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Parish Council Members: Dennis Benney-President, Jack Wells-Vice-President, Vicki Parker, Dennis Cobb, and Michael Smith

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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

March 1, 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent

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
MARCH 2
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY
MARCH 3
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

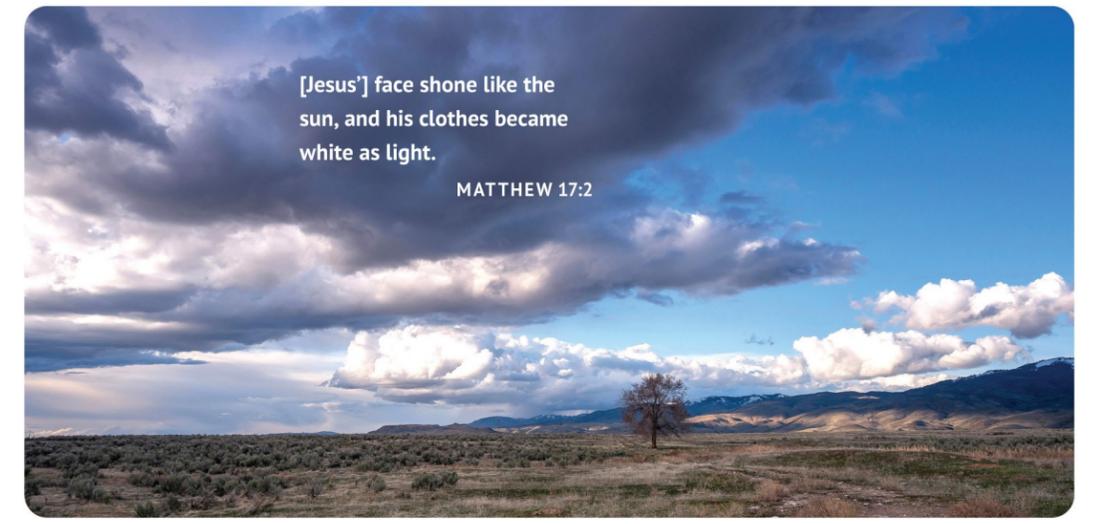
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 4
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY
MARCH 5
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY
MARCH 6
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4,
12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43,
45-46

SATURDAY
MARCH 7
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14-15,
18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY
MARCH 8
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26,
39a, 40-42



Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of his closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●

Reflect
What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	March	2nd	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	March	3rd	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Maxine Witte
Wed	March	4th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg +David Monahan
Thur	March	5th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Dottie Steffan
Fri	March	6th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Sue Kyle
Sat	March	7th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
Sun	March	8th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Shirley Rose 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Sr. Patricia Marie Hix

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-Jan 26	\$398,100.34	\$428,445.97	-\$30,345.63
January 2026	\$46,892.98	\$55,655.89	-\$8,762.91
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
February 1st	\$4,032.00	\$3,904.00	\$7,936.00
February 8th	\$3,161.90	\$4,608.00	\$7,769.90
February 15th	\$4,374.62	\$4,550.50	\$8,925.12
February 22nd	\$4,179.05	\$6,746.00	\$10,925.05
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$8,889.02

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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 (thru1/21)	\$1,000.00		
	Church		Total
February 1st	\$2,486.10		\$2,486.10
February 8th	\$1,306.00		\$1,306.00
February 15th	\$1,317.55		\$1,317.55
February 22nd	\$1,286.55		\$1,286.55
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,599.05

<p>Additional Financial Information</p> <p>Capital Improvements/Maintenance - \$100.00 Easter Flowers- \$342.00 Mass Intentions - \$20.00</p>	<p>Who is an Active Parishioner?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦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.
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Mass Ministries	February 28th & March 1st	March 7th & March 8th	March 14th & March 15th	March 21st & March 22nd
Lector	Beth Cobb	Dennis Benney	Gary Hoette	Jacob Roesner
Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Cobb, Gary Hoette, Mary Pottebaum	Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Don Broz	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Gary Hoette
Ministers of Hospitality	Cothren Family	Bill & Liz Huston, Tom Cobb, Bob Dryden	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Steve & Beth Cobb, Don & Lila Broz
Servers	Lila Broz, Malorie Schulte	Mercer Cothren, Jacob Roesner	Lila Broz, Beth Roesner	Mercher Cothren, Malorie Schulte
Money Counters	John/Aggie Baldetti & Daryl Rhoads	Don /Sandy Oakes & Judy Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Dennis Cobb & Daryl Rhoads
Lector	Mark Brower	Allie Johnson	Michael Readey	Amanda Arens
Children's Liturgy	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley
Eucharistic Ministers	Gayle Adams, Megan Hans, Tony Wessel	Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton, Steve Williams	Eileen Lotton, Tудie Simpson, Jenidean Readey	Gayle Adams, Megan Hans, Jack Wells
Ministers of Hospitality	Jeff & Amanda Arens, Pat & Charlie Korman	Dave & Janet Cobb, Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Ron & Dianne Talley, Jerry Neale, Tony Wessel	Dana Schneider, Brady Craven, Steve Williams, Julie Worsham
Servers	Josie & Wade Harrell	Axton Johnson & Ella Hans	Emilia Hans & Maverick Johnson	Leia & Luke Johnson
Money Counters	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Megan Hans & Elaine Winford	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	Mark Brower & Dave Teeter
Hospitality/Usher	Youth	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber	Farrar Family	Laurie Dothage & John/Nancy Cobb
Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark
Lector	Gracie Cobb	Bridget Cobb	Donna Cobb	Nancy Cobb
Servers	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	John Cobb, Sr., Terri Lenzenhuber, Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Barb Turpin	Nancy Cobb, Sara Johnson, Terri Lenzenhuber	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Barb Turpin
Money Counters	Gracie Cobb & Jan Milzark	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Dothage	Derrick Cobb & Brad Ellis	Gracie Cobb & Karen Stenger

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've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?



I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●

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

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for March

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!"

Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world.

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February 20

February 27

March 6

March 13

March 20

March 27



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Prices:
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Fish by the pound: \$15 (take out only)

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Upcoming Events and Announcements

Monday March 2nd	IC IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice 6:30 PM - Society of St. Vincent DePaul	
Tuesday March 3rd	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 - The Truth will set You Free" BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR TRAINING AT THE CHANCERY	
Wednesday March 4th	IC IC IC IC SP SP	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome 5:30 PM - Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM - Home & School Meeting @ School 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus After Mass - Breakfast at The Warehouse - all are invited After Mass - Stations of the Cross	
Thursday March 5th	IC SP	8:00 - Prayer Partner Mass 11:30AM - Ladies Luncheon @ Frumpy Joes in Jonesburg	
Friday March 6th	IC SP	Fish Fry @ Knights of Columbus - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Fish Fry @ Parish Hall	
Saturday March 7th	IC SP	4:20 PM - Catholic Faith Explained, Episode #7 @ Church Parish Hall rented for the day.	
Sunday March 8th	IC IC SP	9:20 PM - Catholic Faith Explained, Episode #7 @ Church 4:15 PM - 6:15 PM - PSR - Grades 1st-8th After Mass - Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall - all are welcome!	



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, John Goodwin, Richard Grelle, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Antoinette Hoing, Howard Hollensteiner, Jane Hubbard, 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, Maggie Schiefelbein, Tommy Shine, Nancy Smiley, Eric Smith, Evelyn Strauss, Katherine Stroot, Ed Torbeck, Sue Umphenour, Sandy Waddell, Tom 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



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!

Alan & Marie Rock - 39 years of marriage on March 6th

Green = St. Patrick Blue = Immaculate Conception



Lent/ Easter 2026 Schedule

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesdays following 8:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick
 Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at IC (including Holy Week)
 Fridays at 2:45 PM (except March 6th) ICS Students at IC all are welcome

Penance Service for both Parishes:

Thursday 19th March at 6.30 PM at Immaculate Conception

2026 RETREAT for Both parishes:

Saturday, March 28th at 9:30 AM at Immaculate Conception

Easter Triduum:

Holy Thursday (April 2nd)

10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/ Office of Reading at IC
 7:00 PM - Mass at IC (Holy hour/ Adoration following Mass until 10:00 PM.

You are encouraged to plan to keep vigil with the Lord for at least one hour just as Jesus requested Peter and the two most beloved Apostles.

Good Friday (April 3rd)

10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/ Office of Reading at IC
 7:00 PM Evening Service of the Passion of the Lord at IC

Holy Saturday (April 4th)

10:00 AM - Morning Prayer/ Office of Reading at IC
 8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass at IC

Easter Sunday (April 5th)

8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick
 10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12th)

3:00 PM Service of Divine Mercy at Immaculate Conception

The ICS kids will be doing the "Living Stations of the Cross" on Wednesday April 1st at Immaculate Conception Church

We will have sign-up sheets at the two parishes for ministries for Easter Triduum.

Fish Fry Help!

The Knights of Columbus and Home and School Fish Frys are off to a great start with record crowds for their first one. IF ANY-ONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP, they could use cakes, pies, and cookies from our parishioners. The items can be brought to the hall on Friday morning. Thanks for your support!

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

5th - Keith Farrar
 11th - Kenny Schwartz
 14th - Jan Milzark
 23rd - Nancy Cobb
 25th - Sam Poggas



St. Patrick's News

March Mass Intentions

1st +Herb Mertz Family
 4th +David Monahan
 8th +Shirley Rose
 11th +Marilyn Reitz
 15th +Pete Bartaue
 18th +Joe Lenzenhuber
 22nd +Clem Hagenhoff
 25th +Charmaine Post
 29th +Tom Lenzenhuber



Help Needed for Fish Frys

Our first Fish Fry last week was very successful! With that being said, we need your help preparing, serving, cleaning, and baking desserts. If you need to drop desserts off early, speak to Barb or Debbie so arrangements can be made. Thank you for your support.

Capital Campaign

Last week Derrick Cobb of the Parish Council reported that a new roof was needed for the church. The Diocese has given us permission to have a Capital Campaign to fund a new roof and assist with our remodeling projects. You will find a blue envelope in the pew labeled Capital Campaign to use any time you want to make a donation. Please fill out the envelope and drop it in the collection basket, mail it to the office or drop it off at the office. Thank you in advance for supporting this project.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

The Knight of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be on March 12, 2026, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Everyone interested in joining, please come to KOC Building Chambers at NOON. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Confirmation Class

Our parish is planning on having students receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2027. Parents and all in-coming students in 7th grade or older (August 2026) that would like to start the process are invited to come to the mandatory registration for classes on Sunday, April 12, 2026. We will hold the meeting in the school cafeteria following Mass at 11:30. Information on class times, dates, and other information will be discussed. There is a \$25 registration fee that helps to cover the cost of the materials for the class. Please bring this with you. If you have any questions, contact either Steve Williams (573) 975-7494 or Gina Smith (573) 289-8635.



Immaculate Conception School

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February 24, 2026

Message from Ms. Schroeder

Mardi Gras Success: We Couldn't Have Done It Without You! I am thrilled to announce that our recent Mardi Gras celebration was a huge success! Thanks to the incredible generosity and spirit of our community, we raised a remarkable profit of \$12,695.64. An event of this scale requires a village, and our village truly showed up. I want to extend a sincere thank you to:

- **Our Amazing Staff & Volunteers:** From the weeks of preparation to the final hours of cleaning, your hard work kept everything running smoothly.
- **Our Parishioners:** Your unwavering support and dedication to our school's mission are the heartbeat of this community.
- **The Decorators & Cooks:** Thank you for transforming our space and providing such a wonderful feast for us to share.
- **To Our Supporters:** To everyone who attended, our sponsors, those who donated for our auction or raised their number for our live auction: **THANK YOU.** Your contributions directly impact our students and help us continue to provide a high-quality Catholic education. Without your support, this night simply would not have been possible.

We are so blessed to have such a vibrant and committed community.

Please join us for a powerful and moving spiritual experience as the students of **Immaculate Conception School** present the **Living Stations of the Cross**. Our students will begin preparing for the **Living Stations of the Cross** soon. We invite our entire community to witness this beautiful tradition on April 1 at 2:00pm at the church. We look forward to seeing you there for this wonderful performance and moment of communal prayer.

Our talented students have officially begun rehearsals for this year's **Spring Special**, taking place on **April 9** at the **Knights of Columbus Hall**. It promises to be a delightful showcase of creativity and talent, featuring a variety of songs and skits performed by our amazing students. We have two showtimes available to accommodate everyone: **Matinee Performance: 2:00 PM & Evening Performance: 6:00 PM.** We invite all families, friends, and parishioners to come out and support our performers. It's going to be a wonderful day of entertainment!

No School: Monday, May 18- There will be **no school for students on May 18.** All ICS teachers will be participating in a diocesan-wide training session. This training is essential as we prepare to implement a new program next school year.

Potential Change to Last Day of School

We have some good news regarding our "snow days." This year, the calendar included six built-in emergency closure days, and so far, we have only utilized three of them.

- **Current Status:** 3 snow days remaining
- **The Plan:** Depending on our weather needs through the month of March, we are looking at the possibility of moving the **last day of school up to May 15.**

Note: This is not a guaranteed change yet. I wanted to give all parents a "heads up" for planning purposes, but we will make a final announcement once we are safely through the winter weather season.

Important Dates:

- Mar. 4- ICS Spelling Bee
- Mar. 5- Diocesan Science Fair
- Dr. Seuss Day/100th Day of School
- Prayer Partner Mass
- Mar. 6- No School
- Mar. 13- Stations of the Cross @ 2:45pm
- Mar. 20- Stations of the Cross @ 2:45pm
- Mar. 30 School IN Session
- Apr. 1- Living Stations of the Cross @ 2pm
- Apr. 2-3- Easter Break
- Apr. 5- Easter
- Apr. 9- Spring Special @ KC Hall
- Apr. 24- Sketch Day (7th grade)
- May 1- K-2 Ag Safety Day @ MCHS
- May 7-First Reconciliation @ 9am
- Prayer Partner Mass @ 10am & Luncheon
- May 13- 5th Grade Stevens Farm Field Trip
- May 18- No School

Ladies Auxiliary New Raffle

The KOC-Ladies Auxiliary, are going to have two different raffles during the 6 fish frys. They will run at the same time.

One raffle will be for a spirits wagon worth \$600.00. The other raffle will be a Cardinals basket which includes two tickets to the St. Louis Cardinals game in 2026. Estimated value of this basket is around \$500.00.

The KOC-Ladies Auxiliary are selling these raffle chances to raise money for scholarships and numerous organizations in our county that need assistance. Your support would be appreciated.

Chances will be sold during the lunch and dinner meals. Price will be \$10.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$25.00. Please help support the ladies so that they can help numerous people in need. The drawings for both items will be at the last fish fry on March 27, 2026 around 6:30 PM. You do not need to be present to win.



Lenten Regulations and Admonitions for 2026

As another Lenten journey of conversion begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026, the Catholic Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1434 and 1969).

To foster a greater spirit of penance, reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, which guide us more closely in the footsteps of Christ, the Church reminds us of the following obligations of fast and abstinence during Lent, and also admonishes us all to deeper prayer and worship.

Abstinence

All who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting

Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest.

Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, Internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

Almsgiving

The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish and support of charities.

Prayer

To deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to participate in the sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily Mass and frequenting the sacrament of Reconciliation.