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636.488.5623 Parish Office | Office Hours T—Th 9am-1pm
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March 2, 2025 - Eighth 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
March 3
Weekday
Sir 17:20-24
Mk 10:17-27

TUESDAY
March 4
Weekday
Sir 35:1-12
Mk 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY
March 5
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY
March 6
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY
March 7
Friday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY
March 8
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

SUNDAY
March 9
First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13



Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?

LUKE 6:41

Blindsided

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are days when the darker side of who we are rises up and slaps us in the face. One evening, I decided to go to see a film. I bought a ticket, made my way into the theater, and found a seat that would give me an unobstructed view of the screen, one that had patrons on either side of the open seat in front of me. Fairly sure that no one would sit in front of me, I felt good about my maneuver. A few minutes before the film began, a group of four walked down the aisle, looking for a string of open seats in the crowded theater. One of them stopped at my row and asked if I would move down a seat. Immediately, I realized my predicament. If I moved, I'd be behind someone tall, with my vision of the screen blocked.

I'd spend the film gazing through someone's head. I said no. The woman who had asked was taken aback, said so, and then moved on. Just as quickly, I found myself shocked by my own selfishness. Where had that come from? Was I really not who I thought I was? I discovered that there are hidden pieces of who we are that seldom come to light, and when they do, we cringe. If we are fortunate, the Lenten journey we begin on Ash Wednesday might reveal to us what it is that lives in our hearts. ●

Reflect

What can I do for Lent that may help me see myself more clearly?

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	March	3rd	NO MASS	Montgomery City	
Tues	March	4th	5:30 PM	Montgomery City	+Sue Kyle
Wed	March	5th	7:00 AM	Jonesburg	+Glen Clark
		(Ash Wednesday)	12:00 PM	Montgomery City	+Darlene Sachs
			5:30 PM	Montgomery City	+Delores Schaefer
Thur	March	6th	8:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Dorothy Wessel
Fri	March	7th	8:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Comfort Dike
Sat	March	8th	5:00 PM	Montgomery City	+Donna (Boes) Whitehead
Sun	March	9th	8:00 AM	Jonesburg	+Charlie Bextermiller
			10:00 AM	Montgomery City	+Hugh Wells

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-Jan 25, YTD	\$412,760.63	\$456,382.87	-\$43,622.24
January 2025	\$71,585.06	\$92,418.98	-\$20,833.92
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
February 2nd	\$9,890.91	\$6,723.25	\$16,614.16
February 9th	\$2,647.50	\$6,658.00	\$9,205.50
February 16th	\$5,077.00	\$3,336.00	\$8,413.00
February 23rd	\$2,878.00	\$7,635.00	\$10,513.00
Weekly Goal	\$13,233.00	Wkly Avg	\$11,186.42

Your Gifts to God! Thank You!



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	\$21,501.00		
	Church		Total
February 2nd	\$2,431.00		
February 9th	\$ 963.00		
February 16th	\$ 893.00		
February 23rd	\$ 906.00		
Weekly Goal	\$1,365.39	Wkly Avg	\$1,298.25

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements - \$85.00
 Mass Intention - \$10.00
 Easter Flowers Donations - \$12.00

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 1st & 2nd	March 8th & 9th	March 15th & 16th	March 22nd & 23rd
Lector	Landon Pottebaum	Jacob Roesner	Dennis Cobb	Beckham Cothren
Children's Liturgy				
Eucharistic Minister	Megan Hans	Dennis Cobb	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Mary Pottebaum
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Jacob Hans Family	Bob Dryden Bill & Liz Huston	Cothren Family
Servers	Emelia Hans Ella Hans	Reed Pottebaum Beth Roesner	Jacob Roesner Malorie Schulte	Emelia Hans Ella Hans
Money Counters	Judy Cobb & John /Aggie Baldetti	Don & Sandy Oakes & Dennis Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Don & Sandy Oakes/Dennis Cobb
Lector	Michael Smith	Jerry Witthaus	Richard Schierhoff	Janet Stumbaugh
Children's Liturgy	Geri Park	Bonnie Walker	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley
Eucharistic Minister	Dennis Cobb	Jacob Lotton	Eileen Lotton	Tudie Simpson
Ministers of Hospitality	Dianne & Ron Talley Dana & Brady Schneider	Melissa & Justin Beabout Steve Williams & Julie Worsham	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman
Servers	Alena Beabout & Elizabeth Schierhoff	Kendra Rakers & Keagan Rakers	Josie Harrell & Carl Smith	Paisley & Steele Anderson
Money Counters	Cathy McCormack & Pam Schwartz	Dave Teeter & Vickie Parker	Rick & Gayle Adams Chris Parker	Mark Brower & Steve Williams
Hospitality/Usher	Youth	Farrar Family	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber
Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark
Lector	Gracie Cobb	Bridget Cobb	Donna Cobb	Nancy Cobb
Servers	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Cobb	Bridget Cobb	Terri Lenzenhuber	Barb Turpin
Money Counters	John Cobb Jr. & Brad Ellis	Jan Milzark & Katherine Stroot	Bridget Cobb & Lori Dothage	Derrick Cobb & Brad Ellis

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

Dear Padre,

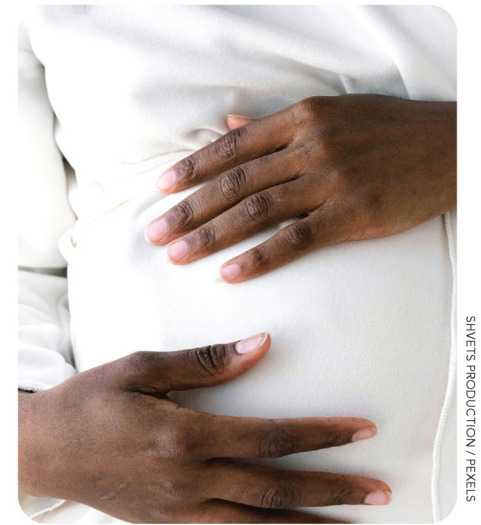
Does pregnancy qualify as an exemption from abstinence and fasting in Lent?

Yes, it does. Just to be clear, abstinence is not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and applies to Catholics over the age of fourteen. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obligated to fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal. In addition to children and elders, exemptions from these disciplines include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including those with chronic illnesses, like diabetes.

It is presumed that mature Catholics will seek balance and integration in the practice of the faith and will routinely make careful, informed decisions and apply them to spiritual practice. Obviously, being informed and aware of what the Church teaches, why the Church teaches something, and how it is to be applied and understood will only enhance a person's discernment.

The health of an unborn baby is a clear responsibility and of the utmost importance. Maintaining a healthy and balanced diet during pregnancy and adjusting any habitual practices that may endanger the health of the baby should be a primary concern. While exempt from fasting and abstinence, a pregnant woman may want to observe Lent by adopting another penitential discipline, something that would do no harm to the baby but would still be in the spirit of Lent. ●

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



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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

What Jesus says is true: we always find reasons for blaming others and justifying ourselves. And very often we complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves and without making an effort to change.... Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. Otherwise, there will be no change.

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Upcoming Events and Announcements

Monday March 3rd		
Tuesday March 4th	IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - OCIA @ Immaculate Conception School
Wednesday March 5th	SP IC IC IC	Following 8:30 AM Mass - Breakfast @ The Warehouse - all are welcome 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome 6:00 PM - Home & School Meeting @ ICS 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting @ KC Hall
Thursday March 6th	IC SP	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass 11:30 AM - Ladies Luncheon at Applebee's in Warrenton
Friday March 7th	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 8th	IC	6:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Mardi Gras @ KC Hall
Sunday March 9th	SP IC IC	After 8:00 AM Mass - Coffee & Donuts in Parish Hall - all are welcome OCIA Rite of Sending 4:15 PM - 6:16 PM - 1-7 Grades PSR & Confirmation Class



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.

Lenten Regulations and Admonitions for 2025

As another Lenten journey of conversion begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025, the Catholic Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1434 and 1969).

To foster a greater spirit of penance, reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, which guide us more closely in the footsteps of Christ, the Church reminds us of the following obligations of fast and abstinence during Lent, and also admonishes us all to deeper prayer and worship.

Abstinence
All who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting
Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest.

Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, Internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

Almsgiving
The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish and support of charities.

Prayer
To deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to participate in the sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily Mass and frequenting the sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

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Susie Ryan, Bill & Lucille Muenz, Mike Busken, and John Schneider
- 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**
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STRUGGLING, SICK AND INFIRMED:

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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!



Alan & Marie Rock - 38 years of marriage on March 6th

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in March!

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



Immaculate Conception School News

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



Calendar:

- Mar. 1 - Mardi Gras - Appetizers, Auction, Live Music
- Mar. 5 - 100th Day of School
- Mar. 5 - Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 5 - Home & School Meeting, 6pm
- Mar. 6 - Prayer Partner Mass
- Mar. 6 - Dr. Seuss Party (PK-2nd grade)
- Mar. 7 - No School - Diocesan Professional Development

The 6th and 8th graders have been baking again! They will be selling their **baked goods** after Masses this weekend (Mar. 1-2)! They will have No Bake Cookies, Cream Pie, Wacky Cake, Cinnamon Bread, Brownie Cheesecake, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, and Oatmeal Raisin Soda Bread. Proceeds will go toward their 8th grade trip. Please help support them.

We are gearing up for the **Lenten Fish Fries!** Families have each been scheduled to work three evening fish fries and provide desserts. The 8th graders will also be helping out during the lunch fish fries. We are glad to partner with the Knights of Columbus in this project.

Students are preparing for the **ICS Wax Museum** event on March 19. Students are researching a historical figure and will dress up as them and present information about that person. The students have a lot of fun showing what they have learned. We welcome all parishioners and the community to come and learn about the historical figures the students have chosen.

Virtue of the Month:

Temperance: only having a healthy amount of something good

2 Timothy 1:7: For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control.

Your mom bakes your favorite cookies, and you feel like eating all of them before dinner. What could you choose to do?



Lent/Easter 2025 Schedule

Ash Wednesday (March 5th):

7:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick
12:00 Noon Mass for ICS Students at IC-All are welcome
5:30 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception

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.

We will have sign-up sheets at the two parishes for ministries for Easter Triduum.

Thank You!

We want to thank Fr. Ernest for our special anniversary blessing and to St. Vincent dePaul for the beautiful rose.

Bill & Margie Cobb

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
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!

Desserts Needed for BOTH Parish Fish Fries

Desserts are needed for BOTH parish fish fries. If you can help us out, they can be dropped off at the KC Hall & St. Pat's Parish Hall on Friday mornings. ~Thank you!

St. Vincent dePaul Meal-A-Month

Our next collection is March 29 & 30. Items needed are: cereal, oatmeal, pasta, corn, green beans, bar soap, and cleaning products. ~ Thank you!



Thank You!

A huge Thank You to everyone that helped with the Shirley Rose funeral Mass and Luncheon. We had a wonderful Celebration of Life for the Rose family and they were so thankful. I am thankful for all your help.

God Bless you,
Debbie Enger

Change in Movie Night Time

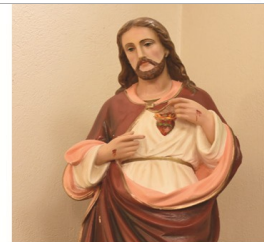
Starting with the first Wednesday in Lent, Movie Night will be showing at **6:30 PM**.



No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.

Luke 6:40

We are all disciples, with Jesus as our spiritual guide, leading us on our journey of faith. He provides us with wisdom so that our hearts, minds and words reflect his goodness. Intentional discipleship involves ongoing formation throughout your life, as the more you know the more you grow in relationship with God.



Bake sale

Proceeds go toward the ICS 8th Grade Trip

Sat. Mar. 1 @ 5:45pm
Sun. Mar. 2 @ 10:45am

After Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Montgomery City

No Bake Cookies, Cream Pie, Wacky Cake, Cinnamon Bread, Brownie Cheesecake, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, and Oatmeal Raisin Soda Bread.

Immaculate Conception School

Mardi Gras

Saturday, March 1, 2025
Knights of Columbus Hall - 318 N. Sturgeon, Montgomery City, MO

6:00 Doors Open
6:30-7:30 Social Hour with Appetizers
7:30 Live Auction
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