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May 18, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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
May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5–18
Jn 14:21–26

TUESDAY
May 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19–28
Jn 14:27–31a

WEDNESDAY
May 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1–6
Jn 15:1–8

THURSDAY
May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7–21
Jn 15:9–11

FRIDAY
May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22–31
Jn 15:12–17

SATURDAY
May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1–10
Jn 15:18–21

SUNDAY
May 25
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1–2, 22–29
Rv 21:10–14, 22–23
Jn 14:23–29

The Other Side of Love


FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new heaven and a new earth, thereby making all things new as is written in the Book of Revelation. So intense is that inclination to love, we read in the first letter of John that God is love.

While our culture tends to romanticize love, the reality is that, all too often, if we are seriously committed to loving someone, it can also be a lonely effort. Love is not always romantic or satisfying. At times, it can be demanding and even harsh. One day, when I was meeting with an engaged couple in preparation for their marriage, I asked them, as I often do, for their definition of love. Usually, couples are tongue-tied when I ask that question. They know they're in love, and, to them, that seems to be enough. This time, however, the young groom-to-be did not hesitate. He said that love is caring for someone even when they are unlovable—an insightful definition, for it is precisely during such times that we need someone's love. It is the weakest moments of life that are in need of rebuilding, the loneliest moments of life that are in need of someone reaching out a hand, and the darkest moments of life that are in need of light. When that happens, creation is made new. ●

Reflect

*What is my definition of love?
How do I live it?*



[Jesus said,] "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

JOHN 13:35

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Sacraments & Information

Mon	May	19th	NO MASS Montgomery City		
Tues	May	20th	NO Mass Montgomery City		
Wed	May	21st	NO MASS Jonesburg		
Thur	May	22nd	NO MASS Montgomery City		
Fri	May	23rd	NO MASS Montgomery City		
Sat	May	24th	5:00 PM	Montgomery City	+Bill & Dione Auchly
Sun	May	25th	8:00 AM	Jonesburg	+Herb Mertz Family
			10:00 AM	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 YTD Jul 24-April 25	\$601,117.81	\$611,861.43	-\$10,743.62	
April 2025	\$72,148.14	\$51,286.25	\$20,861.89	
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total	
May 4th	\$6,611.00	\$9,328.25	\$15,939.25	
May 11th	\$3,541.00	\$5,040.60	\$8,581.60	
May 18th				
May 25th				
Weekly Goal	\$13,233.00	Wkly Avg	\$12,260.43	

Your Gifts to God! Thank You!



St. Patrick Parish			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget Goal FY 25	\$76,000.00		
Total Collected YTD			
	Church	Total	
May 4th	\$1,548.00		
May 11th	\$1,781.00		
May 18th	\$		
May 25th	\$		
Weekly Goal	\$1,365.39	Wkly Avg	\$1,664.50

Additional Financial Information		Who is an Active Parishioner?			
Capital Improvements - \$35.00 Religious Retirement - \$5.00 Holy Day (Ascension) - \$120.00		♦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	May 17th & 18th	May 24th & 25th	May 31st & June 1st	June 7th & 8th	
IC SAT 5PM	Lector	Dennis Cobb	Dennis Benney	Beth Roesner	Gary Hoette
	Eucharistic Minister	Dennis Cobb	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Beth Cobb	Beth Cobb
	Ministers of Hospitality	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Bob Dryden	Don & Lila Broz Bill & Liz Huston	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Steve & Beth Cobb Daryl & Nancy Cobb
	Servers	Malorie Schulte Beth Roesner	Reed Pottebaum Jacob Roesner	Lila Broz Malorie Schulte	Beth Roesner Jacob Roesner
	Money Counters	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Dennis Cobb & Daryl Rhoads	John/Aggie Baldetti & Judy Cobb	Don/Sandy Oakes & Dennis Cobb
IC SUN 10AM	Lector	Janet Stumbaugh	Elizabeth Schierhoff	Mark Brower	Pat Stumbaugh
	Children's Liturgy	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley	No Children's Liturgy	Rachel Rakers
	Eucharistic Minister	Jack Wells	Megan Hans	Dennis Cobb	Jacob Lotton
	Ministers of Hospitality	Ron & Dianne Talley Steve Williams & Julie Worsham	Jacob Hans Family	Pat & Janet Stumbaugh David & Janet Cobb	Charlie & Pat Korman Ron & Dianne Talley
	Servers	Alena Beabout & Elizabeth Schierhoff	Kendra & Keagen Rakers	Carl Smith & Josie Harrell	Ella & Emelia Hans
	Money Counters	Dave Teeter & Megan Hans	Gayle/Rick Adams & Vickie Parker	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Elaine Winford & Dottie Brueggen
SP SUN 8AM	Hospitality/Usher	Nancy & John Cobb	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Youth	Ellis Family
	Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage
	Lector	Julie Ellis	Laurie Gilbert	Gracie Cobb	Sara Johnson
	Servers	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss
	Eucharistic Minister	Barb Turpin	Vicki Duenke	Nancy Cobb	John Cobb, Sr.
	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,

I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person’s belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let’s assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be “both/and,” as they reduce everything to “either/or.” With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, “I am better than you.” ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / Dear Padre.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 FRANCIS

We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world.... He told us what it means to be a Christian: “Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another” (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 15, 2022

Bishop McKnight’s May prayer intention for our Local Church

For all vocations, and especially for those who will be ordained this year. That they may be strengthened by the grace of the Holy Spirit and remain faithful to the call of Christ. We pray to the Lord.





Some Words from the 2025 Immaculate Conception School 8th Graders

Hi, my name is **Brionna Hildebrand**. I’ve been attending Immaculate Conception School since I was in first grade. I have always enjoyed the field trips we would go on, like the ice skating rink, Uncle Ray’s, Sky Zone, bowling at the Columbia Mall, and of course, Graham Cave. I also enjoy the small classrooms and the people here. I have learned plenty of things from my teachers and friends. I usually have trouble with math, but Mrs. Smith is always teaching me how to do it correctly and it helps me a lot. I enjoyed when we had Nutrition classes and we would learn how to make or cook some foods. For our bake sales we would learn how to bake different things.

I would like to thank the parishioners of the church for helping the eighth graders and sixth graders to raise money for our eighth grade trip and helping out. Thank you to my prayer partners I have had these past seven years; Jeanie Longstreet, Diane and Jerry Witthaus, and Betty and Tony Wessel. All of you are so kind, and I really enjoyed being your prayer partner, and I will always cherish our conversations together. Thank you Father Ernest for helping me grow in my Catholic faith, and always making me learn something new from your homilies. Thank you to my grandparents who have put me in this school and let me learn more about my faith. I would not be here without you guys and I love you. You guys do so much for me, and I wish I could give you the world.

I would love to thank Mrs. Smith who is always making sure I understand an assignment, and who's always caring. You have helped me grow in math and my faith. I really enjoy having conversations with you. I know sometimes you stress a lot and that's okay, you are still an amazing teacher. Thank you, Mrs. Bergmann, for always being caring and kind and for being there for me. I love your positivity and energy, and helping me thrive. You always lighten a room, and I love to talk with you. Thank you, Ms. Blackburn, for being sweet, and easy to talk to. Thank you Mrs. Kemmis for making me laugh, you are super cool and I love your personality. Thank you, Ms. Schroeder, for being a very cool principal. You are so pretty and you are an awesome role model. Thank you, Mrs. Oden, Mrs. Weekley, Miss Dottie, and Mrs. Anna for the fun activities we do during our specials. I also want to also thank all my friends I have made in this school.

It feels so surreal that I’m already graduating. Time flies by way too fast. Each year here I would feel like the year would go by so fast, and it really did. Because right now, I’m right here giving this speech. I thought that this feeling would be a good feeling but I don’t think it's the best feeling, because now all of this is just going to be a memory and something I will tell my kids if I have any. I’m going to miss this school and all the memories that happened here. The thing I’m going to miss the most is my teachers and our bond. I love the bond that I can share with them, so it’s going to be so hard to leave them. I think the scariest thing is to leave something behind that you're so used to. I'm not a big fan of change, but I hope that this will be a good change. Thank you for your time.

Hello, my name is **Robert Merz**. I have attended ICS since Pre-School. I have enjoyed going to ICS because of all the activities we do, and the great teachers and staff. I have really enjoyed Sketch Day and the Nutrition Classes we have had. I have learned how to better myself at ICS, through my education and faith. I would like to thank my parents for bringing me to ICS all these years. I would also like to thank the teachers of ICS for teaching me so much about my faith. Another person to thank will definitely be my prayer partner and my Confirmation sponsor, Eileen Lotton. She has been my prayer partner ever since Kindergarten. Father Ernest, you have been a great leader for our church, and I hope to continue to see you at weekend Mass. Lastly, I would like to thank all of the parishioners for their support of our school. Without you, we wouldn’t have been able to have the school that has been my home for the last ten years.

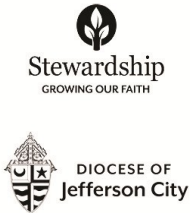
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Archbishop
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May 20, 2025 | Cathedral of St. Joseph
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All are asked to RSVP at
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I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.


John 13: 34-35

This commandment is not always easy. Loving others requires grace. But through the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to love beyond our own limits. The Eucharist strengthens us to love like Christ—to be His hands and heart in the world.



Upcoming Events and Announcements

Monday May 19th	IC IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice 6:30 PM - Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Tuesday May 20th	IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration NO Benediction and Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:45 PM - Catholic Education Commission
Wednesday May 21st	IC SP IC	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent DePaul Building - all are welcome 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM - Adoration 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus
Thursday May 22nd		
Friday May 23rd		
Saturday May 24th		
Sunday May 25th	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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Peggy Gardner

Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann

1800 Wein St , Hermann, MO 65041

Tony & Laverne Wessel, Sr.


Residents of

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308 Cedar Avenue, Jonesburg, MO 63351


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, Alex Brueggen, & Tanner Cobb



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!

Jeff & Amanda Arens - 36 years of marriage on May 20th
Gary & Orlana Gardner - 47 years of marriage on May 20th
Keith & Lori Farrar - 18 years of marriage on May 20th
Barry & Jane Hubbard - 51 years of marriage on May 25th
Steve & Beth Cobb - 34 years of marriage on May 25th

Welcome Fr. Nweze

Father Charles Nweze will be filling in for Fr. Ernest while he is on vacation. Fr. Nweze is currently residing at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia while being assigned to hospital and nursing home ministry in Columbia.

Arriving in the US in January, Fr. Nweze was ordained in the diocese of Idah, Nigeria in 1993.

Welcome, Fr. Nweze, we look forward to getting to know you!

Guitar Lessons Anyone?

Dottie Brueggen will be offering BASIC guitar lessons for students 6th grade and older on (most) Tuesday mornings during the summer. The classes will be held at the school from 10:30-11:30 AM. First class will be on Tuesday, Jund 3rd and a schedule of class dates will be available at that time. A few guitars will be available; but, if you have one, bring it along. Questions, call Dottie at 573-564-2183.

Thank you!

On behalf of the children of Charlene Jahner, we would like to sincerely thank all the parishioners who so kindly donated the delicious food for her luncheon on Saturday. Your generosity and thoughtfulness were deeply appreciated by our entire family during this difficult time.

Thank you again for your support.

With gratitude,
Debbie, Mike, Jody, and Jon

8th Grade Promotion

I am sorry I was unable to attend the 8th Grade Promotion Mass due to a scheduling conflict with a longstanding family obligation. I wish a heartfelt congratulations and blessings to all the graduates and families. Thank you to the Immaculate Conception Parish for the support of the students and school!

Thank you,
Dana Schroeder

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in May!

8th - Brian Barclay
10th - Lori Farrar
15th - Blaire Barclay
15th - Merrin Schluss
16th - Jace Ellis
16th - Sara Johnson
18th - Genevieve Kelly
25th - Randy Bergfeld
29th - Katherine Stroot



Vacation Bible School



We are excited to offer Vacation Bible School this summer **June 17th thru 20th**. Please mark your calendars now for these four exciting evenings where your child(ren) will learn more about their faith! More information in future bulletins!



Church Cleaning

It’s time to blow the winter dust away and make our church sparkling clean! We hope to see you on **Saturday, May 31st at 9:00 AM** along with your favorite cleaning supplies.

Many hands make for light work, so the more the merrier and the quicker that our task can be completed! (men welcome!) Any questions, please contact Ruth Ann O’Keefe at 573-823-2676.

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Immaculate Conception School News

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Calendar:

May 16 - 8th Grade Last Day, 3rd-8th Field Trip to Columbia, PK-2 Fun Day
May 21 - Last Day Celebration at Wabash Park

Our **last day of school** is this Wednesday, May 21. We will have an awards ceremony at 8:30am in the church. Then we will head down the street to Wabash Park. We will have lunch and dismiss at noon.

We encourage families to **register their children** for the 2025-2026 school year so we can be prepared for the first day of school in August.

2025-2026 ICS Staff

Principal/ECLC Director - Ms. Dana Schroeder
ECLC Assistant Director - Mrs. Peggy Brower
ECLC Staff - Mrs. Beebo Eoff, Ms. Shirley Henke, Ms. Amber Surls, Ms. Andrea Knapp
Secretary - Mrs. Judy Cobb
PK/Kindergarten - Mrs. Denise Kemmis
1st/2nd - Mrs. Megan Rogers
3rd/4th - Mrs. Cristal Castillo and Mrs. Gina Smith
5th/7th - Mrs. Gina Smith and Mrs. Cristal Castillo
Art - Mrs. Rachel Weekley
P.E. - Mrs. Carol Oden
Music - Miss Dorothy Brueggen
Custodian- Mr. Samuel Madrigal

Virtue of the Month: Diligence

Diligence: doing your best and working hard until you’re finished
To practice the virtue of diligence means not only to *finish* something that we have begun, but also to pay attention to what we’re doing so that it’s done *well*. By doing all of our work well, no matter how insignificant it may seem, we are fulfilling God’s will for our lives and helping to build up His kingdom.

Saint of the Week: St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena was a brave and holy woman who lived from 1347 to 1380 in Italy. Even as a young girl, she worked hard to pray and help others, always listening to God with great care. She wrote letters to leaders and even the pope, encouraging peace and faith. St. Catherine was very diligent, never giving up on doing what was right, and she is the patron saint of nurses and Europe.



Some Words from the 2025 Immaculate Conception School 8th Graders

Hi, my name is **Tinley Anderson**, and I have attended Immaculate Conception School for six years. During my time here, I have enjoyed many things; the conversations I have had with my teachers over the years, the laughs I had with my classmates, the fish fries that I have worked, and the people I have worked with at the fish fry. I have also enjoyed all of the field trips, the Spelling Bee, Sketch Day, and all of the other events that were provided. I have learned how to make baskets, to sew, to do my multiplication, how to find slope, and even how to bake.

I want to thank the parishioners for all of their support and the donations towards our 8th grade trip. I would also like to give a special appreciation to my prayer partners over the years; Bonnie Walker, Ruth Schneider, and Ruth Ann O’Keefe. I have enjoyed reading all of the cards you have given me and I’m thankful for all of the times you have prayed for me. I would also like to thank Father Ernest for always providing us with a great Mass on Thursdays and Fridays, and Mr. Dennis Cobb for teaching us how to serve and for making it to where I can teach other kids. I’m so thankful that my parents sent me to this school because I would have never met any of these people, so thank you so much.

Also, thank you, Mrs. Smith, for always pushing me to do my best no matter what and for always being there to help me. You were my teacher for four years and in those four years I have learned that you are caring, encouraging, and an inspiration to me. I’m pretty sure I talked to you the most this whole year and I probably wouldn’t be where I am today without you, so thank you for pushing me this far, and giving me my work early because I had nothing to do. Mrs. Bergmann, thank you for all the years you put up with me calling you Mrs. Smith. I will miss all of the energy and joy you have always brought to the classroom. Also, I’m going to miss knowing you are coming down the hallway since we could always hear your keys jingling. I also want to thank all of the classmates I have had for making my six years here a blast.

(more letters on next page)