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

**April 25, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**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**  
April 27  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:11-18

**TUESDAY**  
April 28  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30

**WEDNESDAY**  
April 29  
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

**THURSDAY**  
April 30  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20

**FRIDAY**  
May 1  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

**SATURDAY**  
May 2  
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

**SUNDAY**  
May 3  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 6:1-7  
1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

**Open Door**

MIGUEL DULICK

It is "Good Shepherd Sunday," and the gospel quotes Jesus: "I am the gate for the sheep." It seems the oddest of Jesus' "I am" identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep's pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—"strangers" who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as "thieves and robbers."

Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow him because we recognize "his voice." In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like "a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy." Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

**Reflect**

How can we recognize voices that speak the truth? How do we recognize Jesus' voice?



You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. 1 PETER 2:25

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

Mon	April	27th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	April	28th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Sue Kyle
Wed	April	29th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Frank Cobb Family
Thur	April	30th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Susie Ryan
Fri	May	1st	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Bill & Dione Auchly
Sat	May	2nd	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Diane Happe
Sun	May	3rd	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Tom Lenzenhuber 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-Feb 26	\$492,106.11	\$517,053.54	-\$24,947.43
February 2026 (Includes Mardi Gras)	\$94,005.77	\$88,607.57	\$5,398.20
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
March 22nd	\$2,651.00	\$3,727.00	\$6,378.00
March 29th	\$3,470.00	\$5,784.00	\$9,254.00
April 5th	\$5,553.80	\$4,856.00	\$10,409.80
April 12th	\$3,414.00	\$5,224.00	\$8,638.00
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$8,669.95

**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	\$8,895.00		
	Church		Total
April 5th	\$1,918.55		\$1,918.55
April 12th	\$1,437.55		\$1,437.55
April 19th	\$1,099.55		\$1,099.55
April 26th	\$		\$
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,485.22

**Additional Financial Information (March 22nd-April 12th)**

Capital Improvements/Maintenance - \$476.00  
 Easter Flowers- \$25.00  
 Votive Candle Stand - 92.25  
 Priest & Religious Retirement - \$1,133.00

**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 and fulfills that commitment.

	Mass Ministries	April 25th & 26th	May 2nd & 3rd	May 9th & 10th	May 16th & 17th
IC SAT 5PM	<b>Lector</b>	Dennis Benney	Beth Roesner	Gary Hoette	Jacob Roesner
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Gary Hoette, Beth Cobb, Mary Pottebaum	Dennis Cobb, Tom Cobb, Don Broz	Mary Pottebaum, Gary Hoette, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Don Broz, Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb
	<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Steve & Beth Cobb Don & Lila Broz	Bob Dryden, Tom Cobb, Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Kasey Pottebaum Family
	<b>Servers</b>	Lila Broz Malorie Schulte	Malorie Schulte Jacob Roesner	Lila Broz Beth Roesner	Lila Broz Beth Roesner
	<b>Money Counters</b>	Daryl Rhoads & Dennis Cobb	John/ Aggie Baldetti & Judy Cobb	Dennis Cobb & Don/Sandy Oakes	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberg
IC SUN 10AM	<b>Lector</b>	Elizabeth Schierhoff	Mark Brower	Allie Johnson	Pat Stumbaugh
	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Dianne Talley	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Megan Hans, Gayle Adams, Steve Williams	Jacob Lotton, Eileen Lotton, Tony Wessel	Jack Wells, Tудie Simpson, Jenidean Ready	Gayle Adams, Megan Hans, Pat Stumbaugh
	<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Jacob Hans Family	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Ron & Dianne Talley Charlie & Pat Korman	Jerry Neale, Tony Wessel Dana Schneider/Brady Craven
	<b>Servers</b>	Emilia Hans & Maverick Johnson	Liea & Luke Johnson	Kendra & Keagen Rakers	Josie & Wade Harrell
SP SUN 8AM	<b>Money Counters</b>	Dave Teeter & Gayle Adams	Vicki Parker & Mark Brower	Steve Williams & Elaine Winford	Cathy McCormack & Pam Schwartz
	<b>Hospitality/Usher</b>	Farrar Family	Youth	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber
	<b>Altar Clean Up Only</b>	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	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>	Nancy Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Terri Lenzenhuber	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Terri Lenzenhuber	Nancy Cobb, Barb Turpin, Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., 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!

**Dear Padre,**

**Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.**

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●



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

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

‘For priests in crisis’

Pope Leo XIV invites Catholics to pray for priests who are facing a personal crisis in their vocation.




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**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*Our faith is authentic when it embraces our whole life, when it becomes a criterion for our decisions, when it makes us women and men committed to doing what is right and who take risks out of love, even as Jesus did.... Jesus is the true measure of our faith; he is the gate through which we must pass in order to be saved.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 24, 2025



**MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE**

*Save the Date*

**April 30, 2026**  
**Missouri State Capitol**  
**Jefferson City, MO**

**Featured Speakers:**

**Reagan Barklage**  
 National Field Director  
 Students for Life of America


**Mayra Rodriguez**  
 Pro-Life Advocate,  
 Speaker, and Whistleblower  
 against abortion giant  
 Planned Parenthood

To see typical schedule from last year, get more information, and register, visit us at [midwestmarchforlife.com](http://midwestmarchforlife.com)

**We love to honor young people as they promote the sanctity of life!**

Tell us what your school or homeschool group has been doing and apply to be the ProLife School of Year!

School bands welcome to register to perform in March



Save the date for the Midwest March for life on April 30, 2026, at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City. Join advocates from across the region for prayer, witness, and Holy Mass with Bishop James V. Johnston, along with featured speakers and a special display on the Eucharistic miracles. Learn more at [midwestmarchforlife.com](http://midwestmarchforlife.com).



**Blood Drive**  
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 Presiding

*Feast Day Mass*

**May 25, 2026 1:00 p.m.**  
 Patriotic Rosary Procession starts at 11:45  
**May Crowning & Unveiling of 100+ Names**  
 on the Mothers' Wall of Life

Welcome to the first weekend of outdoor Masses, summer 2026

Lunch R.S.V.P. & More details at: [mothersshrine.com](http://mothersshrine.com)




**THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY**  
 MOTHER OF THE CHURCH  
 176 Marian Dr. Laurie, MO 65037

All are welcome to the Mothers' Shrine on May 25th for the feast day celebration. Join Bishop Ralph O'Donnell, the Knights of Columbus, our expansive shrine community and many groups from our diocese in celebrating the Feast of Mary Mother of the Church. Celebration includes the Crowning of Mary, Holy Mass, the Unveiling of the newest mothers' names on the Mothers' Wall of Life and a KofC fundraiser lunch. Lunch R.S.V.P. and more information at: [mothersshrine.com](http://mothersshrine.com)

**FISHERS of Men**

**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 26, 2026**  
 1 PM - 5 PM


**ELDON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
 1400 N GRAND AVE, ELDON, MO 65026

Join us for Fishers of Men, an afternoon of fishing with local priests! This catch-and-release event is open to teens and young adults (5<sup>th</sup> grade+) from across the Diocese!

Bring your own fishing gear and a chair, and we'll provide the food. Parents are welcome! Come relax, connect, and cast a line with us! For questions call or email Erin Koerner 573-645-3396 | [sacredheartsec@outlook.com](mailto:sacredheartsec@outlook.com)

Join us on **Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 1-5 PM** at **Eldon Middle School** for *Fishers of Men*, a fun afternoon of fishing with local priests! This **catch-and-release event** is open to teens and young adults (5<sup>th</sup> grade and up) from across the Diocese. Bring your fishing gear and a chair—we'll provide the food! Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the afternoon as well.

Upcoming Events and Announcements		
Monday April 27th	IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice
Tuesday April 28th	IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 5:00 PM Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - OCIA Class - The Faith of the Church - I Believe in Jesus Christ
Wednesday April 29th	IC	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome
Thursday April 30th	IC	2:00 PM & 6:00 PM - Immaculate Conception School Spring Special @ KC Hall - All are invited!
Friday May 1st		
Saturday May 2nd	IC	4:20 PM - A Biblical Walk Thru The Mass, Session 2 @ Church
Sunday May 3rd	IC SP SP	9:20 AM - A Biblical Walk Thru The Mass, Session 2 @ Church After Mass - Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall - all are welcome! After Mass - Catholic Faith Explained - Session #8



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  
 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

**Residents of Oake Pointe**  
 700 Forrest Ave, Warrenton 63383  
 Marion Bullerdick & Fr. Lou Dorn




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

Al & Christine Barger, Vern Brand, Gail Burch, Mike Busken, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerdick, Parker Calbreath, Christopher Carey, Tom Carey, Robert Carillo, Bill Cobb, Clint Cunningham, Fr. Lou Dorn, Lori Dorsey, Ebbesmeyer Family, Nick Erbe, Mont Gilbert, John Goodwin, Richard Grelle, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Antoinette Hoing, Howard Hollensteiner, Greg Houdyshell, Jane Hubbard, Addie Johnson, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Annie Kempf, Darlie Lamb, Pat Merz, Kathleen Mohrmann, Nancy Nylund, Alice O'Donnell, Clayton Parker, Paula Peatross, Avery Penn, Donna Powell, Peggy Readey, Rae Jean Rhoads, Nick Schneider, Maggie Schiefelbein, Nancy Smiley, Eric Smith, Evelyn Strauss, Katherine Stroot, Becky (Bainbridge) Taylor, Sue Umphenour, Sandy Waddell, Tom Waddell, Tony Wessel, Sr., Lisa Wise



**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!*



Tim & Kim Schroeder - 15 years of marriage on April 30th  
Rich & Vivian Grelle - 61 years of marriage on May 1st

Green = St. Patrick Blue = Immaculate Conception

**Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in April at St. Patrick!**

1st - Tyler Finke  
1st - Renee Finke  
3rd - Mac Farrar  
6th - Paula Peatross  
19th - Julie Ellis  
22nd - John Cobb  
26th - Kate Healy



## Immaculate Conception School News

Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal | Mrs. Anna Harrell, Administrative Assistant | 573.564.2679 - School Office | [immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org](mailto:immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org)

### Calendar

Apr. 30- ICS Spring Special @ KC Hall  
May 1- K-2 Ag Safety Day @ MCHS  
May 6- 3-7 Altar Server Appreciation @ Busch Stadium  
May 7- First Reconciliation @ 9am  
Prayer Partner Mass @ 10am & Luncheon

### Job Opportunities:

Immaculate Conception School in Montgomery City, MO has an opening for an **Elementary Classroom Teacher**. This position is for the 2026-2027 school year with hours Tuesday- Friday (4 Day School Week) with a small class size. A successful candidate is either a practicing Catholic in good standing, or one who will support and uphold the Catholic mission of Immaculate Conception School and the Diocese of Jefferson City. Applicants should hold the appropriate Missouri teaching certification, or its equivalent. All interested persons should complete the application at: <https://diojeffcity.org/about-us/employment/page/2/>, scroll to the bottom of the page, click on Employment opportunities in our Catholic schools, and also contact the Principal, Dana Schroeder, at [dschroeder@icschool-mc.org](mailto:dschroeder@icschool-mc.org).

Immaculate Conception School in Montgomery City, MO has an opening for a **Music Teacher/Support Staff**. This position is for the 2026-2027 school year and is less than 10 hours per week. Class size is small. A successful candidate is either a practicing Catholic in good standing, or one who will support and uphold the Catholic mission of Immaculate Conception School and the Diocese of Jefferson City. Applicants should hold the appropriate Missouri teaching certification, or its equivalent. All interested persons should complete the application at: <https://diojeffcity.org/about-us/employment/page/2/>, scroll to the bottom of the page, click on Employment opportunities in our Catholic schools, and also contact the Principal, Dana Schroeder, at [dschroeder@icschool-mc.org](mailto:dschroeder@icschool-mc.org).

### A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Twice a month before our weekend Masses, we have been given the opportunity to explore our Catholic Faith as explained in a video presentation. This experience is helping us to understand how the Catholic Church was started, how it has been evolving, that God has an undying love for us, and so much more. There are still many more episodes to help us continue our walk in our faith. However, we are going to take a brief break so we can look at the Mass and understand it's the meaning and why various Rites are performed.

We are going to take a "Biblical Walk Through The Mass". There are five sessions and each one will explain a particular part of the Mass. For example: the First Session introduces us to the Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, etc.

The times will be the same as our Catholic Faith Explained series. Before Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturday/Sunday. St. Patrick's will be the 1st Sunday right after Mass. Come and join in this series.

### St. Patrick's News

#### April Mass Intentions

1st +JoAnne Jamison  
5th +Lynette Hatty  
8th +Comfort Dike  
12th +Tim Ebbesmeyer  
15th +Susan Darlington  
19th +Charmaine Post  
22nd - NO Mass  
26th +Jim Jennings  
29th +Frank Cobb



#### Thank You for your Generosity!

From the six weeks of fish fry's a total of \$387.14 was donated, and about four large containers worth of food was also donated. Thank you to all who contributed and spread the word about our food drive. All of these items and the money donated will find its way into the Blessing Barn.

#### Sandy Waddell

As you may know Sandy Waddell has moved. Her new address is Cedarhurst Senior Living, Memory Care Unit 13, 1290 Wentzville Parkway, Wentzville, MO 63385. She welcomes visits and cards.

#### Capital Campaign Information

As you know, we are in need of a new roof and some remodeling of the interior of our church.

The cost of these needs is as follows: Roof estimated will now be \$129,000.00 but is not final. The remodeling committee estimated the work to be \$80,000. We would like to raise \$210,000.00 through our Capital Campaign. Currently we have \$25,000.00 from our Fish Fry Fundraiser account as well as \$43,000.00 in a local CD and \$20,000.00 in a short-term account with the diocese for a total of \$88,000.00 for the down payment for the roof. Currently, we have received \$8,895.00 toward our campaign.

### School Advisory Board To Meeting

Immaculate Conception School Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM at IC School. The following is the meeting schedule for:

2026: September 2nd, December 2nd  
2027: February 3rd, May 5th

Those members are: Pastor, Fr. Ernest Dike, Principal, Dana Schroeder, President, Diane Witthaus, Vice President, Lila Broz, Secretary, Rachel Rakers, Nancy Cobb, Kristie Ferguson, Kellie Lewis, Cory Johnson.

ARTICLE SIX OF ICS and Early Childhood Learning Center Advisory Board of Education Constitution:

Regular meetings ordinarily will be open to any parishioner or parent/guardian of students of the Immaculate Conception School.

### GRADUATION MASS



Immaculate Conception Parish will be honoring high school graduates as well as post-secondary graduates at **10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 17th**. Graduates are asked to wear their cap and gown at the Mass. This includes high school and any type of graduation or certification after high school. Please call or text Ruth Ann O'Keefe at (573) 823-2676 if you have a student who has graduated during this past year. Our parishioners always look forward to congratulating the young adults of our parish!

### MAY PRAYER PARTNER MASS & LUNCH

Mass will be on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM followed by lunch provided by the Prayer Partners and social at ICS.

### The Great Story: A Journey Through The Bible

Please remember the Bible Study this Sunday evening April 26th in the Immaculate Conception School Basement at 6:00 PM where we will meet as a group. If you have questions, please contact Travis Stumbaugh at 573-220-6304 or [travis.stumbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:travis.stumbaugh@gmail.com).

### Mass Intentions

We are about out of Mass Intentions at ICS. If you would like a Mass said for someone, they are \$10.00. Intentions and donation for Mass can be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Mass Intentions", placed in the lock box in the vestibule or by the church office.



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\*If anyone would like to donate toward the yearbook fund, please contact Mrs. Gina Smith.

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### Immaculate Conception School Yearbooks

We have been providing yearbooks (at a cost) for many years, but it seems that as the cost goes up, we have less families purchasing yearbooks. If you would like to donate to the yearbook fund or buy a yearbook, please use the link below or contact Mrs. Gina Smith at [gsmith@icschool-mc.org](mailto:gsmith@icschool-mc.org) or call ICS at 573-564-2679.

### Knights of Columbus Scholarship



The Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for their yearly scholarship. If you are interested in applying, please contact Steve Williams at (636) 359-8276.

### Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus Council 2044 is thankful for the help of the parish in the success of our Lenten Fish Fries. Specifically the Ladies Auxiliary, Immaculate Conception Home and School, and the Council of the Knights. Thank you for all of the desserts! We averaged 654 meals a week for a total of 3925 meals. We thank God for sending us happy, hungry people and building community spirit.

### 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