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Immaculate Conception

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573.564.2375 Parish Office | Office Hours M-Th 9am-3pm
Janet Cobb, Bookkeeper/Secretary | imm-con@sbcglobal.net | www.mcicparish.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, 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

July 12, 2026 - Fifteenth 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.

On Tuesdays at **Immaculate Conception** starting at 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM . At 5:00 PM Adoration will close with Devotion to the Divine Mercy and Benediction. Mass will start at 5:30 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration is 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.

Leaving Room for the Unexpected

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Father is the reckless Sower. He sows not only in the good soil, where a harvest might be anticipated, but also in the difficult soil, where nothing seems to take root. He sows with abandon, seemingly wasting good seed, for no other reason than to experience the joy of creation and the endless possibilities of expecting to be surprised.

There is nothing wrong with well-laid-out plans and careful, methodical use of the resources available. However, planning should not exclude the possibility of the creative manifestation of the power of God in an unanticipated manner. Our planning should not restrict and constrict but rather enable and encourage. We have all experienced the unexpected flower that somehow lives surrounded by pavement. Or the hardy tree that clings to the side of the mountain. They should not be there. It should not be possible. Nothing can grow there. Yet, there they are, doing the impossible and proclaiming the improbable.

Thankfully, we serve a God who sees more than we are ever able to see. Who imagines for us more than we have ever dreamed possible. Who not only sows but also tends and waters, enabling stupendous growth, until it is time for the abundant harvest. ●

Reflect

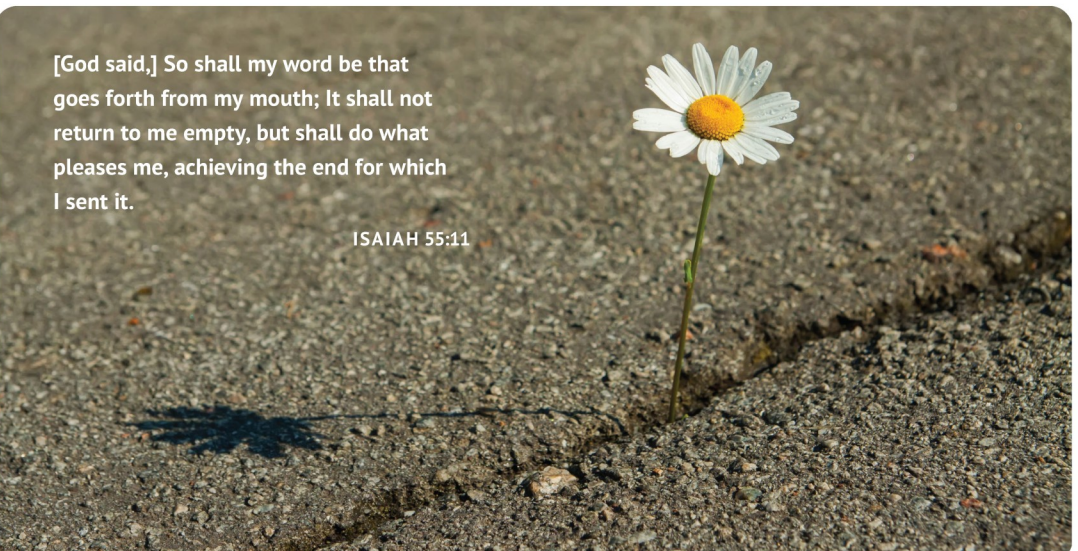
Have you ever been surprised by grace? Could you have missed it?



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

[God said,] So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

ISAIAH 55:11



Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	July	13th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	July	14th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill & Dione Auchly
Wed	July	15th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Shirley Rose
Thur	July	16th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Sue Kyle
Fri	July	17th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Jerry Cunningham
Sat	July	18th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Wayne & Evelyn Pool
Sun	July	19th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Herb Mertz Family
			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.

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			
July 19th			
July 26th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$8,625.00

Your Gifts to God! Thank You!



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.

St. Patrick Parish			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 25-April 26	\$65,895.20		
April, 2026	\$4,630.65		
Capital Campaign	\$16,220.00		
	Church		Total
July 5th	\$1,601.55		\$1,601.55
July 12th			
July 19th			
July 26th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,601.55

Additional Financial Information		Who is an Active Parishioner?			
Capital Improvements - \$185.00		♦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 11th & 12th	July 18th & 19th	July 25th & 26th	August 1st & 2nd
	Lector	Dennis Cobb	Larry Brueggemann	Dennis Benney	Gary Hoette
	Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O’Keefe	Gary Hoette, Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb	Don Broz, Dennis Cobb, Ruth Ann O’Keefe	Gary Hoette, Beth Cobb, Mary Pottebaum
	Ministers of Hospitality	Ty Cothren Family	Bill & Liz Huston, Tom Cobb, Bob Dryden	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Don & Lila Broz Steve & Beth Cobb
	Servers	Beth Roesner Jacob Roesner	Lila Broz Malorie Schulte	Mercer Cothren Jacob Roesner	Beth Roesner Malorie Schulte
IC SUN 10AM	Money Counters	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Dennis Cobb & Daryl Rhoads	Judy Cobb & John/Aggie Baldetti	Dennis Cobb & Don/Sandy Oakes
	Lector	Elizabeth Schierhoff	Mark Brower	Allie Johnson	Pat Stumbaugh
	Children’s Liturgy	Anna Harrell	Anna Harrell	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers
	Eucharistic Ministers	Gayle Adams, Tony Wessel, Steve Williams	Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton, Eileen Lotton	Tudie Simpson, Jack Wells, Jenidean Readey	Megan Hans, Gayle Adams, Pat Stumbaugh
	Ministers of Hospitality	Jerry Neale, Tony Wessel, Brady Craven & Dana Schneider	Jeff & Amanda Arens, Steve Williams & Julie Worsham	Pat & Janet Stumbaugh Ron & Dianne Talley	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman
SP SUN 8AM	Servers	Leia Johnson & Luke Johnson	Ella Hans & Keagen Rakers	Josie & Wade Harrell	Axton Johnson & Ella Hans
	Money Counters	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Elaine Winford & Megan Hans	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	Dave Teeter & Rick/Gayle Adams
	Hospitality/Usher	Farrar Family	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Nancy & John Cobb	Youth
	Altar Clean Up Only	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark
	Lector	Laurie Gilbert	Sara Johnson	Londa Swoboda	Gracie Cobb
	Servers	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson
	Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Terri Lenzenhuber	Nancy Cobb, Vickie Duenke, Barb Turpin	John Cobb, Sr., Sara Johnson, Terri Lenzenhuber
	Money Counters	John Cobb, Jr. & Brad Ellis	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Dothage	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,

I look at what’s going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn’t a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what’s happening in our world today. Judges’ twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity’s need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, “Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God.” It’s easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, “Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin.” Don’t lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God’s kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18–20.) ●



GUSTAVO FRAZAO / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, 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.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Mission is not so much about “departing,” but instead “remaining” in order to proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity. We are to remain...so as to look upon those who arrive from lands that are distant and violent; to remain and open our arms and hearts to them, welcoming them as brothers and sisters, and being for them a presence of consolation and hope.



HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 5, 2025

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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!



Donald & Sandra Oakes - 53 years of marriage on July 14th

Green = St. Patrick Blue = Immaculate Conception

Mission Collection Helps Fr. Ernest’s Diocese in Nigeria

Next 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!

ICC July Tithing Envelopes

Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly envelopes for July in order to catch up production for its 3,000-plus customers. Please use a previous month's envelope you still have available and write the correct date on it. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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Quilt Top made by Sherry Kilday & hand-quilted by the IC Quilters!

Drawing: Jan 24th, 2027

At the KofC Sausage Dinner

\$1 per Chance or 6 for \$5

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Make checks payable to KofC Ladies Auxiliary

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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



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

My Heart Is Full!

What a wonderful celebration! No words can express my gratitude to the Knights of Columbus who nominated me for the Blessed Michael McGivney Award. It was a great honor to receive it. Thank you to everyone who came on Sunday for this celebration and to meet my bishop from back home, Most Reverend Augustine Ukwuoma, Bishop of Orlu, Nigeria. Thank you to those who helped prepare for his visit last week. He enjoyed his visit and was able to get some rest. It also gave me an opportunity to have personal time with him, getting to know him better. What an experience! It is one I will be eternally grateful for and will never forget! God bless you all!

Fr. Ernest



“Have Camper Will Travel”

Would you have space at your house or on your property where a prospective teacher for ICS could rent this next school year for his camper? If you do or would like more information, please contact our school principal, Dana Schroeder at (573) 564-2679.

Immaculate Conception School News

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

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Sense of belonging and community

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*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

- 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
- 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.
- Non-Parishioner Cost: Non-Catholics** - \$4,100 for one child, \$5,450 for two children, and \$6,100 for three or more children.
- Technology Fee:** \$50.00 per child with a max of \$150 per family for the school year.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.