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Fr. Ernest Dike, Parochial Administrator, edike@diojeffcity.org Bulletin Deadline 9:00 AM on Wednesdays

January 25, 2026 - Third 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.

MONDAY

January 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8
or Ti 1:1-5
Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY

January 27
Weekday
2 Sm 6:12b-15,
17-19
Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY

January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY

January 29
Weekday
2 Sm 7:18-19,
24-29
Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

January 30
Weekday
2 Sm 11:1-4a,
5-10a, 13-17
Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY

January 31
St. John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 12:1-7a,
10-17
Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY

February 1
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12a

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.

Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17).

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●



"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:2



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Mon	January	26th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	January	27th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Wed	January	28th	NO Mass - Jonesburg
Thur	January	29th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Fri	January	30th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Sat	January	31st	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Pat Klein
Sun	February	1st	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Charles Bextermiller 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-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			
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$10,762.15

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Gifts
to
God!**

**Thank
You!**



Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance - \$430.00
First Offering (helps defray cost of titling envelopes) - \$15.00
Easter Flowers - \$20.00

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 (thru 1/21)	\$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			
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,356.22

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	January 24th & 25th	January 31st & February 1st	February 7th & 8th	February 14th & 15th
IC SAT 5PM				
Lector	Beth Roesner	Gary Hoette	Dennis Cobb	Jacob Roesner
Eucharistic Ministers	Don Broz, Dennis Cobb, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Mary Pottebaum, Beth Cobb, Gary Hoette	Tom Cobb, Don Broz, Dennis Cobb	Gary Hoette, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Don & Lila Broz Tom Cobb & Bob Dryden	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Don & Lila Broz Steve & Beth Cobb
Servers	Lila Broz Malorie Schulte	Beth Roesner Mercer Cothren	Lila Broz Jacob Roesner	Beth Roesner Malorie Schulte
Money Counters	Don/Sandy Oakes & Judy Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Daryl Rhoads & John/Aggie Baldetti	Don/Sandy Oakes & Judy Cobb
IC SUN 10AM				
Lector	Michael Smith	Jerry Witthaus	ICS Students	Janet Stumbaugh
Children's Liturgy	Dianne Talley	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Lotton, Tidue Simpson, Jenidean Readey	Jack Wells, Megan Hans, Pat Stumbaugh	Gayle Adams, Tony Wessel, Steve Williams	Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton, Eileen Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Dana Schneider/Brady Craven Tony Wessel, Steve Williams	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman	ICS Students	Jacob Hans Family
Servers	Ella & Emilia Hans	Keagan Rakers & Maverick Johnson	ICS Students	Leia & Luke Johnson
Money Counters	Rick/Gayle Adams & Dave Teeter	Megan Hans & Elaine Winford	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack
SP SUN 8AM				
Hospitality/Usher	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Youth	Ellis Family	Farrar Family
Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage
Lector	Sara Johnson	Gracie Cobb	Matt Politsch	Laurie Gilbert
Servers	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Bridget Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Barb Turpin	Nancy Cobb, Terri Lenzenhuber, Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Barb Turpin	Nancy Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Sara Johnson
Money Counters	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Dothage	Derrick Cobb & Karen Stenger	Gracie Cobb & Jan Milzark	John Cobb, Jr. & Brad Ellis

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

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.

Dear Padre,

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●



CARLOS DANIEL / CATHOPIC

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for January

For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025



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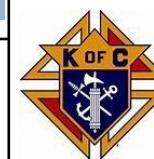
Friday, January 30, 2026
2 pm - 9pm • Dinner provided
Saturday, January 31, 2026
9 am - 9pm • Lunch & Dinner provided
Sunday, February 1, 2026
9 am - 2pm • Brunch provided

Bring your sewing, scrapbooking, needle
art, or whatever you want to work on!Sign up and pay by January 15
to reserve your spot!

Venmo: @IChomeandschool

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318 N. Sturgeon St.
Montgomery City, MissouriFor More Information:
Lanie Gardner 573.823.5756 or
HomeAndSchool@icschool-mc.org

The KC ladies Auxiliary are selling raffle tickets on this beautiful quilt. It was the last quilt pieced by Rhoda Cobb, finished by Alice Cobb and quilted by the IC Quilters. HURRY TO GET YOUR CHANCES!! Time is running out to get this special quilt. The winner will be drawn at the sausage Dinner on January 26th. Contact **Kim Dryden at 573-220-2191** to get your raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



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Starting Friday Jan. 23rd. at KC Hall

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Monday January 26th	IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice
Tuesday January 27th	IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration NO Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - OCIA Class
Wednesday January 28th	IC	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome
Thursday January 29th		
Friday January 30th		
Saturday January 31st		
Sunday February 1st	SP	After Mass - Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall - all are welcome!



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

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

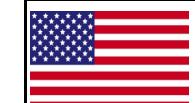
Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann
1800 Wein St , Hermann, MO 65041
Tony & Laverne Wessel, Sr.

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STRUGGLING, SICK AND INFIRMED:

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



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.

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!

Thomas & Margo Nichols - 57 years of marriage on Jan. 27th
Keith & Windy Schmidt - 8 years of marriage on January 28th
Ken & Laura Hocke - 31 years of marriage on January 28th



Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in January!

3rd - Sam Cobb
4th - Marion Bullerdick
5th - Beth Bextermiller
6th - Millie Myrick
6th - Everleigh Poggas
12th - Chelsea Barclay
16th - Matthew Poltsch
18th - Linda Stewart
24th - Goldie Reynolds
24th - Barb Turpin
26th - Shelby Barclay
29th - Rich Rose



Our Prayers and Condolences

We offer our prayers and condolences to Joe and Sue Fox of our parish family. Their daughter, Sheryl Gibbs who has been on our prayer list for two years, recently "passed". Sue would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support these last two years.

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!

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 31 and Sunday, February 1

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.

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 will be a box in the church vestibule for cards along with some blank ones. Thank you!

Thank you, Fr. Berhorst!

We want to thank Fr. Brad Berhorst for celebrating Mass for us while Fr. Ernest was gone these past four weekends. We enjoyed your time with us and hope to see you again!

Please remember Fr. Ernest in your prayers as he travels back to us next week!

St. Patrick's News

January Mass Intentions

4th - +Frank Cobb Family
11th - +Tim Ebbesmeyer
18th - +Rich Milzark
25th - +Herb Mertz Family



Cardmaking Event Postponed

Due to the impending weather, the cardmaking event after Mass this Sunday has been cancelled. It will be reschedule at a later date. Thank you!

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!

Tax Statements For Both Parishes



It's that time of the year! If you WANT a tithing statement for your taxes, please call or email your parish office.

(573) 564-2375 - Immaculate Conception
(636) 488-5623 - St. Patrick

Email: imm-con@sbcglobal.net - Immaculate Conception
stpats@centurytel.net - St. Patrick

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.

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. 5- Prayer Partner 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

Jan. 25 - Jan. 31 - Catholic Schools Week

The school students and staff will be celebrating CSW Tuesday-Friday. IC Home & School has a committee that will plan the activities. We generally follow the guidelines of NCEA about celebrating the parish, students, families, staff, and community.

Jan. 30 - Feb 1 - Winter Craft Weekend

IC Home & School provides meals for the participants of the craft weekend at the Knights Hall organized by Lanie Gardner. She donates the proceeds to IC Home & School.

Feb. 4 - Home & School Association Meeting, 6pm

Feb. 5 - Prayer Partner Mass

Feb. 8 - Catholic Schools Week Mass

On Sunday, February 8, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) with the 10am Mass. All school students will have a part in Mass. Mrs. Kemmis and Mrs. Smith will plan the Mass. This is not during CSW due to Father being gone.

Feb. 13 - Valentine's Day Party

Each class will celebrate with a party in their room from 1:30-3:30pm. They will have snacks, games, and crafts.

Feb. 14 - Mardi Gras Celebration

ICS is hosting the Mardi Gras Celebration fundraiser with food, live music (Trixie Delight), and an auction.



Tuesday - Staff and Volunteers
Dress: Our staff is over the top! Tacos for lunch and lunch/recess duty covered

Wednesday - Vocations
Dress: Work from home (P.J.s and stuffies) Board Games & Scrabble

Thursday - COMMUNITY
Dress: Back the Blue-wear all blue Visit and donuts with local police and conservation

Friday - STUDENTS
Dress: Spirit Wear Lunch provided & Watch "David"

SUNDAY FEB 8 - Parish
Dress: Sunday Best
Donut Sunday & Book Fair in School Cafeteria
All Parishioners Invited

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 Room, 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!



Items Needed for Mardi Gras

We had many great items and experiences at the **Live Auction** last year and we are looking for items and experiences for this year's event! If you have anything to put on the Live Auction, please contact Gina Smith, Dana Schroeder, or Anna Harrell. We will also be doing **Trash or Treasure** grab bags again this year. If you have any small new or gently used items to donate, please drop them off at the school. We are looking forward to having a wonderful night on Saturday, February 14th with the same great band as last year, **Trixie Delight**. Please make plans to attend! Tickets are \$40/person and it includes dinner of jambalaya, wings, dips, and desserts.