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573.564.2375 Parish Office | Office Hours M-Th 9am-3pm
Janet Cobb, Bookkeeper/Secretary | imm-con@sbcglobal.net | www.mcicparish.org
Parish Council Members: Dennis Benney-President, Jack Wells-Vice-President, Vicki Parker, Dennis Cobb, and Michael Smith



157th YEAR OF SERVICE

St. Patrick Parish

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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, Michael Van Beek (641-275-5184)-Vice-President, Barb Turpin (636-368-2157)-Secretary, Jocelyn Schluss (573-953-0324), and Derrick Cobb (636-359-8959)

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

August 30, 2026 - Twenty-Second 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

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.



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

Welcome everyone to Eucharistic Adoration

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month at **St. Patrick** from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

On Tuesdays at **Immaculate Conception** starting at 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM . At 5:00 PM Adoration will close with Devotion to the Divine Mercy and Benediction. Mass will start at 5:30 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration is 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.

I Just Told You!

MIGUEL DULICK

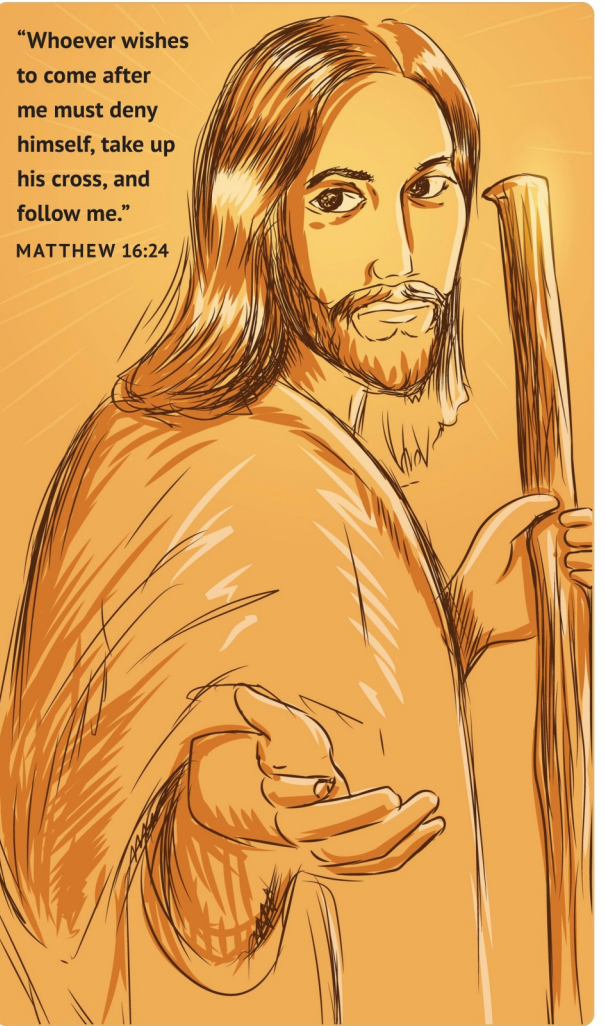
Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—"Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—"Come after me" (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same "trigger" word: "Whoever wishes to *come after me* must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

The cross! That's how the controversy started, when Peter "took Jesus aside" (literally, "collared" him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don't even want to admit I'm a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God," and "Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God" (Romans 12:1-2). Everything for Jesus. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
MATTHEW 16:24

Reflect

What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus' cross and offer it as prayer?

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	August	31st	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	September	1st	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City – Maggie Schiefelbein
Wed	September	2nd	8:30 AM - Mass - Jonesburg +Michael Schuler
Thur	September	3rd	8:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City +Irene Swinney
Fri	September	4th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill & Dione Auchly
Sat	September	5th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
Sun	September	6th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Alice O'Donnell
			10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Don & Joan Bowers

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-June 26	\$710,700.52	\$738,454.83	-\$27,754.31
June 2026	\$59,208.43	\$53,634.29	\$5,574.14

	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
August 2nd	\$6,200.50	\$4,307.00	\$10,507.50
August 9th	\$5,890.00	\$5,078.00	\$10,968.00
August 16th	\$3,565.00	\$10,440.00	\$14,005.00
August 23rd	\$2,020.00	\$15,977.47	\$17,997.47
August 30th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$13,369.49

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
Fiscal Jul 25-June26	\$149,245.50*	\$103,977.27	\$45,268.23
July, 2026	\$12,738.27*	\$19,141.69	-\$6,403.42
Capital Campaign	\$16,420.00		

*Capital Campaign is included in Total Income

	Church	Total
August 2nd	\$2,167.55	\$2,167.55
August 9th	\$993.55	\$933.55
August 16th	\$1,483.55	\$1,483.55
August 23rd	\$798.50	\$798.50
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg \$1,528.22

Additional Financial Information Capital Improvements - \$161.00 Mass Intentions - \$120.00 Donation for Tuition Scholarship - \$4,000.00 Bulletin Ad - \$150.00	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.
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	Mass Ministries	August 29th & 30th	September 5th & 6th	September 12th & 13th	September 19th & 20th
IC SAT 5PM	Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Beth Cobb	Dennis Benney	Beth Roesner
	Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Gary Hoette	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Gary Hoette
	Ministers of Hospitality	Don & Lila Broz Steve & Beth Cobb	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Bill & Liz Huston	Ty Cothren Family Bob Dryden	Kasey Pottebaum Family Tom Cobb
	Servers	Mercer Cothren Malorie Schulte	Jacob Roesner Beth Roesner	Liz Broz Malorie Schulte	Mercer Cothren Jacob Roesner
	Money Counters	Dennis Cobb & Don/Sandy Oakes	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Daryl Rhoads & John/Aggie Baldetti	Judy Cobb & Don/Sandy Oakes
IC SUN 10AM	Lector	Michael Smith	Jerry Witthaus	Richard Schierhoff	Janet Stumbaugh
	Children's Liturgy	Geri Park	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell
	Eucharistic Ministers	Gayle Adams, Steve Williams, Pat Stumbaugh	Tony Wessel, Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton	Eileen Lotton, Tудie Simpson, Jenidean Readey	Jack Wells, Steve Williams, Pat Stumbaugh
	Ministers of Hospitality	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman	Tony Wessel, Jerry Neale, Ron & Dianne Talley	Jerry Neale, Steve Williams, Brady Craven, Dana Schneider
	Servers	Josie Harrell & Keagan Rakers	Wade Harrell & Axton Johnson	Ella Hans & Leia Johnson	Luke Johnson & Keagan Rakers
SP SUN 8AM	Money Counters	Gayle Adams & Rick Adams	Dave Teeter & Vicki Parker	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Elaine Winford & Vicki Parker
	Hospitality/Usher	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Youth	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber	Ellis Family
	Altar Clean Up Only	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark
	Lector	Julie Ellis	Gracie Cobb	Laurie Gilbert	Sara Johnson
	Servers	Jordan Finke, McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb& Anna Johnson	Luke Farrar & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss
	Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Cobb, Vickie Duenke, Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Terri Lenzenhuber	Nancy Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Barb Turpin	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Sara Johnson
	Money Counters	John Cobb, Jr. & Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark & Nancy Cobb	Bridet Cobb & John Cobb, Jr.	Derrick Cobb & John Cobb, Jr.
Remember, if you are unable to complete your assigned time, you are responsible for finding a replacement! Thank you for your service!					

Dear Padre,

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, “Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God” (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God’s revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, 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

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion.



ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORE, ROME, JANUARY 9, 2026

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Monday

August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1–5

Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b–16

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1–9

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

September 3

St. Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor of

the Church

1 Cor 3:18–23

Lk 5:1–11

Friday

September 4

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1–5

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

September 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b–15

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

September 6

Twenty-third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7–9

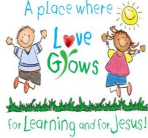
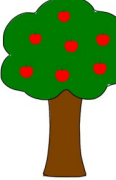
Rom 13:8–10

Mt 18:15–20

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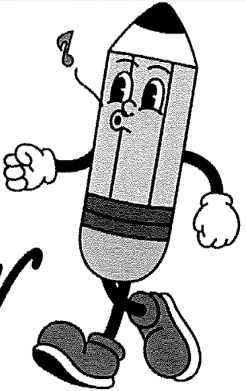
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Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. ~Ephesians 5:25 <i>Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!</i>  Harold & Sharon Pottebaum - 53 yrs of marriage on Sept. 1st Sam & Donna Cobb - 57 years of marriage on September 6th Green = St. Patrick Blue = Immaculate Conception	Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in September at St. Patrick! 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 
IC School Advisory Board Minutes August 5, 2026  The IC School Advisory Board met on August 5, 2026. The following items were discussed: 1. The approval of the IC School & Early Childhood Learning Center Constitution and By-Laws. 2. The approval of IC School Handbook for 2026-2027 school year. 3. There are currently 38 K-8 students enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year. The Early Childhood Learning Center currently has openings in the two-year old and preschool classrooms. 4. Gary Doerhoff will be teaching 7th & 8th grade. Rachel Weekly will teach Art and Music. Dottie Brueggen will help in the Library and with religion. 5. Maintenance projects are going on at the school and hope to be completed soon. 6. Back-to-School Mass is August 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Open House will follow at the school. Hot dogs and chips will be provided.	St. Patrick's News September Mass Intentions  2nd +Michael Schuler 6th +Alice O'Donnell 9th +Alice O'Donnell 13th - Rick Schutenberg (health issues) 20th +Clem Hagenhoff 27th +Tim Ebbesmeyer A huge thank you to everyone that helped with the funeral and funeral luncheon for Alice O'Donnell. The family repeatedly told us how much they appreciated everything and how wonderful all the food was. Your donation of time (preparing and serving) and food is greatly appreciated. If you provided food for any of the recent funeral luncheons, please be sure to pick up your dishes. They are in the parish hall. After September 27 anything left behind will be donated to Agape. Thank you!
Kids' Bulletin  The Kids' Bulletin is used for the Children's Liturgy each Sunday. This is an easy and fun way of helping children understand the Sunday readings. There are those who have expressed a desire to have a copy of the Kids' Bulletin for grandkids or relatives who have children. There are now copies in a plastic holder on the counter in the vestibule for anyone who wishes to have one.	New Council Members Needed for St. Patrick & ICC We are in need of new Parish Council & Finance Committee members for BOTH parishes. If you are interested please see Fr. Ernest or contact either of the parish offices. St. Patrick-(636) 488-5623, ICC-(573) 564-2375, or email Fr. Ernest at edike@diojeffcity.org. Thank you!
St. Vincent dePaul Meal-A-Month  St. Vincent dePaul would like to thank our parish family for the donations to our Meal-A-Month bags. Our next collection will be August 29th & 30th. They have requested canned vegetables, cereal, and pudding.	IC Harvest Picnic Updates  Our event is only 3 weeks away on September 20, 2026! Thank you to those who have returned their sheets. For those who are still filling them out, PLEASE RETURN THEM BY MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST in the locked, black box in the vestibule.
Apples for Education at ICS  Our Apples for Education tree is here! Each apple features an item requested by one of our parish school teachers to help support their classroom and enhance our students' learning experience beyond the regular school supplies they already have. If you'd like to participate, simply choose a note from an apple on the tree, purchase the requested item or donate money for that item, and return it to school with the note. It's a simple and meaningful way to show our teachers and students that our parish supports them! Thank you for helping our school grow! 🍏	We are still accepting vendors for the Vendor Fair and Cup Sponsors. Please contact Megan Hans at 573-253-9476. In addition to having delicious food, there will also be fun games and activities for kids, a bake sale, a country store, raffles, and Live, Silent, and Paddle Auctions. We will need many hands to work these events at the picnic. Please save your 1 gallon ice cream buckets to use for leftovers to sell at the auction. You can drop them off in the vestibule at church. Tickets are available for Quilt Raffle, Cash Raffle, and The Great Pumpkin Drop. Tickets are available in your packet or see Janet in the Rectory.



AUGUST

School newsletter



DATES TO KNOW

Sept. 2- Home & School meeting @6:00 in the school cafeteria. Don't miss out!!

Sept. 4- Picture Day - Weather permitting (We are doing something a little different this year)

Sept. 18- Grandparent's Day

Sept. 20- Harvest Picnic

Oct. 2- No School

THANK YOU!!!!

We have had many anonymous donations towards tuition, you know who you are, THANK YOU!!

Also thank you for all the donations towards classrooms and ECLC.

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WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

ECLC- Jumping right in with counting and making crafts for our grown-ups!

Pre-K- We're working on tracing our names and reconizing those letters.

K- We are learing to reconize the numbers 0-10.

1st- Our math has us adding up to 10 already! We are also learning correct letter formation.

2nd- We are learning about land formations such as lakes and mountains.

3rd /4th - Did you know Hershey's are made in Hershey PA, which is located in the Northeast Region of the US?

5th /6th- "If I were to tell a story that actually happend to me it would be Narrative Non-Fiction," Dexter Park

8th- We are wasting no time and jumping into simplifying fractions in math.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Free and reduced milk forms were sent home last friday, make sure to get those back to school.
- Hot lunches start next week, please send the sign up and payment in by Tuesday if you have not already!!
- Please make sure your child is coming to school in correct uniform. Check the handbook if unsure of Dress Code.