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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
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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

September 13, 2026 - Twenty-Fourth 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 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.
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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.

The Debt We Have in Common

THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

As we hear today's Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn't really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn't explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

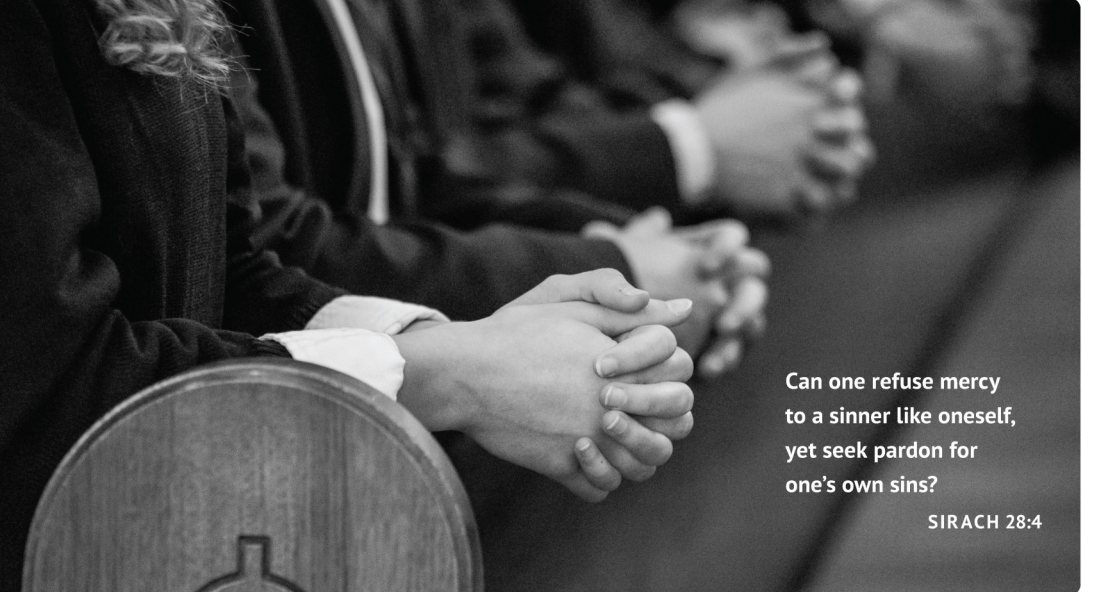
The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one's own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers. ●

Reflect

How am I at forgiveness—with others and with myself?



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Can one refuse mercy to a sinner like oneself, yet seek pardon for one's own sins?

SIRACH 28:4

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	September	14th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	September	15th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Wed	September	16th	NO Mass - Jonesburg
Thur	September	17th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Fri	September	18th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Sat	September	19th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Ty & Courtney Cunningham
Sun	September	20th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Clem Hagenhoff
			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
September 6th	\$8,039.00	\$3,254.00	\$11,293.00

September 13th
September 20th
September 27th

Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$11,293.00
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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-June 26	\$149,245.50*	\$103,977.27	\$45,268.23
July, 2026	\$12,738.27*	\$19,141.69	-\$6,403.42

Capital Campaign	\$17,925.00		
*Capital Campaign is included in	Total Income		
	Church		Total

September 6th
September 13th
September 20th
September 27th

Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	
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Additional Financial Information		Who is an Active Parishioner?	
Capital Improvements - \$225.00 Diocesan Missions - \$50.00 Holy Days - \$20.00		♦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	September 12th & 13th	September 19th & 20th	September 26th & 27th	October 3rd & 4th
	Lector	Dennis Benney	Beth Roesner	Gary Hoette	Jacob Roesner
	Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Megan Hans, Tom Cobb, Gary Hoette	Mary Pottebaum, Dennis Cobb, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Megan Hans, Tom Cobb, Beth Cobb
	Ministers of Hospitality	Ty Cothern Family Bob Dryden	Kasey Pottebaum Family Tom Cobb	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Bob Dryden	Ty Cothren Family
	Servers	Liz Broz Ella Hans	Mercer Cothren Jacob Roesner	Ella Hans Emelia Hans	Lila Broz Beth Roesner
	Money Counters	Daryl Rhoads & John/Aggie Baldetti	Judy Cobb & Don/Sandy Oakes	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Dennis Cobb & Megan Hans
IC SUN 10AM	Lector	Richard Schierhoff	Janet Stumbaugh	Elizabeth Schierhoff	Mark Brower
	Children's Liturgy	Rachel Rakers	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley	Geri Park
	Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Lotton, Tudie Simpson, Jenidean Readey	Jack Wells, Steve Williams, Pat Stumbaugh	Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton, Eileen Lotton	Tudie Simpson, Jack Wells, Jenidean Readey
	Ministers of Hospitality	Tony Wessel, Jerry Neale, Ron & Dianne Talley	Jerry Neale, Steve Williams, Brady Craven, Dana Schneider	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman
	Servers	Leia & Luke Johnson	Josie Harrell & Keagan Rakers	Wade Harrell & Axton Johnson	Maverick Johnson & Leia Johnson
SP SUN 8AM	Money Counters	Mark Brower & Steve Williams	Elaine Winford & Vicki Parker	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	Dave Teeter & Vicki Parker
	Hospitality/Usher	Laurie Dothage & Terri Lenzenhuber	Ellis Family	Farrar Family	
	Altar Clean Up Only	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	
	Lector	Laurie Gilbert	Sara Johnson	Matt Politsch	Please pick up ministry schedule
	Servers	Luke Farrar & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Anna Johnson	in the back of church.
	Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Barb Turpin	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Sara Johnson	Nancy Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Terri Lenzenhuber	
	Money Counters	Bridet Cobb & John Cobb, Jr.	Derrick Cobb & John Cobb, Jr.	Gracie Cobb & Brad Ellis	

Remember, if you are unable to complete your assigned time, you are responsible for finding a replacement! Thank you for your service!

Dear Padre,

If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus’ feet and said, “Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Likewise, at Mass, we’re so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ’s love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one’s breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest’s absolution, but it “lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn’t a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God’s word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (*GIRM* 46). ●

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.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and... every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus, this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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Pillar of Hospitality

It is imperative that a parish nurture a sense of community among parishioners. Welcoming and community building activities are essential for any parish to thrive and for stewardship to succeed. The Pillar of Hospitality brings parishioners together through social activities, fostering fellowship and strengthening our union as a parish and with God. Through these activities, relationships are built and the parish becomes engaged in the mission of the church.

Ask yourself:
Are there gifts I have that can help foster hospitality in the parish?
How can I be more welcoming to both new and long-term parish-ioners?
Do I actively participate in activities that promote good relation-ships?
Are there ways I can help increase outreach to the poor and needy in the community?

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!
Greeters, Gift Bearers, Minister to the sick, Social Concerns Com-mission, Volunteer for parish events, Coffee and donuts, Funeral lunches, Fish fries, Welcome new members, Welcome visitors , Offer help to fellow parishioners, Offer rides to events

St. Joseph Church

Oktoberfest

St. Joseph Parish Grounds
Martinsburg, MO

Sunday, October 4, 2026 - 11 a.m.

Mass on Sunday October 4th will be moved to 10 a.m.

MENU

Kettle Fried Chicken
Cheesy Hashbrown Casserole & Beans
Brats & Hot Dogs
Fried Taters - Pasta Salad - Chips
Applesauce - Desserts

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

Car Show
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Beer & Wine • Kettle Corn
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10TH ANNUAL

HARVEST PICNIC

Sunday, September 20, 2026
11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Montgomery County Fairgrounds
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Quilt Raffle
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\$500 Cash Raffle (\$10/ticket)
Donut Eating Contest approx. 2:45 pm
Vendors

Water Games
Barrel Train Ride
Kid Games & Bounce
Houses 11a-3p
Silent Auction

Live Auction
12:30 pm
Paddle Auction
approx. 2:00 pm
Pumpkin Drop
approx. 3:00 pm

FOOD

Serving
Dinner: 11a-1:30p Kettle Beef(GF) **OR** Porksteak,
mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, roll (carry-outs available)
Sandwiches & Snacks: 11a-3p Porkburger ~ Hot Dog ~ Porksteak
French Fries ~ Nachos ~ Dessert ~ Cotton Candy ~ Kettle Corn

Help/Volunteer/Questions contact Gina Smith 573-289-8635 or 573-564-2679

Upcoming Events and Announcements		
Monday September 14th	IC IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice 6:30 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Meeting (they did not meet on September 7th due to the Labor Day Holiday)
Tuesday September 15th	IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration NO Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - OCIA Class - The Catholic Faith Explained - The Paschal Mystery, The Mystery of Jesus's Death & Resurrection
Wednesday September 16th	IC IC SP	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Adoration
Thursday September 17th	SP	1:00 PM - Bunco @ Parish Hall
Friday September 18th		
Saturday September 19th	IC	4:20 PM - The Biblical Foundation of the Mass @ Church
Sunday September 20th	IC IC SP SP	9:20 PM - The Biblical Foundation of the Mass @ Church 11:00 AM-3:00 PM - Harvest Picnic @ MC Fair Grounds After Mass - Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall - all are welcome! After Mass - The Biblical Foundation of the Mass @ Church



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 Aspire Nursing Home
308 Cedar Avenue, Jonesburg, MO 63351

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

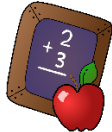
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STRUGGLING, SICK AND INFIRMED:

Dick & Shirley Arens, Corey Bainbridge, Al & Christine Barger, Gail Burch, Mike Busken, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Parker Calbreath, Bonnie Cannon, Christopher Carey, Tom Carey, Robert Carillo, Bill Cobb, Margie Cobb, Clint Cunningham, Pamela (Ingram) Dennis (Debbie Heidelberger's 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, Effie Kanwischer, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Annie Kempf, Darlie Lamb, Pat Merz, Kathleen Mohrmann, Nancy Nylund, 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>  Leroy & Betty Hanneken - 65 years of marriage on Sept. 16th Tom & Sandi Waddell - 22 yrs of marriage on September 18th Bob & Kim Dryden - 39 years of marriage on Sept. 19th Ty & Courtney Cothren - 23 years of marriage on Sept. 20th Green = St. Patrick Blue = Immaculate Conception		Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in September at St. Patrick! 6th - Annette Bextermiller 10th - Vivian Grelle 12th - Kathleen Mohrmann 17th - Londa Swoboda 20th - Connor Finke 24th - Anna Johnson 25th - Jordan Finke 29th - Samantha Politsch 29th - Madeline Politsch 	
IC School Advisory Board Minutes September 2, 2026 The IC School Advisory Board met on September 2, 2026. The following items were discussed: - Committees were assigned: -Long Range Planning-Diane Witthaus and Nancy Cobb -Recruitment-Lila Broz, Geri Park, and Rachel Rakers -Grant-Kristina Ferguson -Technology-Kellie Lewis - School is off to a great start! There are currently 40 students ranging from Kindergarten to Eighth Grade. The ECLC and PreK have 16 children. - Hot Lunches will be offered by the Ladies Auxiliary and Home and School. - Home and School will help run the children’s games and bounce houses at the Harvest Picnic. - Trivia Night is coming up on October 30th. 		St. Patrick’s News September Mass Intentions 2nd +Michael Schuler 6th +Alice O’Donnell 9th +Alice O’Donnell 13th - Rick Schutenberg (health issues) 20th +Clem Hagenhoff 27th +Tim Ebbesmeyer Please Note: Ministry Schedules are available in the vestibule of church. If you haven’t picked one up yet, please do so. We offer our prayers and condolences to Debbie Enger whose mother passed away last Saturday. Visitation and services will be on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Visitation from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM with funeral services at 12:00 PM, both at Pitman Funeral Home in Warrenton. 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. 	
Please Note! No Bible Study at ICC on Sunday, September 13th We will not have donuts and coffee at ICC on September 20th.		Safe travels, Father! We will miss you while you are gone! 	
IC Harvest Picnic Next Weekend! The picnic is NEXT WEEKEND! Thank you for all of the slips that were turned in. We have gotten many volunteers! If you haven’t signed up to work, we can find a job for you! \$500 cash raffle tickets, quilt raffle tickets, and Pumpkin Drop numbers are being sold now! If you'd like to purchase any of these, please see Janet in the rectory or drop off the information in the black box. Chances will also be available at the picnic. If you have any auction items, please turn them in by Wednesday, September 16. If you are donating cakes, pies, or any other item, they can be dropped off at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 20 in the morning, after Saturday Mass, or before Mass on Sunday, Sept. 20. You can also contact a committee member to make special arrangements. Remember, our refrigeration space is limited, so please donate items that do not need to be kept cool. We have fun games and activities planned for the Harvest Picnic for ALL ages. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our event! It is going to be a great day of food, fun and fellowship! 		A Word From Fr. Ernest On Monday, 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.	

Immaculate Conception School News Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal Mrs. Anna Harrell, Administrative Assistant 573.564.2679 - School Office immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org	
Important Dates: 9/18 Grandparents Day 10/30 Trivia Night - we moved it up a week, mark your calendars! It has been a hot couple weeks! Our students are cooking it up in the classrooms. Ms. Schroeder's class is learning all about landforms! What's a lake's favorite game? Water Polo ;) Mr. Doerhoff's 8th graders are preparing for confirmation already! Say an extra prayer for them to open their hearts to God's words and wonderful works! Mrs. Smith's students got to spend some one on one time with Father, they were given a task of asking all sorts of questions and really loved getting to get to know him on a different level. All classes are researching saints and Mrs. Cristal class is presenting their information on Saint Jerome this month. Thank you to those that have chosen apples off our Apples for Education tree, teachers appreciate the goodies! We still have some openings in our Pre-K rooms. If you or if you know of someone who is looking for a safe, loving, and fun place for your/their little one to grow and learn, please contact the school office at 573-564-2375 for more information.	
IC School Athletics Seventh and 8th grade ICS students are eligible to participate with the public school 7th and 8th grade sports throughout the school year. Ana Park - 8th grade, is on the middle school volleyball team and Steele Anderson and Keagan Rakers - 8th graders, are on the middle school football team. All “Home” volleyball games are at the R2 Middle School and “Home” football games are at the Blacklock Football Field. You are welcome to attend the games to support the ICS students! The “Home” games for volleyball and football are listed. THANK YOU for supporting the ICS Middle School athletes! Volleyball: September 15th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, October 3rd and 8th Football: September 22nd and 29th - 5:30 p.m.	
Thank You From the School Advisory Board The School Advisory Board would like to say thanks to the many volunteers who have been giving their time and service to help our school. Thanks to: -KC members for cutting the grass. -James Longstreet and Aggie Baldetti for continual taking care of the prayer garden. -Jerry Witthaus for planting pumpkin seeds. -Lila and Don Broz and KC Ladies Auxiliary for helping with the Back to School Barbecue. -Dennis Cobb for cleaning out the shed. -Jack Wells for overseeing renovation and repairs at school. -The Parish and Home and School for paying for the renovations at the school. -Dianne and Ron Talley, Lila and Don Broz, and Jerry and Diane Witthaus for having a fair parade float advertising our school. We appreciate all that you do to help make our school a success!	The Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary is selling Immaculate Conception Church T-Shirts & Hats  \$18 Hat  \$18 Youth Small - Adult XL \$20 2XL / \$22 3XL *Make checks to Ladies K of C Auxiliary Order by Sept. 9 to have by the IC Harvest Picnic! Orders will be taken through Sept. 30. Order forms are available in the church vestibule. You can return them to the black box. Call Pat Korman for more information.