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November 23, 2025 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

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
November 24
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY
November 25
Weekday
Dn 2:31-45
Lk 21:5-11

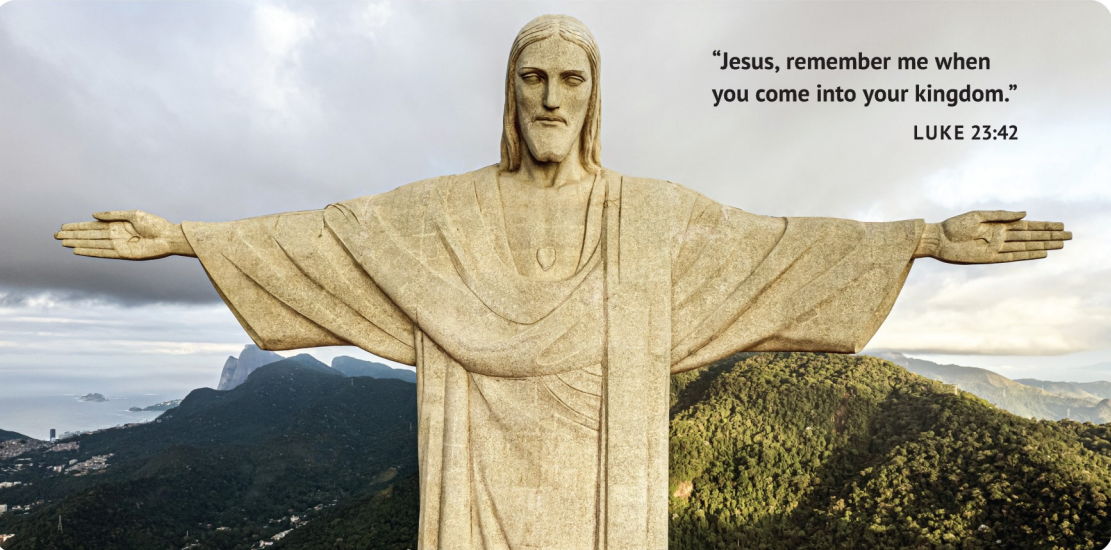
WEDNESDAY
November 26
Weekday
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY
November 27
Thanksgiving Day (US)
Sir 50:22-24
1 Cor 1:3-9
Lk 17:11-19

FRIDAY
November 28
Weekday
Dn 7:2-14
Lk 21:29-33

SATURDAY
November 29
Weekday
Dn 7:15-27
Lk 21:34-36

SUNDAY
November 30
First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44



"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
LUKE 23:42

The Hero King

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some think of a myth as something once presumed to be true but discovered to be false. For example, we say it's a myth that Christopher Columbus discovered America. There is, however, another quite different meaning to "myth," as in a story that helps us understand life and how to negotiate it. Such myths are often centered around heroes who overcome great odds for the sake of the greater good. *Star Wars* and Luke Skywalker is one such myth. *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and Frodo Baggins is another. These are myths capturing the need for courage and commitment to the good at the hero's own expense. We often find ourselves wishing we could be like these heroes.

The biblical story of the Hebrew people can be thought of as such a myth, culminating in the story of Jesus. It differs from those other myths in that this story is not fiction. It is a saga that helps us understand and negotiate life as we live it. It culminates with the sacrificial death of the one we call King of the Universe. This King is a servant-king, one who gives his life for us so that we might live. Despite being urged by religious leaders and soldiers and the thief on the cross to save himself, he resists. Saving himself is not what he is about. Jesus is the King whose true myth we tell whenever we come together. ●

Editor's note: This is Fr. Josph Juknialis' final reflection for *Our Parish Community* bulletins. The new liturgical cycle begins next Sunday, November 30, 2025, and we will welcome three new reflection authors: Miguel Dulick, Ann M. Garrido, and Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR, the president and publisher of Liguori Publications. We thank Fr. Joe for his three years of insightful reflections and wish him well.

Reflect

What does servant-leadership mean to me in my job, my community, my home?

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	November	24th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	November	25th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Fr. Russell Judge
Wed	November	26th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Tom Lenzenhuber
Thur	November	27th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg - Our Parish Family
			10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +James Longstreet, Sr.
Fri	November	28th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Those Struggling w/Cancer
Sat	November	29th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Shirley Nation
Sun	November	30th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Charlie 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-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			
November 30th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$10,632.46

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-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			
November 30th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,185.85

Additional Financial Information	Who is an Active Parishioner?
Capital Improvements - \$35.00 Christmas Flowers - \$15.00 All Saints Day - \$30.00	♦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.

Mass Ministries		November 22nd & 23rd	November 29th & 30th	December 6th & 7th	December 13th & 14th
IC SAT 5PM	Lector	Larry Brueggemann	Beth Cobb	Dennis Benney	Beth Roesner
	Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Cobb, Beth Cobb & Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Gary Hoette, Mary Pottebaum & Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Dennis Cobb, Tom Cobb & Don Broz	Gary Hoette, Beth Cobb & Mary Pottebaum
	Ministers of Hospitality	Don & Lila Broz Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Cothren Family Bob Dryden	Steve & Beth Cobb Bill & Liz Huston	Kasey Pottebaum Family Tom Cobb
	Servers	Beth Roesner Malorie Schulte	Lila Broz Jacob Roesner	Mercer Cothren Malorie Schulte	Jacob Roesner Lila Broz
	Money Counters	Dennis Cobb & Daryl Rhoads	Judy Cobb & John/Aggie Baldetti	Don/Sandy Oakes & Dennis Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberg
IC SUN 10AM	Lector	Jerry Witthaus	Richard Schierhoff	Janet Stumbaugh	Elizabeth Schierhoff
	Children's Liturgy	Dianne Talley	Geri Park	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers
	Eucharistic Ministers	Jack Wells, Megan Hans & Pat Stumbaugh	Dennis Cobb, Tudie Simpson & Jenidean Readey	Jacob Lotton, Tony Wessel & Steve Williams	Eileen Lotton, Tudie Simpson & Jenidean Readey
	Ministers of Hospitality	Jerry Neale, Tony Wessel, Melissa Beabout & Steve Williams	Dana Schneider, Brady Craven & Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Jacob Hans Family	Julie Worsham, Jerry Neale & Dave & Janet Cobb
	Servers	Leia Johnson & Leyla Beabout	Alena & Natalie Beabout	Luke Johnson & Kendra Rakers	Keagen Rakers & Axton Johnson
Money Counters	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Megan Hans & Elaine Winford	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	
SP SUN 8AM	Hospitality/Usher	Farrar Family	John & Nancy Cobb	Youth	John Cobb, Jr. Family
	Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark
	Lector	Sara Johnson	Matt Politsch	Gracie Cobb	Bridget Cobb
	Servers	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Anna Johnson	Luke Farrar & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss
	Eucharistic Minister	Bridget Cobb, Barb Turpin & Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, Nancy Cobb & Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, Nancy Cobb & John Cobb, Sr.	Nancy Cobb, John Cobb, Sr. & Vicki Duenke
	Money Counters	Derrick Cobb & John Cobb, Jr.	Gracie Cobb & Brad Ellis	Laurie Dothage & Karen Stenger	Bridget 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,

Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the *Roman Missal* provides “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions” that are suited to these observances (*Ordo* #5, *GIRM* 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for “Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father” on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn’t just a one-day event; it’s meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don’t take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, “thy daily bread,” and the Eucharist—a word that means “thanksgiving.”

“Become what you pray”—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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

Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

HOMILY, MAY 18, 2025



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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 

<i>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! Walter & Debbie Heidelberger - 46 years of marriage on Nov.24th Steven & Debbie Williams - 50 years of marriage on Nov.29th		<i>Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in November!</i> 1st - Julie Woods 2nd - Carl Johnson 4th - Hallie Orr 7th - Ken Hocke 9th - Gracie Cobb 24th - Michael Mohrmann 28th - Greg Healy 	
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.		St. Patrick’s News November Mass Intentions  2nd +Susan Darlington 9th +Frank Cobb Family 12th +Joe Lenzenhuber 16th +Norma Jean Farrar 19th +Charmaine Post 23rd +Roy Duenke 26th +Tom Lenzenhuber 27th -Parish Family 30th +Charlie Bextermiller Sandi Waddle, who has had a stroke, has been added to the Prayer List in the Bulletin. Please remember her in your prayers. It is with great sadness that Tim Ebbesmeyer passed away Monday Nov 17th. Please keep Peggy Ebbesmeyer, John and Cindy Orr, and the entire Ebbesmeyer Family in your prayers. A Mass was held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. In Lieu of Flowers, memorial donations are suggested to be given to the Warren County Fair Livestock Committee in support of the 4H and FFA exhibitors, c/o Martin Funeral Home, 510 East Main, Warrenton, MO 63383. Online condolences may be given at martinfuneral.net. Food Collection for Thanksgiving Day Please remember to bring your food/hygiene products to church on Thanksgiving day! Food Drive at the Jonesburg Lighted Christmas Parade Are you attending the Annual Jonesburg Lighted Christmas Parade on Friday, December 5th at 6:00pm? If so, we would like to invite you to participate in a community wide food drive happening that evening. Please bring any non-perishable items to the green Hay Wagon that will be stationed on North 1st Street near the Community Center. Any of the following items are greatly appreciated: hygiene/paper products/cleaning supplies/canned goods, etc. Parish Christmas Party The St Patrick Parish Christmas Party will be held Sunday December 14th 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! 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. 	
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. <i>(3 x’s) "O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine".</i>			
Thanksgiving Day Food Drive at Immaculate Conception We would love for those who are attending the 10:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day to bring a non-perishable food item or two and place it in the basket in the back of church. The basket of food will be offered up along with the other offertory gifts. After Mass the food will be given to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul.			
Thank You! St. Vincent dePaul wants to thank our parish for their generous donations to the Meal-A-Month Bags. We were able to give 145 items to the Crisis Closet at the Nazarene Church. We will be passing out bags this weekend, November 22 & 23. They are in need of canned pasta (i.e. SpaghettiOs & Raviolis), canned carrots, and soup. Thanks again for supporting those in need in our community. Thank you, too, for your donations to the Rummage Sale last Saturday. It was a great success!			

<i>Immaculate Conception School News</i> Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal Mrs. Anna Harrell, Administrative Assistant 573.564.2679 - School Office immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org		Nov. 21- Stone Soup Story with Pat Korman Nov. 24- School IN Session Nov. 25- ICS Thanksgiving Feast 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 Nov. 21- Stone Soup Story Mrs. Pat Korman has generously offered to coordinate the Stone Soup Story again for ICS this year on November 21 at 9am. Students have been assigned a certain ingredient to bring in to help act out the story with the 5th and 7th grade. Please see Dojo for that information. The students will then have the opportunity to have a small bowl of Stone Soup at lunch. Students will still need to bring their lunch. Thank you, Mrs. Korman! Nov. 24 - School in Session School will be in session on Monday, November 24. Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Feast IC Home & School provides turkey and ham and families provide sides for each classroom to celebrate their own Thanksgiving Feast. In the afternoon, we will celebrate as a whole school with a movie and/or bingo. Virtue of the Month: Courtesy <i>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.</i> 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: • <i>He was known for his gentle manner, patience, and respectful approach even toward those who disagreed with him.</i> • <i>As a bishop and spiritual guide, he treated everyone with dignity and kindness, regardless of their status or beliefs.</i> • <i>His writings, especially "Introduction to the Devout Life", teach that holiness can be achieved through gentleness, humility, and polite speech.</i> • <i>He famously said: “Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.”</i>	
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. 		2025 Christmas Penance Service & Liturgy 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 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.	
 There is still time to help the Montgomery Knights of Columbus with the <i>2025 No Hunger Holiday</i> by sending your donations made payable to Knights of Columbus, c/o Richard Bainbridge, P. O. Box 94, Montgomery City, MO 63361			