



**Pat Stumbaugh**  
Broker Associate  
573-220-9441

**Stumbaugh Realty, LLC**  
161 Blue Jay Rd., Montgomery City, MO 63361

**Travis Stumbaugh**  
Salesperson  
573-220-6304



**573-564-3020**

573.489.2778

**MILNER**  
AGENCY  
REAL ESTATE

**Julie Worsham**  
Real Estate Agent  
Keeping Real Estate Simple!



www.MilnerAgency.com  
worshamj@sbcglobal.net  
Office: 573.564.3433 Fax: 573.564.3030

www.listingbook.com  
1040 C South Sturgeon  
Montgomery City, Missouri 63361

**BUELL ACRES INC.**  
Custom Dirt & Terrace

**573.220.2606**  
marvin@buellacres.com

780 White Road  
Montgomery City, MO 63361



Montgomery City, MO 573-574-3099  
Good Food! Good People! Good Times!

**HFL CONSULTING LLC**

**Gary D. Hoette** President  
**Michael R. Brown** Marketing Representative  
Home Remodel/Repair Farm Pond Repair

P. O. Box 243 Montgomery City, Mo. 63361  
gary@HFLconsulting.com 573-220-2675

**MY Office plus** Professional - Solutions - Complete

573.564.8117  
888.878.8589 Fax  
jeff@myofficeplus.net  
www.myofficeplus.net

**U-HAUL** AUTHORIZED DEALER  
Jeff Arens, Owner  
PO Box 156  
517 N. Sturgeon  
Montgomery City, MO 63361

♦ Custom Design Work ♦ UPS® Shipping ♦ Full Color Wide Format Printing ♦ Business Cards ♦  
♦ Faxing ♦ Outdoor Banners ♦ Yard Signs ♦ No Print Job Too Small or Large ♦  
♦ Internet Solutions - Domains, Email, Website & Shopping Cart Hosting & More ♦



Are you interested in strengthening your bonds as a family, deepening your faith in the Catholic Church, and working with like-minded men to help support your church and community?  
If so, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus



Reasons to Join?  
Lead with Faith...Protect Your Family...  
Serve Others... Defend Your Values...

[www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

Charity ♦ Unity ♦ Fraternity ♦ Patriotism

**QUEATHEN INSURANCE, LLC**

Serving the area for over 20 years

Crop & Hail  
Home Farm Auto Life Business Health

Competitive Rates Discounts Available

573.564.3896  
131 N. Walker | Montgomery City | MO | 63361



2 Mitchell Road, Montgomery City  
(573) 564-2245

\*Inspections \*Diagnostic scan  
\*Complete auto service & repair  
Raymond & Chris Welker, Owners

**HERMANN FORD**

**Randy Hinkel**  
Sales Consultant

614 Market St. • PO Box 196  
Hermann, MO 65041

Phone: 573-486-3113  
Cell: 573-220-0731



rhinkel@hotmail.com  
www.hermannford.com

164th YEAR OF SERVICE

**Immaculate Conception**  
307 N. Walker St. | Montgomery City | Missouri | 63361

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

156th YEAR OF SERVICE

**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, Barb Turpin (636-368-2157) -Vice-President, Katherine Stroot (573-629-8362) -Secretary, Michael Van Beek (641-275-5184) & Jocelyn Schluss (573-953-0324)

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

**November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent**

**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**  
December 1  
Advent Weekday  
Is 4:2-6  
Mt 8:5-11

**TUESDAY**  
December 2  
Advent Weekday  
Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

**WEDNESDAY**  
December 3  
St. Francis Xavier,  
Priest  
Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

**THURSDAY**  
December 4  
Advent Weekday  
Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**FRIDAY**  
December 5  
Advent Weekday  
Is 29:17-24  
Mt 9:27-31

**SATURDAY**  
December 6  
Advent Weekday  
Is 30:19-21,  
23-26  
Mt 9:35-10:1,  
5a, 6-8

**SUNDAY**  
December 7  
Second Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 11:1-10  
Rom 15:4-9  
Mt 3:1-12

**Waiting, but Quick!**  
MIGUEL DULICK

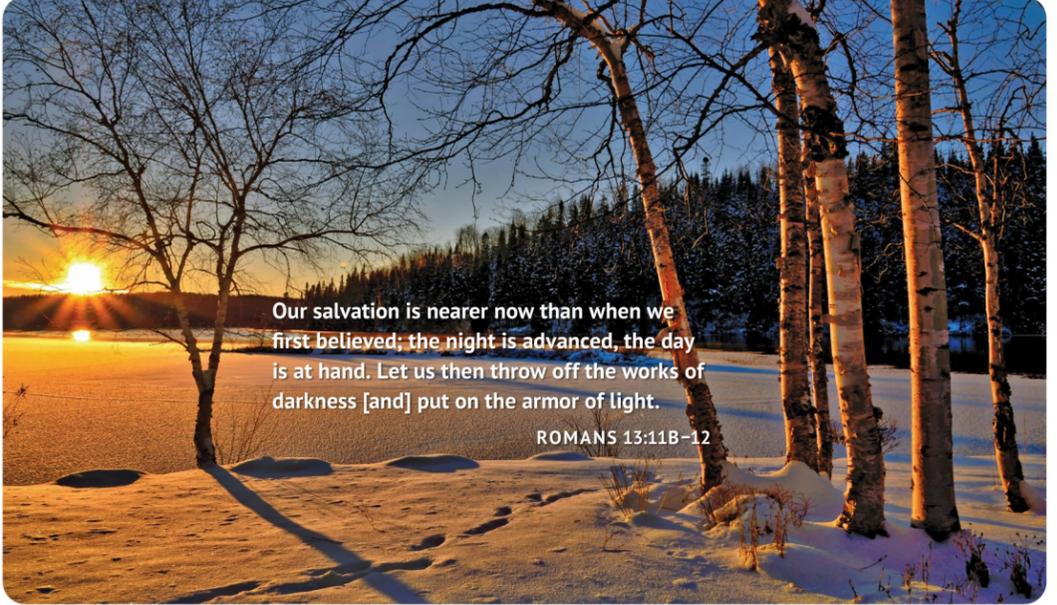
**This is the first Sunday of Advent**, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." The psalmist announces we are already there: "And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem." Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of "revelation" yet to come "on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: "Be watchful! Be alert!" The Lord "is coming," but he's not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not "sleep," lest we miss him!

How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the "Merry Christmas!" / "Happy Holidays!" debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there's no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let's keep waiting; let's hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let's not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately "anticipate" Christmas. Let's cheer each other: Merry Advent! ♦

**Reflect**  
*What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?*



SCAN TO LEARN ABOUT AUTHOR MIGUEL DULICK



Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:11B-12

© 2025 LIGUORI PUBLICATIONS • LIGUORI, MO 63057-9999 • IMAGE: SIMONA PILOLLA 2 / SHUTTERSTOCK

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

Mon	December 1st	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	November 2nd	5:30 PM Mass - Mont. City - Clint Cunningham (for healing)
Wed	November 3rd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Ed Stenger
Thur	November 4th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Greg Wells
Fri	November 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill & Dione Auchly
Sat	November 6th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill Dryden
Sun	November 7th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Jeff Turpin 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-Oct 25	\$238,911.18	\$245,906.08	-\$6,994.90
October 2025	\$63,971.30	\$59,411.69	\$4,559.61
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
November 2nd	\$7,176.05	\$3,155.00	\$10,331.05
November 9th	\$3,527.32	\$7,117.00	\$10,664.32
November 16th	\$2,935.00	\$7,967.00	\$10,902.00
November 23rd	\$4,668.00	\$4,341.00	\$9,009.00
November 30th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$10,226.59

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



St. Patrick Parish			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 25-Oct 25	\$25,716.54	\$32,011.79	-\$6,295.25
October 2025	\$6,610.01	\$12,828.80	-\$6,218.79
	Church		Total
November 2nd	\$1,602.00		\$1,602.00
November 9th	\$817.00		\$817.00
November 16th	\$1,138.55		\$1,138.55
November 23rd	\$860.00		\$860.00
November 30th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,104.39



**Dear Padre,**

**Is Advent a penitential season?**

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are “every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” (*Code of Canon Law*, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 39.) While Advent is more anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.” Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord’s coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior’s Incarnation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

<p><b>Additional Financial Information</b></p> <p>Capital Improvements - \$45.00      Christmas Flowers - \$80.00          Seminary &amp; Infirm Priests - \$10.00      Mass Intentions - \$40.00          Holy Days - \$55.00</p>	<p><b>Who is an Active Parishioner?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦Registered in the parish.</li> <li>♦Regularly participates in Mass and the Sacraments.</li> <li>♦Supports the parish financially.</li> <li>♦Annually completes a stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form and fulfills that commitment.</li> </ul>
--	--

Mass Ministries	November 29th & 30th	December 6th & 7th	December 13th & 14th	December 20th & 21st	
<b>IC SAT 5PM</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Beth Cobb	Dennis Benney	Beth Roesner	Gary Hoette
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Gary Hoette, Mary Pottebaum & Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Dennis Cobb, Tom Cobb & Don Broz	Gary Hoette, Beth Cobb & Mary Pottebaum	Dennis Cobb, Tom Cobb & Don Broz
	<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Cothren Family Bob Dryden	Steve & Beth Cobb Bill & Liz Huston	Kasey Pottebaum Family Tom Cobb	Steve & Beth Cobb Don Lila Borz
	<b>Servers</b>	Lila Broz Jacob Roesner	Mercer Cothren Malorie Schulte	Jacob Roesner Lila Broz	Beth Roesner Malorie Schulte
	<b>Money Counters</b>	Judy Cobb & John/Aggie Baldetti	Don/Sandy Oakes & Dennis Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Daryl Rhoads & Dennis Cobb
<b>IC SUN 10AM</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Richard Schierhoff	Janet Stumbaugh	Eilizabeth Schierhoff	Mark Brower
	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Geri Park	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Dennis Cobb, Tудie Simpson & Jenidean Readey	Jacob Lotton, Tony Wessel & Steve Williams	Eileen Lotton, Tудie Simpson & Jenidean Readey	Jack Wells, Megan Hans & Pam Stumbaugh
	<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Dana Schneider, Brady Craven & Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Jacob Hans Family	Julie Worsham, Jerry Neale & Dave & Janet Cobb	Charlie & Pat Korman Ron & Dianne Talley
	<b>Servers</b>	Alena & Natalie Beabout	Elizabeth Schierhoff & Kendra Rakers	Keagen Rakers & Axton Johnson	Josie & Wade Harrell
<b>Money Counters</b>	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Megan Hans & Elaine Winford	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	
<b>SP SUN 8AM</b>	<b>Hospitality/Usher</b>	John & Nancy Cobb	Youth	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber
	<b>Altar Clean Up Only</b>	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark
	<b>Lector</b>	Matt Politsch	Gracie Cobb	Bridget Cobb	Donna Cobb
	<b>Servers</b>	Emma Cobb & Anna Johnson	Luke Farrar & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Anna Johnson
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Bridget Cobb, Nancy Cobb & Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, Nancy Cobb & John Cobb, Sr.	Nancy Cobb, John Cobb, Sr. & Vicki Duenke	John Cobb, Sr., Vicki Duenke & Terri Lenzenhuber
<b>Money Counters</b>	Gracie Cobb & Brad Ellis	Laurie Dothage & Karen Stenger	Bridget Cobb & Jan Milzark	Derrick Cobb & Nancy Cobb	

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

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

**For the prevention of suicide**

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.*

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025



**Nativity At The Capitol**

**Celebrating  
the real "reason for the season"**

**December 2, 2025**  
**11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

(In case of inclement weather, alternate date is December 14th)

**Nativity Scenes and Music in the Capitol Rotunda  
and on the South Lawn**

**For more information contact 573-619-6322**

Sponsored by Team P.L.A.Y. (faith based MO residents to end abortion through Prayer, Legislation, Action, and You the public) and 40 Days For Life Columbia

**Immaculate Conception Church  
Ride Share Ministry**



As our parish family continues to grow in faith and fellowship, we want to ensure that every parishioner - especially our elderly and those unable to drive - can join us in worship and parish life, no matter the weather or the distance. The Ride Share Ministry is a simple way to live out our call to serve one another.

At Immaculate Conception Church, we believe no one should ever have to miss Mass or feel disconnected from our parish family because of transportation challenges.

We're inviting volunteers who are willing to give the gift of a ride to help fellow parishioners attend Mass, parish events, or other church activities. Your willingness to share a seat in your car could be the reason someone is able to stay connected to their faith community and feel God's love through your kindness.

If you have a reliable vehicle, a friendly spirit, and a little extra time, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Together, we can make sure no one in our parish family is left behind.

If you'd like a ride to church, parish events, or other activities, please fill out the information on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. One of our volunteer drivers will contact you to arrange a safe, friendly ride. This is a free ministry offered with love and respect — your church family is happy to help you stay connected to the faith and community we share.

Upcoming Events and Announcements		
<b>Monday December 1st</b>	IC IC SP	5:30 PM - Choir Practice 6:30 PM - Society of St. Vincent DePaul 2:00 - 6:00 PM - Blood Drive in Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday December 2nd</b>	IC IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - OCIA Class 6:45 PM - Catholic Education Meeting
<b>Wednesday December 3rd</b>	IC 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 @ School 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 PM - School Board Meeting After 8:30 AM Mass - Breakfast at The Warehouse
<b>Thursday December 4th</b>	IC IC SP	8:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass 6:00 PM - Parish Council Party 11:30 AM - Ladies Luncheon @ Barn & Grill in Hawk Point
<b>Friday December 5th</b>		
<b>Saturday December 6th</b>	IC	4:20 PM at Church - Catholic Faith Explained, Episode #4
<b>Sunday December 7th</b>	IC SP SP	9:20 AM at Church - Catholic Faith Explained, Episode #4 After Mass at Church - Catholic Faith Explained, Episode #3 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:**

**Residents of Aspire Nursing Home (formerly St. Andrews)**  
515 Picnic Street, New Florence, MO 63363  
Susie Ryan, 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



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

Richard (Dick) Arens, Al & Christine Barger, Mike Benzen, Mike Busken, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerdick, Parker Calbreath, Robert Carillo, Becky Cothren, Clint Cunningham, Marla Daniels, Mike Dorlac, Lori Dorsey, Ebbesmeyer Family, Nick Erbe, Orlana (Lanie) Gardner, John Goodwin, Sheryl Gibbs, Richard Grelle, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Antoinette Hoing, Howard Hollensteiner, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Pat Merz, Sarah Matthews, Kathleen Mohrmann, Nancy Nylund, Lyndsey O'Bryan, Alice O'Donnell, Margaret O'Donnell, Paula Peatross, Avery Penn, Peggy Readey, Rae Jean Rhoads, Susie Ryan, Nick Schneider, Tommy Shine, Trenton Schroeder, Eric Smith, Evelyn Strauss, Katherine Stroot, Londa Swoboda, Ed Torbeck, Sue Umphenour, Sandy Waddell, Tony Wessel, Sr., Jim Wortmann, Don Zerr



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

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




**Christmas Craft  
and Gift Show**

Wide variety of crafts and gifts  
12/12 6-8pm 12/13 9am-2pm  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
contact 573-590-3158

YOU ARE INVITED TO

*Susie Ryan's*  
*73rd birthday party*

& CELEBRATING 30 YEARS AT NEW FLORENCE NURSING HOME

Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> | at 2:00 PM  
New Florence Nursing Home

Join us for cake and refreshments  
Please, no gifts

If you are unable to attend, Susie would still love to hear from you.  
Cards can be sent to:

Susie Ryan  
515 Picnic Street  
New Florence, MO 63363

If you have any questions, please call  
Rose at 636-359-6673

**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!

Tom & Kay Benney - 45 years of marriage on Dec.6th  
James & Christine Futhey - 29 years of marriage on Dec.7th

**Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in December!**

- 3rd - Mike Claussen
- 8th - Karen Stenger
- 9th - Alice O'Donnell
- 10th - Pauline Horstdaniel
- 12th - Terri Lenzenhuber
- 20th - John Woods
- 21st - Clint Orr
- 29th - Christina Poggas
- 29th - Alan Schluss
- 30th - McKenzie Woods



**2025 Christmas Penance Service & Liturgy**

Monday, December 8th - Feast of Immaculate Conception - (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 AM - Mass @ St. Patrick  
10:00 AM - Mass @ Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 11th @ Immaculate Conception  
6:00 PM - Penance Service

Wednesday, December 24th @ Immaculate Conception  
5:00 PM - Christmas Carols  
5:30 PM - Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24th @ St. Patrick  
9:30 PM - Christmas Carols  
10:00 PM - Night Mass

Thursday, December 25th @ Immaculate Conception  
9:30 AM - Christmas Carols  
10:00 AM - Mass

During the Christmas liturgy, incense (thurible) will be used at the 5:30 PM Mass, the 10:00 PM Mass, and the 10:00 AM Mass on Christmas Day.

The blessing of the Christmas Crib is at the beginning of the evening Mass and night Masses at both parishes.



**KofC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting/Christmas Party**

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on December 11th at the KOC Hall at noon. We will have a quick regular meeting and then our Christmas party will take place afterwards. If you would like to come and check out the Ladies Auxiliary, we would love you to come and be a part of our monthly meeting on December 11, 2025. Everyone is bringing goodies. If you would like to be a guest, no need for you to worry about the food. Also, all ladies are asked to buy a \$10.00 useful gift to be used in a game. We did this last year and it was a hit.

**PRAYER PARTNER MASS**

Thursday, December. 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. followed by a meal and social at ICS provided by ICS Home and School.

**St. Patrick's News  
December Mass Intentions**

- 3rd +Ed Stenger
- 7th +Jeff Turpin
- 10th +David Monahan
- 14th +Rich Milzark
- 17th +June Crafton
- 21st +Michael A. Mohrmann
- 24th - Parish Family
- 28th +Shirley Rose



**Blood Drive**

St Patrick will host a Blood Drive on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please support the gift of life by donating December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Parish Christmas Party**

The St Patrick Parish Christmas Party will be held Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following Mass. Please bring a breakfast/brunch item to share. The ovens will be available to cook your dish while we are at Mass. Please plan to stay even if you cannot bring a dish. All are welcome. We will have a very special guest visit during our party. You don't want to miss the fun!

**Advent Small Group**

Our Advent Small Group Study will begin next week on the following days; Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Parish House and Wednesday after 8:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Books are available for pick up. See Vicki Duenke, Terri Lenzenhuber or Nancy Cobb if you are interested in attending.

**Communion Prayer**

Starting with the First Sunday of Advent, to introduce us to a time of reflection after communion, we will be reciting this prayer.

(3 x's) **"O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine".**

**All Souls**

During the month of November, we remember those who have passed away this past year:

**Margaret Van Beek, Shirley Rose, Charlene Jahner, Dottie Steffan, Pat Klein, & Billie Brown.**



**Immaculate Conception School News**

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

**Calendar:**

- Nov. 26-28- Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 4- Prayer Partner Mass and Lunch
- Dec. 9- Picture Retakes
- Dec. 12- Advent Reconciliation (grades 3-7)
- Dec. 18- Advent Program

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving! NO School Nov. 26-28. Enjoy your break!

Dec. 4 is Prayer Partner Mass and Luncheon. Prayer Partner Mass will be at 10am with lunch to follow at the school.

Picture retakes will be on December 9. If your child needs their picture retaken please dress them in their regular uniform.

Our Advent/Christmas program is scheduled for Thursday, December 18 at Immaculate Conception Church at 6pm. There will be a matinee program at 2pm for those who would like to beat the crowd. Miss Dottie has asked that all students wear nice Christmas outfits, no jeans.

**Virtue of the Month: Courtesy**

*Courtesy: is the quality of being polite, respectful, and considerate toward others. It involves showing kindness, good manners, and thoughtfulness in words and actions. True courtesy is not just about manners, but about recognizing the dignity of every person.*

**Catholic Saint Who Portrays Courtesy: Saint Francis de Sales**

*Saint Francis de Sales is a wonderful example of courtesy in Christian life.*

**Why He Embodies Courtesy:**

- He was known for his **gentle manner, patience, and respectful approach** even toward those who disagreed with him.
- As a bishop and spiritual guide, he treated everyone with **dignity and kindness**, regardless of their status or beliefs.
- His writings, especially *"Introduction to the Devout Life"*, teach that holiness can be achieved through **gentleness, humility, and polite speech**.
- He famously said: *"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength."*

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

The Social Concerns Commission will have the Christmas Giving Tree up starting November 8. Youth in Need (YIN) will take delivery of the gifts anytime until Dec 5th. YIN is located next to Dominos Pizza and they are open from 7:30am to 3:30 pm Tuesday thru Friday. The Montgomery County Christmas Club recommends each gift be in the range of \$30-\$35. Keep in mind that each child that we are helping has 3 ornaments on the tree, so you only need to buy one item per gift tag in the \$30 range. If you would rather give a cash donation instead of shopping, please send Beth Roesner or Debbie Heidelberger the money by no later than Nov 30. You can return the gift wrapped with the ornament attached or unwrapped with the ornament. The Social Concerns Commission and the Montgomery County Christmas Club thank all of you that participate in this program.



**Congratulations & Welcome!**

We want to welcome the newest members to our parish family, Dexter & Laurence Park, who were baptized last Sunday. They are the children of Gregg and Geri Park and grandsons of Jack Wells of our parish family. Congratulations to the Park family on this momentous occasion!



**IC School Athletics**

Seventh \*7th) and 8<sup>th</sup> grade ICS students are eligible to participate with the public school 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade sports throughout the school year. Winter sports season has started. Aden Fortmann, 7<sup>th</sup> grader, is on the middle school basketball team. All "Home" basketball games are at 6:00 PM at the R-II Middle School. You are welcome to attend the games to support ICS students!

THANK YOU for supporting the ICS Middle School athletes!

**Grief Support for the Holidays**

The holiday season can be especially difficult when you are coping with loss. A compassionate Grief Support Gathering will be held Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 PM at the Library Community Room in Montgomery City, led by Janet and Pat Stumbaugh. All are welcome to come find comfort, hope, and connection during this tender time.

**Advent Wreaths & Candles Available**

The SSVDP Gift Shop has Advent wreaths and candles available for sale. We also have Christmas ornaments for sale!

