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

**March 8, 2026 - Third Sunday of Lent**

**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 9  
Lenten Weekday  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab  
Lk 4:24-30

**TUESDAY**  
MARCH 10  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Mt 18:21-35

**WEDNESDAY**  
MARCH 11  
Lenten Weekday  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**THURSDAY**  
MARCH 12  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-23

**FRIDAY**  
MARCH 13  
Lenten Weekday  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

**SATURDAY**  
MARCH 14  
Lenten Weekday  
Hos 6:1-6  
Lk 18:9-14

**SUNDAY**  
MARCH 15  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Are You Listening?**

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God's voice. The challenge is not in responding "yes" to the invitation of the Lord but rather in "hearing" his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the "Beautiful Noise" of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God's voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.  
ROMANS 5:5

**Reflect**  
Do I need more silence?  
Do I find silence difficult?

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**Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick**

Mon	March	9th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	March	10th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill & Dione Auchly
Wed	March	11th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Marilyn Reitz
Thur	March	12th	NO Mass - Priest's Day of Recollection
Fri	March	13th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Susie Ryan
Sat	March	14th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill Dryden
Sun	March	15th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Pete Bartaue 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.

**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.

Immaculate Conception Parish & School			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 25-Jan 26	\$398,100.34	\$428,445.97	-\$30,345.63
January 2026	\$46,892.98	\$55,655.89	-\$8,762.91
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
March 1st	\$4,180.75	\$5,976.00	\$10,156.75
March 8th			
March 15th			
March 22nd			
March 29th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$10,156.75

**Your Gifts to God!**  
**Thank You!**



St. Patrick Parish			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 25-Jan 21st	\$52,978.90	\$46,514.13	\$6,464.77
January 1-21, 2026	\$5,093.65		
Capital Campaign (3/4/26)	\$4,570.00		
	Church		Total
March 1st	\$1,255.55		\$1,255.55
March 8th			
March 15th			
March 22nd			
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,255.55

<p><b>Additional Financial Information</b>                  Capital Improvements/Maintenance - \$90.00                  Easter Flowers- \$15.00</p>	<p><b>Who is an Active Parishioner?</b>                  ♦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.</p>
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	Mass Ministries	March 7th & March 8th	March 14th & March 15th	March 21st & March 22nd	March 28th & 29th
IC SAT 5PM	<b>Lector</b>	Dennis Benney	Gary Hoette	Jacob Roesner	Dennis Cobb
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Don Broz	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Gary Hoette	Don Broz, Dennis Cobb, Ruth Ann O'Keefe
	<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Bill & Liz Huston, Tom Cobb, Bob Dryden	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Steve & Beth Cobb, Don & Lila Broz	Daryl & Nancy Cobb, Bobby Dryden, Tom Cobb
	<b>Servers</b>	Mercer Cothren, Jacob Roesner	Lila Broz, Beth Roesner	Mercher Cothren, Malorie Schulte	Beth Roesner, Jacob Roesner
	<b>Money Counters</b>	Don /Sandy Oakes & Judy Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Dennis Cobb & Daryl Rhoads	Judy Cobb & John/Aggie Baldetti
IC SUN 10AM	<b>Lector</b>	Allie Johnson	Michael Readey	Amanda Arens	Michael Smith
	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley	Geri Park
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton, Steve Williams	Eileen Lotton, Tудie Simpson, Jenidean Readey	Gayle Adams, Megan Hans, Jack Wells	Pat Stumbaugh, Steve Williams, Tony Wessel
	<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Dave & Janet Cobb, Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Ron & Dianne Talley, Jerry Neale, Tony Wessel	Dana Schneider, Brady Craven, Steve Williams, Julie Worsham	Jacob Hans Family
	<b>Servers</b>	Axton Johnson & Ella Hans	Emilia Hans & Maverick Johnson	Leia & Luke Johnson	Kendra & Keagan Rakers
SP SUN 8AM	<b>Money Counters</b>	Megan Hans & Elaine Winford	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	Mark Brower & Dave Teeter	Gayle/Rick Adams & Steve Williams
	<b>Hospitality/Usher</b>	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber	Farrar Family	Laurie Dothage & John/Nancy Cobb	John Cobb, Jr. Family
	<b>Altar Clean Up Only</b>	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage
	<b>Lector</b>	Bridget Cobb	Donna Cobb	Nancy Cobb	Julie Ellis
	<b>Servers</b>	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss
SP SUN 8AM	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Bridget Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Barb Turpin	Nancy Cobb, Sara Johnson, Terri Lenzenhuber	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Barb Turpin	Nancy Cobb, Vickie Duenke, Sara Johnson
	<b>Money Counters</b>	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Dothage	Derrick Cobb & Brad Ellis	Gracie Cobb & Karen Stenger	John Cobb, Jr. & Laurie Dothage

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

**Dear Padre,**

*When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?*

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, "Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church's focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ's ultimate sacrifice. It represents our "fasting" from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). ●



Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

**Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for March**

**For Disarmament and Peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!... Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.*

HOMILY, ROME, AUGUST 3, 2025

# ST. PATRICK'S FISH FRY

4:00 PM-7:00 PM

February 20  
February 27  
March 6  
March 13  
March 20  
March 27



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Carry-outs available.

Prices:  
Adults: \$15 Children 6-12: \$7 Children 5 and under: Free  
Fish by the pound: \$15 (take out only)

Menu:  
Fish, shrimp, hushpuppies, cheesy potatoes or potato salad, spaghetti, cole slaw, desserts, and tea/lemonade.

Additional beverages are available for purchase!

Gun Raffle tickets for sale, winner to be drawn at last date.

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**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

Serving 7:00 to 11:00 AM

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Then north on Route "P" - 2 miles to **Valentine Hall**  
For more information call Church of the Risen Savior - 573-236-4390

## Upcoming Events and Announcements

Monday March 9th	IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice	
Tuesday March 10th	IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - OCIA Class - "The Faith of the Church - Prayer, On Earth as it is in Heaven"	
Wednesday March 11th	IC IC	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome 5:30 PM - Stations of the Cross	
Thursday March 12th	SP SP	After Mass - Breakfast at The Warehouse - all are invited After Mass - Stations of the Cross	
Friday March 13th	IC IC SP	<b>No Morning Mass - Priest's Day of Recollection</b> 10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance 12:00 Noon - KOC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. @ Knights of Columbus Hall	
Saturday March 14th	SP	11:00 AM - Ben Miriana Funeral Service and Luncheon	
Sunday March 15th	SP	After Mass - Coffee & Donuts in the 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)  
515 Picnic Street, New Florence, MO 63363  
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  
Tony & Laverne Wessel, Sr.
- Residents of Aspire Nursing Home  
308 Cedar Avenue, Jonesburg, MO 63351
- Residents of Oake Pointe  
700 Forrest Ave, Warrenton 63383  
Marion Bullerdick & Fr. Lou Dorn



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STRUGGLING, SICK AND INFIRMED:

Al & Christine Barger, Vern Brand, Gail Burch, Mike Busken, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerdick, Parker Calbreath, Christopher Carey, Tom Carey, Robert Carillo, Bill Cobb, Clint Cunningham, Fr. Lou Dorn, Lori Dorsey, Ebbesmeyer Family, Nick Erbe, John Goodwin, Richard Grelle, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Antoinette Hoing, Howard Hollensteiner, Jane Hubbard, Addie Johnson, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Annie Kempf, Darlie Lamb, Pat Merz, Kathleen Mohrmann, Nancy Nylund, Lyndsey O'Bryan, Alice O'Donnell, Clayton Parker, Paula Peatross, Avery Penn, Peggy Readey, Rae Jean Rhoads, Nick Schneider, Maggie Schiefelbein, Tommy Shine, Nancy Smiley, Eric Smith, Evelyn Strauss, Katherine Stroot, Ed Torbeck, Sue Umphenour, Sandy Waddell, Tom Waddell, Tony Wessel, Sr.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Brandon Wells, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, Donnie Wisdom, Alex Brueggen, & Justin Beabout



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!

Terry & Vicki Parker - 54 years of marriage on March 11th  
Joseph & Lisa Gotsch - 13 years of marriage on March 15th  
Green = St. Patrick Blue = Immaculate Conception



Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in March at St. Patrick!

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



**Lent/ Easter 2026 Schedule**

**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 (except March 6<sup>th</sup>) ICS Students at IC all are welcome

**Penance Service for both Parishes:**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 PM at Immaculate Conception

**2026 RETREAT for Both parishes:**

Saturday, March 28th at 9:30 AM at Immaculate Conception - morning refreshments provided, but please bring a sack lunch. More details next week!

**Easter Triduum:**

**Holy Thursday (April 2nd)**

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 3rd)**

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 4th)**

10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/ Office of Reading at IC  
8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass at IC

**Easter Sunday (April 5th)**

8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick  
10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

**Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12th)**

3:00 PM Service of Divine Mercy at Immaculate Conception

The ICS kids will be doing the "Living Stations of the Cross" on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church

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

**Fish Fry Help!**

The Knights of Columbus and Home and School Fish Frys are off to a great start with record crowds for their first one. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP, they could use cakes, pies, and cookies from our parishioners. The items can be brought to the hall on Friday morning. Thanks for your support!

**St. Patrick's News**

**March Mass Intentions**

1st +Herb Mertz Family  
4th +David Monahan  
8th +Shirley Rose  
11th +Marilyn Reitz  
15th +Pete Bartaue  
18th +Joe Lenzenhuber  
22nd +Clem Hagenhoff  
25th +Charmaine Post  
29th +Tom Lenzenhuber



**Help Needed for Fish Frys**

Our first Fish Fry last week was very successful! With that being said, we need your help preparing, serving, cleaning, and baking desserts. If you need to drop desserts off early, speak to Barb or Debbie so arrangements can be made. Thank you for your support.

**Capital Campaign**

A couple of weeks ago, Derrick Cobb of the Parish Council, reported that a new roof was needed for the church. The Diocese has given us permission to have a Capital Campaign to fund a new roof and assist with our remodeling projects. You will find a blue envelope in the pew labeled Capital Campaign to use any time you want to make a donation. Please fill out the envelope and drop it in the collection basket, mail it to the office or drop it off at the office. Thank you in advance for supporting this project.

**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**

The Knight of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be on March 12, 2026, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Everyone interested in joining, please come to KOC Building Chambers at NOON. Hope to see you there!

**Upcoming Confirmation Class**

Our parish is planning on having students receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2027. Parents and all in-coming students in 7th grade or older (August 2026) that would like to start the process are invited to come to the mandatory registration for classes on Sunday, April 12, 2026. We will hold the meeting in the school cafeteria following Mass at 11:30. Information on class times, dates, and other information will be discussed. There is a \$25 registration fee that helps to cover the cost of the materials for the class. Please bring this with you. If you have any questions, contact either Steve Williams (573) 975-7494 or Gina Smith (573) 289-8635.

**Immaculate Conception School News**

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

**Mar. 6 - 27- Friday Fish Fry**

Come and support ICS and the Knights of Columbus at the lunch and/or dinner Fish Fry!

**Mar. 13 - 27-Stations of the Cross**

Come and pray the Stations of the Cross with us at 2:50 on Fridays at the church.

**Mar. 26 - Diocesan Spelling Bee**

We will have two students from each grade (4th-7th) attend this event in Jefferson City.

**Apr. 1 - Living Stations of the Cross**

The students will be presenting the Living Stations at the church at 2pm. All are welcome!



The Seedbearers are a youth ministry group that perform community services projects for people who cannot afford or are unable to accomplish on their own. They will be in Montgomery City July 19<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> and are looking for projects in home maintenance and repair, landscaping, painting, carpentry, yard clean up and more. If you have a project request for them, please contact Aggie Baldetti (573) 835-3631, or Jack Wells (360) 377-6505. If you would like more information about this youth ministry check out the links below.

<https://www.setonscene.org/youth-ministry>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxLZy9wHYc>

**Ladies Auxiliary New Raffle**

The KOC-Ladies Auxiliary, are going to have two different raffles during the 6 fish frys. They will run at the same time.



One raffle will be for a spirits wagon worth \$600.00. The other raffle will be a Cardinals basket which includes two tickets to the St. Louis Cardinals game in 2026. Estimated value of this basket is around \$500.00.



The KOC-Ladies Auxiliary are selling these raffle chances to raise money for scholarships and numerous organizations in our county that need assistance. Your support would be appreciated.

Chances will be sold during the lunch and dinner meals. Price will be \$10.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$25.00. Please help support the ladies so that they can help numerous people in need. The drawings for both items will be at the last fish fry on March 27, 2026 around 6:30 PM. You do not need to be present to win.

**Calling All High School Seniors!**



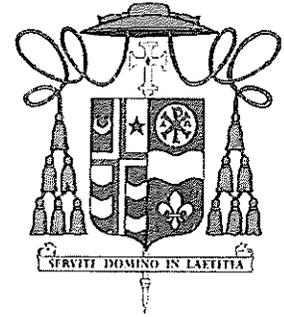
Applications for college scholarships are now available! Through a generous donation from the family of William H. (Bill) Simon, funding is available to high school seniors or current college students with financial needs who commit to practicing their faith. The deadline to apply is March 27. Find eligibility details and applications at [diojeffcity.org/scholarships](http://diojeffcity.org/scholarships)

**Thank You!**

The Crisis Food Closet of Montgomery County wants to thank the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish for their donations of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, and hygiene items for the month of February. More families have been coming in, and without your continued support, we would not be able to help those most vulnerable in our community.

# DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



February 24, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

I extend my personal invitation to all Catholic men, eighteen years of age or older, to join the Knights of Columbus. It is a Catholic organization founded by Father Michael McGivney over 140 years ago in Connecticut. The members adhere to the teachings of the Church and embrace the great principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism that guide their relationships with God, their family, the Church and society.

For the Knights, commitment to family and personal responsibilities come first, followed by support for their parish, local community and the Diocese. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments, along with devotion to the Blessed Mother and Saints are essential component in their life that strengthen their faith and commitment to serve. A new initiative for the Knights is called Cor, which is a flexible framework of prayer, small group formation and fraternity that helps focus men on Jesus through building Christ-centered brotherhood. The various activities of the organization help support the members to fulfill their Christian responsibilities. The Knights involve themselves with the youth, the elderly and other members of the parish through their participation in the various ministries, events and programs. The Knights do many other good works that enhance the common good through their prayers, charity and service to the poor and the most vulnerable.

I myself am a Knight of Columbus and have witnessed the impact of this Catholic organization on their families, our Diocese in particular, and in our society. The Knights have been strong partners of the priests in the mission of evangelization and are always ready to respond generously when their bishop or pastor request their assistance. Their support for the sanctity and dignity of human life, for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and seminarians has been a significant contribution to the work of our Church.

I encourage all Catholic men to consider becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus. Our world needs more Catholic gentlemen who can witness to others how to be a good father, a loving husband, a devout Catholic and an active member of the Church. For more information, visit and talk to a member of the Knights of Columbus or for further inquiry you can access membership at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and join online for free using the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph B. O'Donnell".

Most Reverend Ralph B. O'Donnell  
Bishop of the Diocese of Jefferson City