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St. Patrick Parish

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636.488.5623 Parish Office | Office Hours T—Th 9am-1pm
Debbie Enger, Secretary | stpats@centurytel.net | www.stpatricksjonesburg.org
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(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

July 19, 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exit in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith

St. Patrick Parish Mission

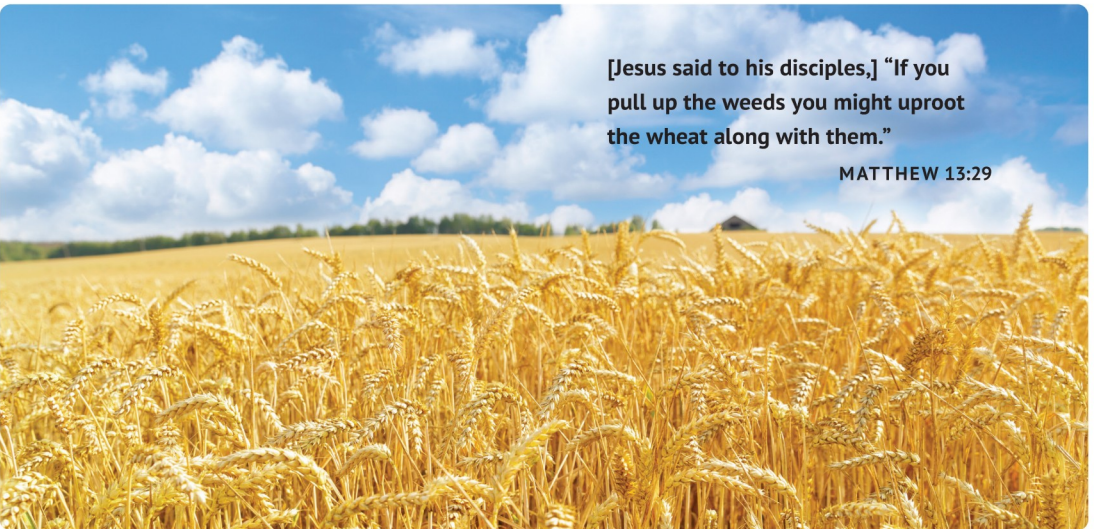
As a church community here at St. Patrick, we want to know, love and serve Jesus in our efforts in: Christian formation/faith development; worship; social services; and stewardship of resources.



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

Welcome everyone to
Eucharistic Adoration

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



[Jesus said to his disciples,] "If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them."
MATTHEW 13:29

Weeds in Wheat

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. "He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: 'I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]'" (Matthew 13:34-35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn't force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: "Whoever has ears ought to hear" (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it's his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn't God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it's difficult to tell the difference. Those who are "wheat" should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be "weeds." The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God's own time. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Are you tempted to give up on someone? Or yourself?

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	July	20th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	July	21st	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Wed	July	22nd	5:00 PM - Seedbearers Mass - Montgomery City NO Mass - Jonesburg
Thur	July	23rd	4:00 PM - Seedbearers Mass - Montgomery City
Fri	July	24th	5:00 PM Mass - Seedbearers Mass - Montgomery City
Sat	July	25th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
Sun	July	26th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Roy Duenke 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Mark Schneider

A reminder: If there is a funeral at any of the two parishes or a school cancellation due to weather, there will be **no** scheduled Mass.

Immaculate Conception Parish & School

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 25-June 26	\$710,700.52	\$738,454.83	-\$27,754.31
June 2026	\$59,208.43	\$53,634.29	\$5,574.14
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
July 5th	\$5,401.00	\$3,224.00	\$8,625.00
July 12th	\$3,600.00	\$6,181.00	\$9,781.00
July 19th			
July 26th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$9,203.00

Your Gifts to God! Thank You!



St. Patrick Parish

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 25-April 26	\$65,895.20		
April, 2026	\$4,630.65		
Capital Campaign	\$16,260.00		
	Church		Total
July 5th	\$1,601.55		\$1,601.55
July 12th	\$1,380.55		\$1,380.55
July 19th			
July 26th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,491.05

Additional Financial Information	Who is an Active Parishioner?
Capital Improvements - \$10.00 Bulletin Ads - \$300.00 State Knights of Columbus Grants - \$2,000.00	♦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.

IC SAT 5PM	Mass Ministries	July 18th & 19th	July 25th & 26th	August 1st & 2nd	August 8th & 9th
	Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Dennis Benney	Gary Hoette	Beth Roesner
	Eucharistic Ministers	Gary Hoette, Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb	Don Broz, Dennis Cobb, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Gary Hoette, Beth Cobb, Mary Pottebaum	Tom Cobb, Don Broz, Dennis Cobb
	Ministers of Hospitality	Bill & Liz Huston, Tom Cobb, Bob Dryden	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Don & Lila Broz, Steve & Beth Cobb	Bob Dryden, Tom Cobb, Daryl & Nancy Cobb
	Servers	Lila Broz, Malorie Schulte	Mercer Cothren, Jacob Roesner	Beth Roesner, Malorie Schulte	Lila Broz, Jacob Roesner
	Money Counters	Dennis Cobb & Daryl Rhoads	Judy Cobb & John/Aggie Baldetti	Dennis Cobb & Don/Sandy Oakes	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger
IC SUN 10AM	Lector	Mark Brower	Allie Johnson	Pat Stumbaugh	Michael Readey
	Children's Liturgy	Anna Harrell	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell
	Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton, Eileen Lotton	Tudie Simpson, Jack Wells, Jenidean Readey	Megan Hans, Gayle Adams, Pat Stumbaugh	Tony Wessel, Dennis Cobb, Steve Williams
	Ministers of Hospitality	Jeff & Amanda Arens, Steve Williams & Julie Worsham	Pat & Janet Stumbaugh, Ron & Dianne Talley	Dave & Janet Cobb, Charlie & Pat Korman	Jerry Neale, Tony Wessel, Dana Schneider, Brady Craven
	Servers	Ella Hans & Keagen Rakers	Josie & Wade Harrell	Axton Johnson & Ella Hans	Emilia Hans & Maverick Johnson
	Money Counters	Elaine Winford & Megan Hans	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	Dave Teeter & Rick/Gayle Adams	Vicki Parker & Mark Brower
SP SUN 8AM	Hospitality/Usher	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Nancy & John Cobb	Youth	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber
	Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage
	Lector	Sara Johnson	Londa Swoboda	Gracie Cobb	Bridget Cobb
	Servers	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson
	Eucharistic Minister	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Terri Lenzenhuber	Nancy Cobb, Vickie Duenke, Barb Turpin	John Cobb, Sr., Sara Johnson, Terri Lenzenhuber	Bridget Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Barb Turpin
	Money Counters	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Dothage	Derrick Cobb & Karen Stenger	Gracie Cobb & Jan Milzark	Bridget Cobb & 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,

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Thursday	Saturday
July 20 <i>Weekday</i> Mi 6:1–4, 6–8 Mt 12:38–42	July 23 <i>Weekday</i> Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13 Mt 13:10–17	July 25 <i>St. James, Apostle</i> 2 Cor 4:7–15 Mt 20:20–28
Tuesday	Friday	Sunday
July 21 <i>Weekday</i> Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 Mt 12:46–50	July 24 <i>Weekday</i> Jer 3:14–17 Mt 13:18–23	July 26 <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12 Rom 8:28–30 Mt 13:44–52 or 13:44–46
Wednesday		
July 22 <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i> Sg 3:1–4b or 2 Cor 5:14–17 Jn 20:1–2, 11–18		

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

While unity attracts, division scatters....

Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

EXTRAORDINARY CONSISTORY, ROME, JANUARY 7, 2026

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Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. ~Ephesians 5:25 <i>Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!</i>  Jeffery & Latricia Ferguson - 20 years of marriage on July 22nd Green = St. Patrick Blue = Immaculate Conception	Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in July at St. Patrick! 1st - Vicki Duenke 1st - Rich Grelle 2nd - Tom Waddell 10th - Jerry Bextermiller 15th - Theresa Bergfeld 15th - Ardith Walters 30th - Lloyd Sachs 
Mission Collection Helps Fr. Ernest’s Diocese in Nigeria This weekend’s second collection is for the Missions. Part of this money will go to help the mission project in Fr. Ernest’s diocese back in Nigeria. Envelopes are in the Catholic Missourian, or use a plain envelope and marked “Missions” with your name or number on it. Thank you for your generosity!	St. Patrick’s News July Mass Intentions 1st +Mrs. Midden 5th +Tim Ebbesmeyer 8th +Ralph Wahby 12th +Clem Hagenhoff 15th +Shirly Rose 19th +Herb Mertz Family 22nd +Joe Lenzenhuber 26th +Roy Duenke 29th +Tom Lenzenhuber  Financial Information May 31st thru June 28th May 31st.....\$1,134.55 June 7th.....\$2,380.10 June 14th.....\$605.00 June 21st.....\$1,054.55 June 28th.....\$541.55 Capital Campaign May 31st thru July 5th - \$1,100.00
Thank You! We want to thank you for the beautiful rose we received for our anniversary. Feeling blessed for our parish family. Charlie & Judy Nelson	
Please remember, there will be coffee and donuts on the patio this Sunday, July 19th after 10:00 AM Mass. Hope to see you there!	
IC Harvest Picnic Updates - Make sure to mark your calendars for September 20, 2026! The event is posted on Facebook, so please share with family and friends! Also, feel free to post flyers around the community. - If you have a lap or baby quilt to donate for the 2nd place for our Quilt Raffle, please contact Gina at 573-289-8635. - Do you have a green thumb? If you are trying to grow a large pumpkin for The Great Pumpkin Drop, please talk to Julie at 573-489-2778. - We have started sending out letters for Picnic Sponsors. If you know an individual or business that would like to be a sponsor, please let Diane Talley or Judy Cobb know. - We are also looking for vendors for the Vendor Fair and Cup Sponsors. Contact Megan Hans at 573-253-9476.  At the Harvest Picnic, besides having delicious food, there will also be fun games and activities for kids, a bake sale, a country store, raffles, and Live, Silent, and Paddle Auctions. We will need many hands to work at the picnic. Please be thinking about what kinds of items you will donate as well as where your talents will best serve the parish for this event. Packets will be handed out in August with more information and quilt raffle tickets. We need everyone's help to make this 10th Annual Harvest Picnic a success!	Prayer Partners Have Fun! HAVE SOME FUN ... BE A PRAYER PARTNER! Now is the time to volunteer to be a Prayer Partner with an ICS Student. The Prayer Partners join their assigned student for 8 a.m. Mass on the First Thursday of each month - unless Mass has been rescheduled due to a conflict in Father’s schedule or there is no school. Following Mass, the students and their Prayer Partner visit for 15 minutes. Usually in December and May the students and Prayer Partners enjoy a meal after Mass at ICS. It’s a GREAT way to enrich a student’s life (and yours)! Contact Ruth Ann O’Keefe (573-823-2676) to volunteer or with questions. 
	Come Pray With the Seedbearers!  The Seedbearers will be in the area again year July 20th thru July 24th. It is a program that brings teens and adults from the Archdiocese of St. Louis to work on homes in our community. Everyone is welcome to join them at their Masses. There is a slight change in the schedule. Please note the following: Wednesday, July 22nd - 5:00 PM Thursday, July 23rd - Mass at 4:00 PM Friday, July 24th - Mass at 5:00 PM.

Immaculate Conception School News Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal Mrs. Anna Harrell, Administrative Assistant 573.564.2679 - School Office immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org
ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS! *TEACH Christ’s core values to children; love, generosity, responsibility, self-discipline. SELF DISCIPLINE - Students are expected to accept responsibility for their actions, to respect others and to make good decisions in the context of the faith experience. Christ as a model - The goal of a Catholic education is to help children mature into Christ-like people. WHY: Catholic school education has been transformative, shaping not only academic abilities but also character, values, and faith. The emphasis on compassion, service, and a relationship with God has influenced the way one lives and interacts with others. STRENGTHS OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Faith and values based learning environment A holistic education - academics, spiritual, social, emotional, and physical development Welcoming, inclusive and family - oriented environment. High standards of behavior and respect for self and others Safe and caring environment Sense of belonging and community GOSPEL VALUES *Humility: seeing life as a gift *Compassion: having empathy *Kindness: gentleness *Justice: working for a fairer world *Forgiveness: reconciling with self and others *Integrity: do what you say *Peace: committed to peace making and non-violence *Courage: standing up for the truth SCHOOL PARENT FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS 1. Registration: The registration fee is per student, per school year. If your child is removed and re-enrolled, a registration fee will be charged again. Early: on or before May 31st - \$125 Regular: June 1st - July 31st - \$150 Late: on or after August 1st - \$175 2. Church Offering/Catholics Cost: Catholics – Immaculate Conception School is a non-tuition school, because under the direction of the diocese, Bishop O’Donnell believes the education of the parish children is a mission of that parish. Therefore the children of the parish may attend the school because their parents are supporting the mission of the church by educating them (the child) in the ways of the faith. There is no tuition as long as the parents are ACTIVE PARISH-IONERS. An active parishioner is a person who registered in the parish, regularly participates in Mass and the Sacraments, participates in the community life of the parish, and TITHES faithfully and justly to the church. We hope that you WILL tithe justly and faithfully as we educate the children of our parish while supporting the mission of the parish. 3. Non-Parishioner Cost: Non-Catholics - \$4,100 for one child, \$5,450 for two children, and \$6,100 for three or more children. 4. Technology Fee: \$50.00 per child with a max of \$150 per family for the school year. 5. Milk: Milk for the school year will be charged at \$30 per child per semester or \$60 per child for the entire school year. Any extra milk will be \$0.35 per milk. All students are required to purchase milk unless a written doctor’s note states otherwise. 6. Copy of Records: Current Vaccination and copy of Birth Certificate for all new students, copy of Baptism and First Communion certificates for all new students or those recently baptized or communed. Copy of Divorce papers with custody statement for divorced parents. 7. Extended Care Fees: \$12 for the first child, \$10 for each additional child– 6:30-7:15 AM and 3:35-5:30 PM, fees include before and /or after school (or any part thereof). Example: 2 children = \$22 – 3 or more children = \$32. • \$17 per child on early out days, \$15 for each additional child: Example: 2 children = \$32, 3 children = \$47 • \$34.50 per child for a full day. • All Students: If your child is in our care after 5:30 PM, you will be charged \$1 for every minute after 5:30PM.