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**573.564.2375 Parish Office | Office Hours M -Th 9am-3pm**
Janet Cobb, Bookkeeper/Secretary | imm-con@sbcglobal.net | www.mcicparish.org
Parish Council Members: Dennis Benney-President, Jack Wells-Vice-President, Vicki Parker, Dennis Cobb, and Michael Smith

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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**

## August 16, 2026 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Immaculate Conception Parish Mission**
To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exit in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith

**St. Patrick Parish Mission**
As a church community here at St. Patrick, we want to know, love and serve Jesus in our efforts in: Christian formation/faith development; worship; social services; and stewardship of resources.

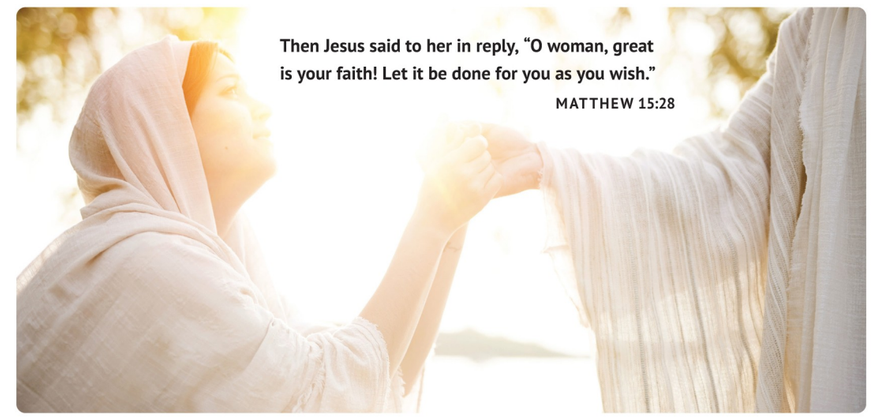
See!
I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand.
Isaiah 49:15

Welcome everyone to Eucharistic Adoration

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month at **St. Patrick** from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

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

Eucharistic Adoration is a special time to worship and praise our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and to deepen your intimate friendship and be nourished and strengthened by His presence and love.




## Still Redeemable?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Not once, not twice, but three times in today's gospel, Jesus dismisses the Canaanite woman who comes to him for help. First, he refuses to speak to her. Then, he says he has come only for "the lost sheep" of Israel. Finally, he compares her to a dog. In ancient Judaism, dogs were considered unclean animals, and to call someone a dog was a harsh insult. How does it feel to hear Jesus speak to a woman in this way? We must admit that it does not sound like the Jesus we know and love.

With the trajectory of the encounter headed downhill (and picking up speed), it is hard to imagine that anything could be done at this point to change the outcome. If I were in her situation, I would have been so offended after the third dismissal that I would have simply slammed the door on the way out. But, remarkably, the story takes a 90-degree turn when the Canaanite woman enters into a verbal joust with Jesus and jolts him into taking her seriously. Very seriously. Jesus praises her for her faith.

"Faith in what?" one might ask. Perhaps faith that this relationship could still turn around. Faith that the antagonistic plotline of history between Jews and Canaanites could still change. Faith that Jesus could still be something other than a dismissive man. Faith that an ignored voice might still be worth hearing. Do we have the praiseworthy faith of the Canaanite woman? Do we still believe that troublesome interactions can yet be redeemed? ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

**Reflect**
***How strong is my faith? Strong enough to be persistent?***

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mon | August | 17th | NO Mass - Montgomery City |
| Tues | August | 18th | 5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Karen Clark |
| Wed | August | 19th | 8:30 AM - Mass - Jonesburg - Megan Gross |
| Thur | August | 20th | 8:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City +Pat Klein |
| Fri | August | 21st | 8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Wayne & Evelyn Pool |
| Sat | August | 22nd | 5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family |
| Sun | August | 23rd | 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg - Nathan Gross |
| | | | 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Margaret Van Beek |

***A reminder:*** *If there is a funeral at any of the two parishes or a school cancellation due to weather, there will be* ***no*** *scheduled Mass.*

### Immaculate Conception Parish & School

| | Income | Expenses | Difference |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fiscal Jul 25-June 26 | $710,700.52 | $738,454.83 | -$27,754.31 |
| June 2026 | $59,208.43 | $53,634.29 | $5,574.14 |

| | Church | ICS/Daycare | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| August 2nd | $6,200.50 | $4,307.00 | $10,507.50 |
| August 9th | $5,890.00 | $5,078.00 | $10,968.00 |
| August 16th | | | |
| August 23rd | | | |
| August 30th | | | |
| Weekly Goal | $13,768.96 | Wkly Avg | $10,737.75 |

**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-June26 | $149,245.50* | $103,977.27 | $45,268.23 |
| July, 2026 | $12,738.27* | $19,141.69 | -$6,403.42 |
| Capital Campaign | $16,420.00 | | |

*Capital Campaign is included in Total Income

| | Church | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| August 2nd | $2,167.55 | | $2,167.55 |
| August 9th | $993.55 | | $933.55 |
| August 16th | | | |
| August 23rd | | | |
| Weekly Goal | $1,964.42 | Wkly Avg | $1,580.55 |

### Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements - $25.00
Mass Intentions - $30.00
Diocesan Missions - $200.00
Bulletin Ads - $150.00

### 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 | August 15th & 16th | August 22nd & 23rd | August 29th & 30th | September 5th & 6th |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| IC SAT 5PM | Lector | Jacob Roesner | Dennis Cobb | Larry Brueggemann | Beth Cobb |
| | Eucharistic Ministers | Mary Pottebaum, Gary Hoette, Ruth Ann O'Keefe | Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Don Broz | Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe | Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Gary Hoette |
| | Ministers of Hospitality | Bill & Liz Huston<br>Steve & Beth Cobb | Kasey Pottebaum Family | Don & Lila Broz<br>Steve & Beth Cobb | Daryl & Nancy Cobb<br>Bill & Liz Huston |
| | Servers | Beth Roesner<br>Malorie Schulte | Beth Roesner<br>Jacob Roesner | Mercer Cothren<br>Malorie Schulte | Jacob Roesner<br>Beth Roesner |
| | Money Counters | Dennis Cobb & Darryl Rhoads | Judy Cobb & John/Aggie Baldetti | Dennis Cobb & Don/Sandy Oakes | Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger |
| IC SUN 10AM | Lector | ICS Students | Amanda Arens | Michael Smith | Jerry Witthaus |
| | Children's Liturgy | Anna Harrell | Dianne Talley | Geri Park | Geri Park |
| | Eucharistic Ministers | Jacob Lotton, Eileen Lotton, Tudie Simpson | Jack Wells, Megan Hans, Jenidean Readey | Gayle Adams, Steve Williams, Pat Stumbaugh | Tony Wessel, Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton |
| | Ministers of Hospitality | ICS Students | Jacob Hans Family | Jeff & Amanda Arens<br>Pat & Janet Stumbaugh | Dave & Janet Cobb<br>Charlie & Pat Korman |
| | Servers | Maverick Johnson & Ana Park | Leia & Luke Johnson | Josie Harrell & Keagan Rakers | Wade Harrell & Axton Johnson |
| | Money Counters | Steve Williams & Elaine Winford | Cat & Pam Schwartz | Gayle Adams & Rick Adams | Dave Teeter & Vicki Parker |
| SP SUN 8AM | Hospitality/Usher | Farrar Family | Laurie Dothage & John/Nancy Cobb | John Cobb, Jr. Family | Youth |
| | Altar Clean Up Only | Jan Milzark | Jan Milzark | Laurie Dothage | Jan Milzark |
| | Lector | Donna Cobb | Nancy Cobb | Julie Ellis | Gracie Cobb |
| | Servers | Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson | Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson | Jordan Finke, McCullie Schluss | Emma Cobb& Anna Johnson |
| | Eucharistic Minister | Nancy Cobb, Sara Johnson, Terri Lenzenhuber | Bridget Cobb, Barb Turpin<br>John Cobb, Sr. | Nancy Cobb, Vickie Duenke, Sara Johnson | Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Terri Lenzenhuber |
| | Money Counters | Derrick Cobb & Brad Ellis | Gracie Cobb & Karen Stenger | John Cobb, Jr. & Laurie Dothage | Jan Milzark & 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,

JULIUSKIELAITIS / SHUTTERSTOCK

### *What does the Church teach about evolution?*

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin's evolutionary theory (*On the Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See *CCC* 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn't written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●

***Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org***

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| August 17<br>*Weekday*<br>Ez 24:15–23<br>Mt 19:16–22 | August 18<br>*Weekday*<br>Ez 28:1–10<br>Mt 19:23–30 | August 19<br>*Weekday*<br>Ez 34:1–11<br>Mt 20:1–16 | August 20<br>*St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*<br>Ez 36:23–28<br>Mt 22:1–14 | August 21<br>*St. Pius X, Pope*<br>Ez 37:1–14<br>Mt 22:34–40 | August 22<br>*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*<br>Ez 43:1–7ab<br>Mt 23:1–12 | August 23<br>*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*<br>Is 22:19–23<br>Rom 11:33–36<br>Mt 16:13–20 |

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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***[T]he pain that moves us to compassion is not the pain of a stranger; it is the pain of a member of our own Body, to whom Christ our Head commands us attend, for the good of all. In this sense, our service is identified with Christ's own suffering and, when offered in a Christian spirit, hastens the fulfillment of the Savior's prayer for the unity of all.***

**MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

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- Fostering spiritual maturity
- Excelling on Sundays
- Evangelizing effectively

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For more information, please contact Trish Lutz, director of stewardship & parish vitality at plutz@diojeffcity.org, or register August 10th at:
https://diojeffcity.org/2026-parish-vitality-workshop/

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## Upcoming Events and Announcements

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Monday August 17th** | **IC**<br>**IC** | 5:30 PM - Choir Practice<br>6:30 PM - Society of St. Vincent DePaul |
| **Tuesday August 18th** | **IC**<br>**IC**<br>**IC** | 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration<br>5:00 PM - Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy<br>**NO** OCIA Class - Summer Schedule |
| **Wednesday August 19th** | **IC**<br>**IC**<br><br>**SP**<br>**SP**<br>**SP** | 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome<br>7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus<br><br>After Mass - Breakfast at the Warehouse - All are welcome!<br>Adoration - 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM<br>7:00 PM - Parish Council |
| **Thursday August 20th** | **IC**<br><br>**SP** | Anniversary of Father's Ordination - 21 Years - Congratulations Father!!<br><br>1:00 PM - Bunco @ Parish Hall |
| **Friday August 21st** | | |
| **Saturday August 22nd** | | |
| **Sunday August 23rd** | **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, Dorothy Bowman, and Tony Boes

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

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

**Resident of Cedarhurst Senior Living, Memory Care Unit 13,**
**1290 Wentzville Pkwy, Wentzville, MO 63385**
Sandi Waddell

**Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann**
**1800 Wein St , Hermann, MO 65041**
Laverne Wessel

**Resident of Oake Pointe**
**700 Forrest Ave, Warrenton 63383**
Fr. Lou Dorn

### Please pray for the struggling, sick and infirmed:

Dick & Shirley Arens, Corey Bainbridge, Al & Christine Barger, Gail Burch, Mike Busken, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Parker Calbreath, Christopher Carey, Tom Carey, Robert Carillo, Bill Cobb, Margie Cobb, Clint Cunningham, Pamela (Ingram) Dennis (Debbie Heidelberger's cousin), Lori Dorsey, Gary Eatherton, Ebbesmeyer Family, Nick Erbe, Richard Grelle, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Antoinette Hoing, Howard Hollensteiner, Pauline Horstdaniel, Greg Houdyshell, Jane Hubbard, Addie Johnson, Effie Kanwischer, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Annie Kempf, Darlie Lamb, Pat Merz, Kathleen Mohrmann, Nancy Nylund, Alice O'Donnell, Avery Penn, Donna Powell, Peggy Readey, Rae Jean Rhoads, Leah Richard, Jenna Richterkessing, Nick Schneider, Maggie Schiefelbein, Nancy Smiley, Eric Smith, Evelyn Strauss, Katherine Stroot, Becky (Bainbridge) Taylor, Dalton Tidball, Sue Umphenour, Sandi Waddell, Tom Waddell, 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!*

*Scott & Michele Pfautsch - 32 years of marriage on August 20th*
*Robert & Cindy Schipper - 3 years of marriage on August 21st*

*Green = St. Patrick* *Blue = Immaculate Conception*

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

*2nd - Amanda Sullivan*
*4th - Gale Johnson*
*5th - Lucy Politsch*
*7th - Brad Ellis*
*8th - Jerry Myrick*
*8th - Dan Schwartz*
*13th - Michael Sullivan*
*15th - Allen Sullivan*
*16th - Jocelyn Schluss*
*23rd - Michelle Johnson*
*24th - Caroline Politsch*
*26th - Colby Ellis*
*28th - Bridget Cobb*

## Prayer Partners Have Fun!

**HAVE SOME FUN … BE A PRAYER PARTNER!** Now is the time to volunteer to be a Prayer Partner with an ICS Student. The Prayer Partners join their assigned student for 8 a.m. Mass on the First Thursday of each month - unless Mass has been rescheduled due to a conflict in Father's schedule or there is no school. Following Mass, the students and their Prayer Partner visit for 15 minutes. Usually in December and May the students and Prayer Partners enjoy a meal after Mass at ICS. It's a GREAT way to enrich a student's life (and yours)! Contact Ruth Ann O'Keefe (573-823-2676) to volunteer or with questions.

## Our Prayers and Condolences

Anthony (Tony) Wessel, Sr., a long-time member of our parish family, "passed away" last Sunday. We offer our prayers and condolences to LaVerne, Tony & Betty, Landall & Angela, Nicole & Jeremy of our parish and the entire Wessell family during this time of great loss.

## IC Harvest Picnic Updates

- Our event is only 5 weeks away on **September 20, 2026**! The event is posted on Facebook, so please share with family and friends! Also, feel free to **post flyers** around the community.
- We have a quilt for our second place **Quilt Raffle**!
- We are also looking for vendors for the **Vendor Fair** and **Cup Sponsors**. Contact Megan Hans at 573-253-9476.
- At the Harvest Picnic, besides having delicious food, there will also be fun games and activities for kids, a bake sale, a country store, raffles, and **Live, Silent, and Paddle Auctions**. We will need many hands to work at the picnic. Please read your **packet** and fill out the return page with how you will be able to help. Please turn it in to the black box in the vestibule. We need everyone's help to make this 10th Annual Harvest Picnic a success!
- Please save your **1 gallon ice cream buckets** to use for leftovers to sell at the auction. You can drop them off in the vestibule at church.

Tickets are available for Quilt Raffle, Cash Raffle, and The Great Pumpkin Drop. Tickets are available in your packet or see Janet in the Rectory.

## St. Patrick's News

**August Mass Intentions**

2nd +Joe Lenzenhuber
5th +Charlie Bextermiller
9th - Liam Finn
12th - Miles Finn
16th - Isabelle Finn
19th - Megan Gross
23rd - Nathan Gross
26th - Charlie Gross
30th +Shirley Rose

## Parish School of Religion (PSR) Resumes

PSR classes will resume on Sunday, August 30, 2026. These classes are for students in Grades 1-6 who are not attending Immaculate Conception School (7th & 8th Graders will be part of the Confirmation Classes). Parishioners who attended last year's classes will received registration/ schedule information by email. Parishioners who have not participated in the past should contact Michelle Schroer (573-826-5086) or Dottie Brueggen (573-564-2183) for additional information. Any new parishioners can also contact either of the above numbers. Classes will be held at I.C. School from 4:15 PM - 6:15 PM on Sundays and will follow a printed schedule that will be provided at the first class on August 30th.

*Ordination Anniversary*

***Congratulations to Fr. Ernest on the anniversary of his 21st year of ordination on Thursday, August 20th. We are so blessed to have you as our Pastor! May God bless you on this special day and always!***

## Thank You!

We want to thank the Society of St. Vincent dePaul for the rose and Fr. Ernest for his anniversary blessing!

Pat & Janet Stumbaugh

# Immaculate Conception School News

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

## NEW KITCHEN RENOVATONS AT ICS!

When the students return to school next week, they will see the new kitchen renovations which took place this summer. It started with a drain problem during the school year which was fixed, but there were more plumbing issues which needed to be addressed after school was out for the summer. It was "out with the old and in with the new"! We want to thank Jack Wells for supervising this project, coordinating the work with plumbers, electricians, heating/hvac people and the flooring people to bring the kitchen up to code. Thank you to the parishioners of Immaculate Conception for your continued support of our school.

Below are pictures of the new renovations!

## Sponsors Needed for ICS Students

We are looking for some sponsors to help some students at ICS who are wanting to continue their education but may not be able to afford the full tuition. If you would like to donate towards this or want more information, please contact the school principal, Dana Schroeder at (573) 564-2679 or Fr. Ernest at (573) 564-2375. Thank you!