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573.564.2375 Parish Office | Office Hours M-Th 9am-3pm
Janet Cobb, Bookkeeper/Secretary | imm-con@sbcglobal.net | www.mccparish.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 | stpat@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**

September 20, 2026 - Twenty-Fifth 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.

Next Up!

MIGUEL DULICK

I keep hearing preachers say this is their least favorite gospel, because it makes people so mad! All the workers in a vineyard get a full day's pay—which folks interpret as heaven—even the ones who came at the last hour of the afternoon. "You mean, I work hard my whole life, and some nobody from nowhere just waltzes into heaven ahead of me?" But wait a minute! You think you *deserve* your "pay"? None of us is anywhere or anything, even breathing, without God's grace. It's not a competition; it's our only hope! We should be dancing in the street to celebrate God's generosity. Matthew himself must have chuckled at this parable, since he was also a latecomer, having spent his life grinding his own brothers and sisters into poverty to feed the tax maw of the Roman Empire. Then, Jesus called him! I love the twist in the parable: the owner not only pays the last ones equally, but he pays them *first*!



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

If you don't like standing in line, you could be like Paul, who wants to just skip to the end: "I long to depart this life and be with Christ" (Philippians 1:23). As he says, "To me life is Christ, and death is gain" (Philippians 1:21). We should all be so eager. Just concentrate on the "fruitful labor" of service to others. Put everyone else ahead of you, and don't be afraid of some hard work. Any vineyard is a challenge, even when that vineyard is the Church. ●



For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, [says] the Lord.
ISAIAH 55:8

Reflect

Do I feel more deserving than others or struggle with envy?

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick

Mon	September	21st	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	September	22nd	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Wed	September	23rd	NO Mass - Jonesburg
Thur	September	24th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City-ICS & All Catholic Schools
Fri	September	25th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Sat	September	26th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Deceased of Schipper & Purler Family
Sun	September	27th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Tim Ebbesmeyer 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	\$4,538.00	\$5,106.00	\$9,644.00
September 20th			
September 27th			

Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$10,468.50
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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

Additional Financial Information	Who is an Active Parishioner?
Mass Intentions - \$30.00 ECLC Donation for Books - \$54.60 ICS Donation for Library Books - \$105.42	♦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 19th & 20th	September 26th & 27th	October 3rd & 4th	October 10th & 11th
	Lector	Beth Roesner	Gary Hoette	Jacob Roesner	Dennis Cobb
	Eucharistic Ministers	Megan Hans, Tom Cobb, Gary Hoette	Mary Pottebaum, Dennis Cobb, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Megan Hans, Tom Cobb, Beth Cobb	Dennis Cobb, Mary Pottebaum, Ruth Ann O'Keefe
	Ministers of Hospitality	Kasey Pottebaum Family Tom Cobb	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Bob Dryden	Ty Cothren Family	Tom Cobb, Bob Dryden, Bill & Liz Huston
	Servers	Mercer Cothren Jacob Roesner	Ella Hans Emelia Hans	Lila Broz Beth Roesner	Ella Hans Mercer Cothren
	Money Counters	Judy Cobb & Don/Sandy Oakes	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Dennis Cobb & Megan Hans	Daryl Rhoads & John/Aggie Baldetti
IC SUN 10AM	Lector	Janet Stumbaugh	Elizabeth Schierhoff	Mark Brower	Allie Johnson
	Children's Liturgy	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers
	Eucharistic Ministers	Jack Wells, Steve Williams, Pat Stumbaugh	Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton, Eileen Lotton	Gayle Adams, Jack Wells, Jenidean Readey	Tony Wessel, Steve Williams, Pat Stumbaugh
	Ministers of Hospitality	Jerry Neale, Steve Williams, Brady Craven, Dana Schneider	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman	Jerry Neale, Tony Wessel, Ron & Dianne Talley
	Servers	Josie Harrell & Keagan Rakers	Wade Harrell & Axton Johnson	Maverick Johnson & Leia Johnson	Luke Johnson & Keagen Rakers
	Money Counters	Elaine Winford & Vicki Parker	Pam Schwartz & Cathy McCormack	Dave Teeter & Vicki Parker	Mark Brower & Steve Williams
SP SUN 8AM	Hospitality/Usher	Ellis Family	Farrar Family		
	Altar Clean Up Only	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark		
	Lector	Sara Johnson	Matt Politsch	Please pick up ministry schedule	Please pick up ministry schedule
	Servers	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Anna Johnson	in the back of church.	in the back of church.
	Eucharistic Minister	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Sara Johnson	Nancy Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Terri Lenzenhuber		
	Money Counters	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,

Adam and Eve had two sons and maybe others not mentioned in the Bible. How were others born without having committed incest?

This is a perfectly valid question, and one that I think many people have probably asked themselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is the wrong question, because it does not reflect the true meaning of the story.

The story about Adam and Eve is not a literal story or, in other words, a story that would be reported by CNN or FOX News. It is a teaching story, intended to encourage belief in the creative power of God at work in his creation. It is not, nor has it ever been, a literal step-by-step tutorial of the early days of the human race.

The bible includes different literary forms: narrative or history, poetry and songs, parables, letters, genealogies, and more. Knowing what form is being used, the purpose of the passage, who is writing or talking, and the intended audience is the work of Scripture scholars. The story of creation is not intended to be literal; it is inspirational. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

September 22
Weekday
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 30:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 24
Weekday
Eccl 1:2-11
Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 25
Weekday
Eccl 3:1-11
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 26
Weekday
Eccl 11:9-12:8
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 27
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25-28
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Mt 21:28-32

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is...a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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Pillar of Service

Service is stewardship in action.
Service is giving of one’s time and talent to support the life and ministry of the parish and wider community.
Jesus came to earth to teach us to serve through his greatest commandment to love one another.

Ask yourself:
Where can I better the parish so that every parishioner feels a part of the parish family?
What does my parish need? Is there a ministry that needs gifts and talents that God gave me?
How can my gifts help serve others and contribute to making my parish alive and thriving?

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!
How can you serve? Some ideas but not all inclusive.
Prayer Chain Finance Council Parish Council
Cemetery Board Funeral Luncheons St. Vincent de Paul
Community Service Money Counters Outreach to Nursing Home and Homebound
Library Volunteer Home and School Association Mowing
Gardening Church Cleaning
Technology Support/ Web Page/Facebook

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
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Silent Auction

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

FOOD

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 21st		
Tuesday September 22nd	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 Holy Spirit & The Life of Grace God’s Divine Life Within Us
Wednesday September 23rd	IC IC	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome 5:30 PM - Choir Practice
Thursday September 24th	IC	There will be an 8:00 AM Mass
Friday September 25th		
Saturday September 26th		
Sunday September 27th	IC SP	4:15-6:15 PM - Confirmation Class 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 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 Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!  Mike & Jenidean Readey - 45 years of marriage on Sept. 25th Ritchie & Gayla See - 22 years of marriage on Sept. 25th 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 		Immaculate Conception School News Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal Mrs. Anna Harrell, Administrative Assistant 573.564.2679 - School Office immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org
 OCIA The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, or OCIA, is the process by which those interested in the Catholic faith are invited to inquire about the Church, and if they so desire, join the worldwide Catholic community. God is ultimately the one who calls a person to such a life-changing experience. All that is needed is an open heart to his word and trust in the journey he sets before you. Throughout the process of Christian initiation the entire Church promises to be there for those wishing to grow in their Christian faith. All are welcome and there is no obligation to make any commitment to become Catholic. Our 2026-2027 year starts on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. Sessions start at 6:30 pm in the Immaculate Conception School basement. The team strives hard to keep sessions to one hour. Sometimes, those of us who have been Catholic our whole lives forget to offer this information to others who may be interested in becoming Catholic. We just assume that if they are interested, they will find their own way. However, extending an invitation to spouses, relatives, friends, and neighbors, in a gentle way, might be just the opportunity that they are waiting for. They may be ready, but are not sure how to make an inquiry. However, if they are not ready today, you may have planted a seed that will grow and bloom into a decision sometime in the future. Feel free to invite: – Those who may be searching – Those who have never been baptized as Christians – Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition and are now interested in the Catholic Faith – Those who were baptized in the Catholic Faith but did not receive First Communion, and/or Confirmation. – Those Catholics who have been away and now have many questions about the Catholic Faith If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the OCIA Team Members: Father Ernest Dike, Rick Adams, Gayle Adams, Steve Williams Sr., Mark Brower, Mike Readey or Jenidean Readey. No registration is required.		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.		Society of St. Vincent dePaul  In honor of the feast day of St. Vincent dePaul, the local SSVDP will be sitting together (up front on Mary’s side) during Mass on Sunday, September 27th. Please wear your t-shirt! Thank You! We want to thank Fr. Ernest for his wonderful anniversary blessing and to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul for the lovely rose in honor of our 65th Anniversary! LeRoy & Betty Hanneken
PLEASE REMEMBER <i>NOT</i> TO PARK IN THE STREET FACING MFA OR IN FRONT OF THE SCALES DURING HARVEST SEASON. ~Thank you! 		Harvest Picnic This Weekend! The picnic is THIS WEEKEND! Thank you for all of the slips that were turned in and items donated. If you didn’t turn in a sheet, but want to help, we will find a spot for you! Tickets for the \$500 cash raffle, quilt raffle tickets, and Pumpkin Drop numbers will be available at the picnic. If you are donating cakes, pies, or any other item, they can be dropped off at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 19 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! 		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. There will NOT be a Prayer Partner Mass for October due to Father Ernest being gone. Next Mass will be on Thursday, Nov. 5th at 8 a.m.
		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.		