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February 8, 2026 - Fifth 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 9
Weekday
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY
February 10
St. Scholastica,
Virgin
1 Kgs 8:22-23,
27-30, Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY
February 11
Weekday
1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY
February 12
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY
February 13
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:29-32;
12:19. Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY
February 14
Sts. Cyril, Monk,
and Methodius,
Bishop
1 Kgs 12:26-32;
13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY
February 15
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37

That Our Wounds Might Be Quickly Healed

ANN M. GARRIDO

Some years ago, I took a crash course in chaplaincy. Chaplains are often called on to accompany people through life's gloomier seasons—be it in a hospital, in a nursing home, in prison, or following a disaster. As you might imagine, our training involved sessions on how to best alleviate the isolation and despair many people experience in these places and situations. Pray with people? Invite them outside into nature? Make sure physical discomfort is mitigated? All of these are good practices, my chaplain supervisor emphasized, but research indicates that the quickest way to lift the heaviness many feel is to get them involved in alleviating the suffering of others.

I suspect neither Isaiah nor Jesus would have been surprised by this research. In today's first reading, Isaiah says that if we feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless, if we clothe the naked and care for our family members in need, we will know what it means to have light in the midst of darkness, and our gloom will melt away as if under the noonday sun. Similarly, Jesus describes our good deeds as being like light, meant to be shared generously with others.

In recent years, we have seen an uptick in depression and anxiety, even among the young. We can be tempted to focus more inwardly on our own lives, our own griefs and shortcomings. Self-awareness is certainly a good trait to have! But, perhaps counterintuitively, today's readings remind us that our "wounds shall quickly be healed" more readily when we focus on the needs of others. ●

Reflect

Why does helping another lift our own spirits?



"Your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed."
ISAIAH 58:8

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	February	9th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	February	10th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Those Struggling w/Cancer
Wed	February	11th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Lillian Brune
Thur	February	12th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Jerry Cunningham
Fri	February	13th	10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Buz & Dottie Steffan
Sat	February	14th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill & Dione Auchly
Sun	February	15th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Tim Ebbesmeyer 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-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
February 1st	\$4,032.00	\$8,512.00	\$12,544.00
February 8th			
February 15th			
February 22nd			
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$12,544.00

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
February 1st	\$2,486.10		\$2,486.10
February 8th			
February 15th			
February 22nd			
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$2,486.10

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance - \$95.00
First Offering - \$10.00
Easter Flowers - \$85.00
Mass Intentions - \$40.00

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

Mass Ministries	February 7th & 8th	February 14th & 15th	February 21st & 22nd	February 28th & March 1st
Lector	Dennis Cobb	Jacob Roesner	Larry Brueggemann	Beth Cobb
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Cobb, Don Broz, Dennis Cobb	Gary Hoette, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Don Broz	Dennis Cobb, Gary Hoette, Mary Pottebaum
Ministers of Hospitality	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Don & Lila Broz, Steve & Beth Cobb	Daryl & Nancy Cobb, Bob Dryden	Cothren Family
Servers	Lila Broz, Jacob Roesner	Beth Roesner, Malorie Schulte	Mercer Cothren, Jacob Roesner	Lila Broz, Malorie Schulte
Money Counters	Daryl Rhoads & John/Aggie Baldetti	Don/Sandy Oakes & Judy Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	John/Aggie Baldetti & Daryl Rhoads
Lector	ICS Students	Janet Stumbaugh	Elizabeth Schierhoff	Mark Brower
Children's Liturgy	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley	Geri Park
Eucharistic Ministers	Gayle Adams, Tony Wessel, Steve Williams	Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton, Eileen Lotton	Tudie Simpson, Jenidean Readey, Jack Wells	Gayle Adams, Megan Hans, Steve Williams
Ministers of Hospitality	ICS Students	Jacob Hans Family	Dana Schneider/Brady Craven, Steve Williams & Julie Worsham	Dave & Janet Cobb, Pat & Charlie Korman
Servers	ICS Students	Leia & Luke Johnson	Kendra & Keagan Rakers	Josie & Wade Harrell
Money Counters	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	Rick/Gayle Adams & Dave Teeter	Mark Brower & Steve Williams
Hospitality/Usher	Ellis Family	Farrar Family	John & Nancy Cobb	Youth
Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark
Lector	Matt Politsch	Laurie Gilbert	Londa Swoboda	Gracie Cobb
Servers	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Barb Turpin	Nancy Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Sara Johnson	Nancy Cobb, Vickie Duenke, Barb Turpin	John Cobb, Sr., Terri Lenzenhuber, Sara Johnson
Money Counters	Gracie Cobb & Jan Milzark	John Cobb, Jr. & Brad Ellis	Derrick Cobb & Karen Stenger	Gracie Cobb & Jan Milzark

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 the readings at the beginning of Mass equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The Mass is celebrated in two major parts: the **Liturgy of the Word** and the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament. In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (Stay With Us Lord), Pope St. John Paul II described these complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, the Pope likened the two parts of the revised liturgy to these disciples' journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then, they recognize Christ as they break bread.

The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow. Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Pope St. John Paul II admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite. ●

From The Eucharist: 50 Questions from the Pews by Fr. Richard Fragomeni, PhD (816994), © 2009 Liguori Publications



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice, and peace will return once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world but cultivating it and protecting it.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 7, 2025



Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

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.

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FOR YOUNG WOMEN

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Mark Your Calendars!
Friday, February 13, 2026



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Upcoming Events and Announcements		
Monday February 9th	IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice
Tuesday February 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
Wednesday February 11th	IC SP	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome After Mass - Breakfast at The Warehouse - all are invited
Thursday February 12th	IC IC	10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance Meeting 12:00 PM - KOC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting @ KC Hall
Friday February 13th	IC IC	10:00 AM - Morning Mass (This is a time change from the February calendar) After Mass - 50+ Years of Marriage Luncheon
Saturday February 14th	IC	6:00 PM - 11:00 PM - ICS Mardi Gras @ KC Hall
Sunday February 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.

Don't Miss Our February Women's Ministry Newsletter



Walking Together Newsletter

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For updates on all things Women's Ministry, read our January edition of the Women's Ministry Walking Together Newsletter. This newsletter includes the announcement of our Spring Pilgrimage speaker, Lenten study resources, and information on our newly forming committees for supporting women who have gone through divorce or need healing post-abortion, plus more! Here is the Link <https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-newsletter-february-2026/>

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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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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, 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!

Brad & Lynn Arens - 41 years of marriage on February 9th
Dale & Diane Queathem - 39 yrs. Of marriage on February 14th

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



Immaculate Conception School News

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

Calendar

Feb. 14- Mardi Gras Celebration @ KC Hall
Feb. 18- Ash Wednesday Mass @ 12pm at ICC
Feb. 20- Stations of the Cross @ 2:45pm
Feb. 27- Stations of the Cross @ 2:45pm

Virtue of the Month: Prudence

Prudence is one of the four Cardinal Virtues and is often called the "charioteer of the virtues" because it guides all the others. In Catholic teaching, prudence is the virtue that helps us discern the true good in every situation and choose the right means to achieve it. It is not fear or hesitation, but wise judgment rooted in truth, prayer, and moral clarity.

A prudent person reflects before acting, seeks God's will, learns from experience, and chooses what leads to holiness rather than what is merely convenient or popular. Prudence allows us to act with wisdom, responsibility, and love, helping us avoid sin and grow closer to God.

Saints Who Exemplify Prudence:

St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote extensively about prudence, describing it as right reason applied to action. His careful study, deep prayer life, and thoughtful teaching show how prudence unites intellect, faith, and moral decision-making.

St. Joseph

St. Joseph's quiet obedience and thoughtful actions demonstrate prudence in daily life. He protected Mary and Jesus, responded wisely to God's messages, and acted decisively without seeking attention or praise.

St. Teresa of Ávila

St. Teresa balanced deep mystical prayer with practical leadership. Her prudence helped her reform religious life while remaining obedient to the Church, even during times of misunderstanding and opposition.

St. Pope John Paul II

St. John Paul II showed prudence in guiding the Church through complex moral, political, and cultural challenges. His thoughtful teachings, courageous decisions, and respect for human dignity reflect wise and prayerful judgment.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

8:30 AM - St. Patrick in Jonesburg
12:00 Noon -for ICS Students at Immaculate Conception in Montgomery City - All are welcome
5:30 PM - Immaculate Conception in Montgomery City

Lenten Small Prayer Groups at IC

Our small prayer groups will be meeting during Lent, and would love to invite everyone one to join us! We will be using the book we received at Christmas, "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy". There are extra copies in the church vestibule if you need one. Below is the group meeting information.

Tony Wessel - Tuesdays 2:00 PM at Tony's house
Vicki Oden - 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM at Vicki's house
Kathy Holtz/Orlana Gardner - Wednesdays at 10:00 AM
Beth Roesner - Wednesdays 6:00 PM in the school basement
Dianne Talley - 1st & 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM at Dianne's house.

Catholic Faith Explained Second Showing

The second showing of Episode 6, The Paschal Mystery, will still be the third weekend of February (February 21st & 22nd) — same time, same place! Below is a synopsis of the showing. We hope you can join us!

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.

Thank You!

We want to thank everyone who filled out a card for Peggy Readey's birthday. It was wonderful to see her smiling so much opening each and everyone one of them! She was also saying, "I didn't know this many people would think about me" and thanks everyone for the cards! We really appreciate it so much! Peggy has been a little under the weather and the cards really picked her up. We have a GREAT Parish!

Peggy's Family

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



Lenten Small Group Study

Lenten Small Group Study will begin on Ash Wednesday after the 8:30 AM Mass and a Tuesday evening group starting the 24th at 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

We are using the book we received at Christmas called Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy. Please plan to attend.

Ministries for 8:30 AM Mass on Ash Wednesday

Hospitality: John Cobb, Jr. Family
Altar Clean-up: Jan Milzark
Lector: Sara Johnson
Servers: Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Terri Lenzenhuber
Money Counters: Bridget Cobb & Laurie Dothage

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.



God's Blessing!

We were blessed this week with a check for \$11,200.00 from an anonymous diocesan donor to be used for our school! We want to thank Bishop O'Donnell and Jake Seifert, Senior Diocesan Director of Development and Missions for facilitating this generous gift!

Immaculate Conception School
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
\$40/person
Saturday, February 14, 2026
Knights of Columbus Hall - 318 N. Sturgeon, Montgomery City, MO
50/50 Raffle
Trash or Treasure Bags
Booze Wagon Raffle
★ TRIXIE ★ DELIGHT
Legendary Cover Band
Must be 21 or Older to Attend ~ BYOB

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!