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Parish Council Members: Dennis Benney-President, Jack Wells-Vice-President, Vicki Parker, Dennis Cobb, and Michael Smith

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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

**February 1, 2026 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

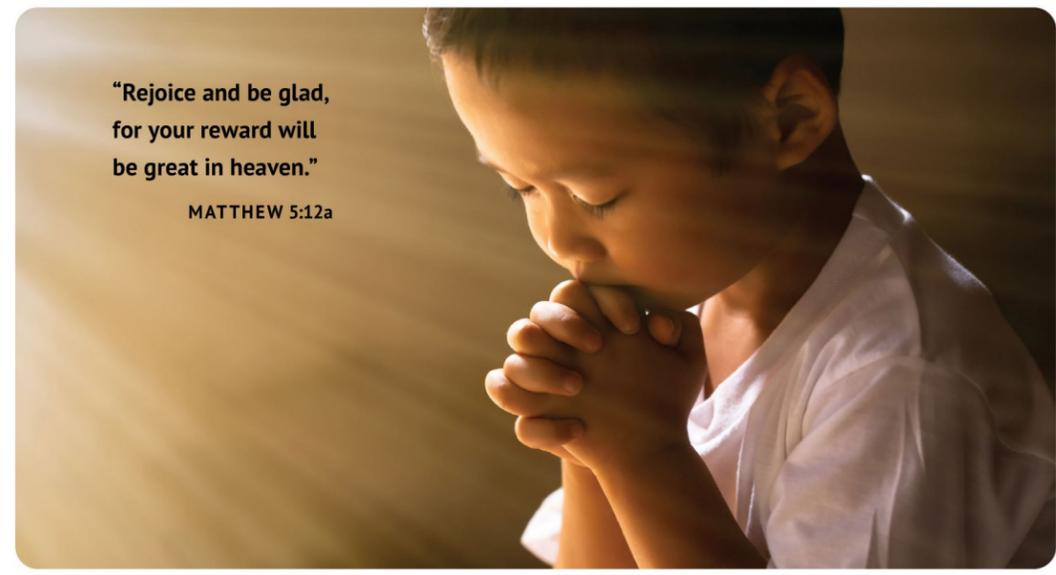
**Immaculate Conception Parish Mission**  
To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exit in our midst and to celebrate the realities 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**  
February 2  
*The Presentation of the Lord*  
Mal 3:1-4  
Heb 2:14-18  
Lk 2:22-40  
or 2:22-32

**TUESDAY**  
February 3  
*Weekday*  
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3  
Mk 5:21-43

**WEDNESDAY**  
February 4  
*Weekday*  
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17  
Mk 6:1-6



**THURSDAY**  
February 5  
*St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*  
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12  
Mk 6:7-13

**FRIDAY**  
February 6  
*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*  
Sir 47:2-11  
Mk 6:14-29

**SATURDAY**  
February 7  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 3:4-13  
Mk 6:30-34

**SUNDAY**  
February 8  
*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5. Mt 5:13-16

**The New Evangelization**  
MIGUEL DULICK

**This season of the Church we call "Ordinary Time"** is full of Jesus' teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today's readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of "Thou shalt not," they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The "poor in spirit" get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? We are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today's first reading, saw the shift coming, from "don'ts" to "dos," from bossy to beatitude: "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land" (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be "a people humble and lowly" who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with "none to disturb" you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●

**Reflect**  
How do Jesus' teachings work in the "real world"?

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

Mon	February	2nd	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	February	3rd	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Maxine Witte
Wed	February	4th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Nick Ulett
Thur	February	5th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Sue Kyle
Fri	February	6th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Hugh Wells
Sat	February	7th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City Our Parish Family
Sun	February	8th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Ed Stenger 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Fr. Paul Hartley

**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-Dec 25	\$351,207.36	\$372,790.08	-\$21,582.72
December 2025	\$71,026.33	\$77,300.69	-\$6,274.36
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
January 4th	\$6,164.08	\$3,726.00	\$9,890.08
January 11th	\$3,229.83	\$8,593.00	\$11,822.38
January 18th	\$3,792.00	\$6,782.00	\$10,574.00
January 25th	\$2,827.00	\$4,140.00	\$6,267.00
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$9,638.37

**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 (thru1/21)	\$1,000.00		
	Church		Total
January 4th	\$1,584.00		\$1,584.00
January 11th	\$1,405.00		\$1,405.00
January 18th	\$1,079.65		\$1,079.65
January 25th	No Mass		No Mass
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,356.22

<p><b>Additional Financial Information</b>                  Capital Improvements/Maintenance - \$10.00                  Mass Intentions - \$80.00                  Interest on Account at Diocese - \$331.25</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</p>
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Mass Ministries	January 31st & February 1st	February 7th & 8th	February 14th & 15th	February 21st & 22nd
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Hoette	Dennis Cobb	Jacob Roesner	Larry Brueggemann
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary Pottebaum, Beth Cobb, Gary Hoette	Tom Cobb, Don Broz, Dennis Cobb	Gary Hoette, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Don Broz
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Don & Lila Broz, Tom Cobb & Bob Dryden	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Don & Lila Broz, Steve & Beth Cobb	Daryl & Nancy Cobb, Bob Dryden
<b>Servers</b>	Beth Roesner, Mercer Cothren	Lila Broz, Jacob Roesner	Beth Roesner, Malorie Schulte	Mercer Cothren, Jacob Roesner
<b>Money Counters</b>	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Daryl Rhoads & John/Aggie Baldetti	Don/Sandy Oakes & Judy Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger
<b>Lector</b>	Jerry Witthaus	ICS Students	Janet Stumbaugh	Elizabeth Schierhoff
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jack Wells, Megan Hans, Pat Stumbaugh	Gayle Adams, Tony Wessel, Steve Williams	Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton, Eileen Lotton	Tudie Simpson, Jenidean Readey, Jack Wells
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Dave & Janet Cobb, Charlie & Pat Korman	ICS Students	Jacob Hans Family	Dana Schneider/Brady Craven, Steve Williams & Julie Worsham
<b>Servers</b>	Keagan Rakers & Maverick Johnson	ICS Students	Leia & Luke Johnson	Kendra & Keagan Rakers
<b>Money Counters</b>	Megan Hans & Elaine Winford	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	Rick/Gayle Adams & Dave Teeter
<b>Hospitality/Usher</b>	Youth	Ellis Family	Farrar Family	John & Nancy Cobb
<b>Altar Clean Up Only</b>	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	Laurie Dothage
<b>Lector</b>	Gracie Cobb	Matt Politsch	Laurie Gilbert	Londa Swoboda
<b>Servers</b>	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Nancy Cobb, Terri Lenzenhuber, Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Barb Turpin	Nancy Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Sara Johnson	Nancy Cobb, Vickie Duenke, Barb Turpin
<b>Money Counters</b>	Derrick Cobb & Karen Stenger	Gracie Cobb & Jan Milzark	John Cobb, Jr. & Brad Ellis	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 am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of "pray, pay, and obey" were over.*



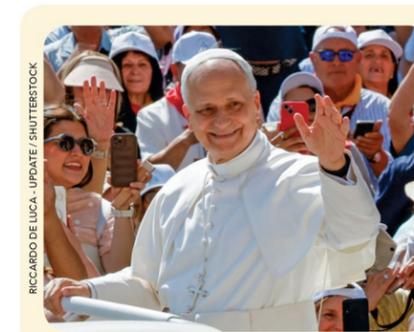
The *Code of Canon Law* identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care "with the assistance of lay members of Christ's faithful" (CCL 519). The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the "knowledge, prudence, and integrity" of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result. Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, "Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?" If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●

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

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

**For children with incurable diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.*

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**Mark Your Calendars!**  
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(636) 488-5623 - St. Patrick

Email: [imm-con@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imm-con@sbcglobal.net) - Immaculate Conception  
[stpats@centurytel.net](mailto:stpats@centurytel.net) - St. Patrick

Upcoming Events and Announcements		
Monday February 2nd	IC IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice 6:30 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Meeting
Tuesday February 3rd	IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - OCIA Class
Wednesday February 4th	IC IC IC SP	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome 6:00 PM - Home & School Meeting 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting After Mass - Breakfast at The Warehouse - all are invited
Thursday February 5th	IC IC SP	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass 9:00 AM - Virtus Training at ICS 11:30 AM - Ladies Luncheon at Barn & Grille in Hawk Point
Friday February 6th	IC	10:00 AM - Ladies Brunch at Grow to Gather in New Florence - all are welcome
Saturday February 7th		
Sunday February 8th	IC SP	11:15 AM to 1:15 PM - 1st thru 8th Grade PSR Class at ICS - lunch will be served 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

**Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann**  
1800 Wein St, Hermann, MO 65041  
Tony & Laverne Wessel, Sr.

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

**Residents of Aspire Nursing Home**  
308 Cedar Avenue, Jonesburg, MO 63351



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

Al & Christine Barger, Mike Benzen, Kathy Burke, Mike Busken, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerdick, Parker Calbreath, 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, 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, Tommy Shine, Nancy Smiley, Eric Smith, Evelyn Strauss, Katherine Stroot, Ed Torbeck, Sue Umphenour, Sandy 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!

There are no anniversary celebrations this week.



### Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in February!

- 4th - Luke Farrar
- 12th - Elizabeth Barclay
- 13th - Sandy Waddell
- 20th - Adelaide Healy
- 26th - Donna Cobb
- 28th - Laura Hocke



### Virtus Training



There will be an in-person Virtus training from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Thursday, February 5th in the school cafeteria. Those attending are asked to pre-register on [virtus.org](http://virtus.org), click the "First Time Registrant" button and follow the prompts. If you are unable to sign up please call the school office (573-564-2679) and they will try to assist you with registration.

### School Advisory Board To Meeting

Immaculate Conception School Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM at IC School.

Those members are: Pastor, Fr. Ernest Dike, Principal, Dana Schroeder, President, Diane Witthaus, Vice President, Lila Broz, Secretary, Rachel Rakers, Nancy Cobb, Kristie Ferguson.

ARTICLE SIX OF ICS and Early Childhood Learning Center Advisory Board of Education Constitution:

Regular meetings ordinarily will be open to any parishioner or parent/guardian of students of the Immaculate Conception School

### Catholic Faith Explained Change of Date

Since the Mass for Catholic School week will be Sunday, February 8th, Immaculate Conception will be showing Episode 6, The Paschal Mystery on Saturday, January 31st and Sunday, February 1st.

#### Episode 6:

The Paschal Mystery – The Mystery of Jesus’s Death and Resurrection through Jesus’s Death on the cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ’s sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ, in total, self-giving love.

### PSR Student Reminder

PSR Students are reminded that their February 8th class will be held immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass from 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM at the school. Lunch will be provided.



## Welcome back, Fr. Ernest! We have missed you!

### St. Patrick’s News

#### February Mass Intentions

- 1st +Charles Bextermiller
- 4th +Nick Ulett
- 8th +Ed Stenger
- 11th +Lillian Brune
- 15th +Tim Ebbesmeyer
- 18th +Joe Lenzenhuber
- 22nd +Tom Lenzenhuber
- 25th +Charmaine Post



#### Virtus Training

There will be an in-person Virtus Training at Immaculate Conception School on Thursday, February 5th. For more information, please see the article on this page.

### World Day for Consecrated Life



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Monday, February 2, 2026, and in parishes over the weekend of February 1, 2026. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Thank you, Fr. Ernest, for everything you do for us! We are so blessed God sent you to us!

### Quilt Winner

The winner of the KOC-LA quilt raffle, which was held at the KOC Sausage Dinner on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, was Jeanie Longstreet. It was the last quilt pieced by Rhoda Cobb, finished by Alice Cobb and quilted by the IC Quilters. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who bought tickets for this beautiful quilt donated by Alice Cobb and family.

### Card Shower!

Peggy Readey will be celebrating her 97th birthday on February 4th! If you would like to send her a card to help her celebrate this momentous occasion, there is a box in the church vestibule for cards along with some blank ones. If you prefer to mail it her address is: 120 N. Hospital Drive, Room C1, Fulton, MO 65251. Thank you!

## Immaculate Conception School News

Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal | Mrs. Anna Harrell, Administrative Assistant | 573.564.2679 - School Office | [immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org](mailto:immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org)

### Calendar

- Feb. 5- Prayer Partner Mass
- Virtus Training after Mass
- Feb. 6- Diocesan 7th Grade Academic Bowl
- Feb. 2-13-Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb. 8- Catholic Schools Week Mass 10am
- Feb. 14- Mardi Gras Celebration @ KC Hall

### Donuts & Book Fair

After Mass on Sunday, February 8, all parishioners are invited over to school for donuts to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be open for all to shop. Please join us!



### Mardi Gras

ICS Mardi Gras Celebration will be on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at the KC Hall. Please plan to attend to make this fundraiser successful for our school and parish. If anyone would like to help in any way please contact the school office at 573-564-2769. We would appreciate any help you can offer! Please check out the flyer for more information.

**Immaculate Conception School**

**Mardi Gras**

**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

Knights of Columbus Hall - 318 N. Sturgeon, Montgomery City, MO

6:00 Doors Open  
6:30-7:30 Social Hour with Dinner  
Jambalaya, Wings, Dips, Dessert  
7:30 Live Auction  
8-11:00 Trixie Delight Band

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### HELP Needed for Mardi Gras

Thank you to those who have already donated toward Mardi Gras. We have gotten a few items for the **Live Auction**, but we need more! If you have anything to put on the Live Auction, please contact Gina Smith, Dana Schroeder, or Anna Harrell. We are still collecting items for the **Trash or Treasure** grab bags. If you have any small new or gently used items to donate, please drop them off at the school (preferably Tues-Fri. 7:30am-3:30pm). If you haven't purchased **tickets** yet, please do so! We would like to have a good count so we prepare enough food. Due to the 50+ Anniversary Luncheon on Friday, February 13, we need **ALL HANDS ON DECK Friday evening** to decorate and prepare food for Saturday. If you are available, please let us know! We are looking forward to having a wonderful night on Saturday, February 14!

### Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon

The Montgomery City Knights of Columbus Council 2044 is sponsoring a Holy Hour in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of the Icons tour. The holy hour, flowing from the jubilee for the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical letter.



During the holy hour, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Patoni and now venerated in the church of Gesu in Rome, will be displayed. This reproduction of the original image bears the blessing of Pope Francis and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world as part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program.

The icon will arrive February 6th and remain with us until February 12th. Holy hour books will be provided for the service. We have been working with Fr. Ernest to organize the program and will provide exact information when he returns. Anyone not familiar with this devotion would benefit by researching beforehand. The icon will be displayed all the time it is here to allow more time for everyone to spend with it. At this time, the holy hour will be held after adoration on Tuesday, February 10th. We hope everyone takes advantage of this event.

Thank you!