the name(s) of those you cherished who have passed on to be with our Heavenly Father. On November 1st, the book will moved to the front of the Church while we celebrate the month of All Souls.

Book of Our Beloved Dead—St Patrick

The Book of our Beloved Dead will be in the entrance of the church. You are invited to write the name(s) of your loved ones who have passed on to be with our Heavenly Father. Candles will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall next weekend. The Book and candles will be moved into the church for the month of November.

Thank You

The Crisis Food Closet of Montgomery City wishes to take this time to thank all the parishioners for their support. Your dedication to helping those in need in our community is genuinely appreciated.

Thank you,

Meal-a-Month

Thank you to all parishioners who donated items for the Meal-a-month bags. The Crisis Closet is in need of canned corn and green beans, jiffy cornbread mix and paper products this month. They use these items for their senior bags. Our next collection will be October 25/26. We will be passing out the bags after Mass. Thank you Immaculate Conception for helping those in need.

PLEASE REMEMBER *NOT* TO PARK IN THE STREET FACING MFA OR IN FRONT OF THE SCALES DURING HARVEST SEASON. ~Thank you!



Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in October!

5th - Lou Claussen
8th - Derrick Cobb
9th - John Cobb, Jr.
9th - Heath Sellenriek
13th - Addison Schlus
30th - McCullie Schlus



St. Patrick's News

October Mass Intentions

1st +Dorothy Indelicato
5th +Ed Stenger
8th - No Mass - Priests Institute
12th +Charles Waller
15th +Joe Lenzenhuber
19th +Charlie Bextermiller
22nd +Charmaine Post
26th +Tom Lenzenhuber
29th +Henry Barringer



Volunteers Urgently Needed



Heartland Hospice in Wentzville is in need of volunteers to support terminally ill patients and their families. There are patients at Aspire Nursing Home in Jonesburg and New Florence that need someone who is loving and caring. This may involve one on one companionship to someone who is lonely, providing respite for family members so they can run errands or take a much needed break, reading scripture, playing music, or just holding someone's hand.

If you think this is something you might be interested in doing, please contact Carol Merz, Volunteer Coordinator at (636) 327-4018 or fax her at (636) 327-4043 for additional information.



Mass of Ordination and Installation of the Most Reverend Ralph B. O'Donnell

The Mass of Ordination will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Due to limited space, this Mass is by invitation only. However all are welcome to attend the Solemn Vespers on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

If you are able to attend the Vespers, you will find this to be an experience you will never forget.

Immaculate Conception School News

Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal | Mrs. Anna Harrell, Administrative Assistant | 573.564.2679 - School Office | immaculateconception@csschool-mc.org

Calendar:

Oct. 17- End of the 1st Quarter
Oct. 22- MCHD Flu Clinic at ICS
Oct. 29- Saint Presentations
Oct. 29- Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 30- Little Bit of Heaven Party/Rooster's Farm All School Field Trip
Oct. 31- NO SCHOOL- Fall Break

Oct. 17 - End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 22 - MCHD Flu Clinic at ICS

Oct. 29- 9am Saint Presentations

The students have been researching a variety of Saints and will present their Saint information to the student body. Please join us in the cafeteria!

Oct. 29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held after school on Wednesday from 4pm-7pm. Home & School will provide a meal for the teachers.

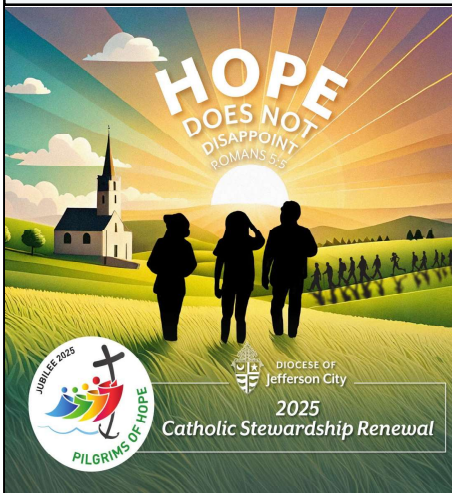
Oct. 30 - Little Bit of Heaven Celebration

Students will dress up as the saint they researched. Following the 8am Mass, students will be let into "Heaven" and will have parties in their classrooms. We will continue to celebrate as a whole school in the afternoon as we take a field trip to Rooster's Farm.

Oct. 31 - No School - Fall Break

Virtue of the Month: Friendship

Friendship: reflects the love and unity God desires for all His children. It goes beyond simply enjoying someone's company — true friendship is rooted in **kindness, trust, respect, and a shared desire to grow in faith and goodness**. In the Catholic tradition, friendship is seen as a gift from God and a way to live out the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31). It helps us support one another, make good choices, and reflect God's love through our actions.



"Hope Does Not Disappoint" (Romans 5:5) This verse has been chosen as the theme for both the Jubilee celebration of our church and the 2025 Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR). It's a powerful and timely message - one we all can reflect deeply upon.

Some might ask, "What does this verse have to do with stewardship?" At first glance, the connection might not seem obvious.

The mission of the Church is the salvation of souls. As St. Paul reminds us, "We boast in hope of the glory of God." Without hope, we cannot fully embrace faith or love. And that is why hope does not disappoint —because it is rooted in the love of God poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Catholic Stewardship Renewal commitment weekend is October 25-26. As your families prepare for your own Catholic Stewardship Renewal, take time to prayerfully reflect on Romans 5:1 -5. Let it deepen your understanding of what it means to live a life of stewardship—grounded in faith, driven by hope, and sustained by love.

We invite all parishioners to participate in this spiritual process, the goal of which is to strengthen the ministry of our parish by calling everyone into a deeper level of discipleship and relationship with the Lord Jesus.