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Immaculate Conception

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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



157th YEAR OF SERVICE

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 23, 2026 - Twenty-First 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.

Who Do You Say That I Am?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do *you* say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response. No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Reflect

How would you answer if Jesus asked you, “Who do you say that I am?” (He is asking you!)

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	August	24th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	August	25th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Mark Schneider
Wed	August	26th	8:30 AM - Mass - Jonesburg - Charlie Gross
Thur	August	27th	8:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City +Bill & Dione Auchly
Fri	August	28th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Sue Kyle
Sat	August	29th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Liz Klute
Sun	August	30th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Shirley Rose
			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-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	\$3,565.00	\$10,440.00	\$14,005.00
August 23rd			
August 30th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$11,826.83

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	\$1,483.55		\$1,483.55
August 23rd			
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,528.22

Additional Financial Information		Who is an Active Parishioner?	
Mass Intentions - \$60.00 ECLC Donation for Shelves - \$220.00 Bulletin Ads - \$150.00		♦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.	

IC SAT 5PM	Mass Ministries	August 22nd & 23rd	August 29th & 30th	September 5th & 6th	September 12th & 13th
	Lector	Dennis Cobb	Larry Brueggemann	Beth Cobb	Dennis Benney
	Eucharistic Ministers	Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Don Broz	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb, Gary Hoette	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe
	Ministers of Hospitality	Kasey Pottebaum Family	Don & Lila Broz Steve & Beth Cobb	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Bill & Liz Huston	Ty Cothern Family Bob Dryden
	Servers	Beth Roesner Jacob Roesner	Mercer Cothren Malorie Schulte	Jacob Roesner Beth Roesner	Liz Broz Malorie Schulte
	Money Counters	Judy Cobb & John/Aggie Baldetti	Dennis Cobb & Don/Sandy Oakes	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Daryl Rhoads & John/Aggie Baldetti
IC SUN 10AM	Lector	Amanda Arens	Michael Smith	Jerry Witthaus	Richard Schierhoff
	Children's Liturgy	Dianne Talley	Geri Park	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers
	Eucharistic Ministers	Jack Wells, Megan Hans, Jenidean Readey	Gayle Adams, Steve Williams, Pat Stumbaugh	Tony Wessel, Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton	Eileen Lotton, Tudie Simpson, Jenidean Readey
	Ministers of Hospitality	Jacob Hans Family	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman	Tony Wessel, Jerry Neale, Ron & Dianne Talley
	Servers	Leia & Luke Johnson	Josie Harrell & Keagan Rakers	Wade Harrell & Axton Johnson	Ella Hans & Leia Johnson
	Money Counters	Cat & Pam Schwartz	Gayle Adams & Rick Adams	Dave Teeter & Vicki Parker	Mark Brower & Steve Williams
SP SUN 8AM	Hospitality/Usher	Laurie Dothage & John/Nancy Cobb	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Youth	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber
	Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Laurie Dothage
	Lector	Nancy Cobb	Julie Ellis	Gracie Cobb	Laurie Gilbert
	Servers	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Jordan Finke, McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb& Anna Johnson	Luke Farrar & Carl Johnson
	Eucharistic Minister	Bridget Cobb, Barb Turpin John Cobb, Sr.	Nancy Cobb, Vickie Duenke, Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Terri Lenzenhuber	Nancy Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Barb Turpin
	Money Counters	Gracie Cobb & Karen Stenger	John Cobb, Jr. & Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark & Nancy Cobb	Bridet Cobb & John Cobb, Jr.
Remember, if you are unable to complete your assigned time, you are responsible for finding a replacement! Thank you for your service!					

Dear Padre,
Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See *Code of Canon Law*, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Thursday	Saturday
August 24 <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> Rv 21:9b–14 Jn 1:45–51	August 27 <i>St. Monica</i> 1 Cor 1:1–9 Mt 24:42–51	August 29 <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i> 1 Cor 1:26–31 Mk 6:17–29
Tuesday	Friday	Sunday
August 25 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17 Mt 23:23–26	August 28 <i>St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Cor 1:17–25 Mt 25:1–13	August 30 <i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 20:7–9 Rom 12:1–2 Mt 16:21–27
Wednesday		
August 26 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18 Mt 23:27–32		

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, “Samaritan” spirit—one that is welcoming, courageous, committed, and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly, or afflicted.

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

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Upcoming Events and Announcements

Monday August 24th	IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice
Tuesday August 25th	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 Catholic Faith Explained - Who is Jesus? Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives
Wednesday August 26th	IC SP	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome After Mass - Breakfast at the Warehouse - All are welcome!
Thursday August 27th		
Friday August 28th		
Saturday August 29th		
Sunday August 30th	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 Cedarhurst Senior Living, Memory Care Unit 13,
1290 Wentzville Pkwy, Wentzville, MO 63385
Sandi Waddell

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
Laverne Wessel

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

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 Heidelbergers cousin), Lori Dorsey, Kim Dryden, 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, 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 <i>Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!</i>  Brent & Kristin Farrell - 6 years of marriage on August 29th 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 	
Eucharistic Adoration 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. Eucharistic Adoration is EVERY Tuesday from 6 a.m. – 5 p.m. with one hour time increments. Substitutes are needed to fill in when someone can’t fulfill their assigned time. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a substitute. Adoration is cancelled in times of bad weather. Please call Ruth Ann O’Keefe 573-823-2676 to sign up. Everyone is invited to come spend time with Jesus during this time!		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  Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alice O’Donnell. We offer our prayers and condolences to Alice’s family during this time of great loss. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, thru the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen. I am having knee surgery on September 1st so the office will be closed. During this time, all calls will be transferred to Janet at Immaculate Conception. Terri Lenzenhuber has agreed to handle the mail for me and I left instructions for the Money Counters on how to handle the Sunday Collection and Capital Campaign Contributions while I am gone. I appreciate everyone’s help and patience during this time. Thank you, Debbie	
Thank You! The family of Anthony (Tony) Wessel, Sr. would like to thank all for their condolences and prayers at our time of loss. Thank you to Debbie & Travis for the music and singing at Mass. Thank you to all who brought food and served the funeral meal, it was delicious! We are blessed with a wonderful parish family and friends.			
Save the Date Mark your calendar now for Saturday, November 7, 2026. On that evening, from 6:30-9:30 PM at the KofC Hall, there will be a “Thank-You Party”. More details to follow.		A Word From Fr. Ernest In September, I will be traveling to my homeland, Nigeria, to renew my visa, as required by the U.S. immigration authorities. Through the kind assistance of the Diocese of Jefferson City, my case has received expedited approval, and I am hopeful that the renewal process will be completed without undue delay. This time away will also provide me with a much-needed opportunity for rest and renewal. While I am away, the diocese will arrange for priests to celebrate the weekend Masses and provide for the pastoral needs of our parish communities. I humbly ask you to keep me in your prayers: for a safe journey, a smooth and timely visa renewal, and a safe return to the United States and to my beloved parish family. Please know that I will carry each of you with me in prayer and look forward to returning renewed spirit to continue serving among you. With Gratitude, and prayers. Fr. Ernest.	
New Council Members Needed We are in need of some new council members. If you are interested in a Parish Council or Administration/Finance position, please see Fr. Ernest or contact the parish office either by phone (573) 564-2375 or by email: imm-con@sbcbglobal.net. Thank you!			
ICC Parish T-Shirts Parish t-shirts are in the making, the Ladies KofC Auxiliary is coordinating the orders for this project. They will have the picture of the “Church of the Immaculate Conception” stain glass window on the front of a light blue shirt (caps will be available for those who do not want shirts). This is to honor our 165 years as a parish. Prices should be around \$18.00-\$22.00, depending on size. Payment will be to the Ladies KofC Auxiliary. Details will be coming very soon. Thank you, Pat Korman, President.			

Immaculate Conception School News

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

A New School Year at Immaculate Conception School

By: Lila Broz, Member of the School Advisory Board

A new school year is underway at Immaculate Conception School, and there is a wonderful sense of excitement as 40 students begin another year of learning, growing, and building friendships together.

This year’s faculty includes Mrs. Megan Rogers in Kindergarten and first grade; <Ms. Dana Schroeder in first and second grades; Mrs. Cristal Castillo in third and fourth grades; Mrs. Gina Smith in fifth and sixth grades; Mr. Gary Doerhoff in eighth grade; and Mrs. Carol Odean teaching physical education. Art and music will be offered quarterly by Mrs. Rachel Weekley, while Miss Dottie Brueggen teaches religion and study skills. Ms. Dana Schroeder also serves as principal. Mrs. Anna Harrell is the school secretary. There are no seventh-grade students enrolled this year.

I had the opportunity to visit with Principal Ms. Dana Schroeder and two students, Adleigh Ferguson, a second grader, and Dexter Park, a fifth grader, about what they are looking forward to this school year.

When asked what Catholic education means to her, Ms. Schroeder had a beautiful answer, “it is about building saints out of our students.” Sheh explained that what makes Immaculate Conception special is the opportunity for the faculty and staff to build meaningful relationships with their students and their families. The school strives to meet each child’s needs-not only academically, but also mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Ms. Schroeder also emphasized that families play an important role in a successful school year. When parents and families support the teachers and work together with the school, everyone benefits-especially the students.

It seems Ms. Schroeder has always appreciated being active. Her favorite subject when she was in elementary school was physical education. She admitted that she struggled in school, but she knew she was athletic-a reminder that every child has different strengths and gifts.

Second grader Adleigh Ferguson is especially excited about having a new teacher this year. Her favorite part of school is making new friends. When asked what she would do if she could be the teacher for a day, Adleigh had a plan that many students would probably enjoy. “Watch movies all day while eating popcorn and drinking soda!” Adleigh also shared that math is one of her strengths.

Fifth grader Dexter Park is looking forward to learning more about World War II. He is especially excited about science because, as he put it, “Science is interesting.” Dexter also understands that kindness is an important part of being a good classmate. He plans to show kindness by helping other students with their work. Of course, Dexter has one suggestion for improving school: he would like to have half days!

As the 2026-2027 school year begins, it is clear that Immaculate Conception School is much more than a place where children learn their lessons. It is a community where students are known, supported, encourage, and guided in their faith. With dedicated teachers, supportive families, and students who are eager to learn, make friends, and grow, Immaculate Conception is ready for another wonderful school year.

Here's to a year filled with learning, laughter, friendship, faith, and many opportunities for our students to grow into the young people God is colling them to be. May God bless our students, teachers, families, and the entire Immaculate Conception School community throughout the coming year!

Please see pictures of the first day of school on the back of this page.



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.

Prayer Partner Mass

The first Prayer Partner Mass is **THURSDAY, SEPT. 3rd at 8 a.m.** HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

If you are still praying about being a Prayer Partner **COME ON AND JOIN US!** Mass with the ICS students is once a month on the FIRST THURSDAY at 8 a.m. Only once a month and you will certainly LIGHT UP A CHILD’S FACE!

Contact Ruth Ann O’Keefe 573.823.2676 to join the fun or with questions.

