



Immaculate Conception Parish Family

157th YEAR OF SERVICE

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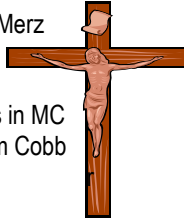
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DECEMBER 2, 2018 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 3rd	No Mass
Tuesday, December 4th	5:30 PM Mass in MC--Robert Merz
Wednesday, December 5th	8:30 AM Mass in Jonesburg 5:30 PM Mass in Wellsville
Thursday, December 6th	10:00 AM Prayer Partner Mass in MC +Jim Cobb 5:30 PM Mass in Martinsburg
Friday, December 7th	7:45 AM Mass in Martinsburg
Saturday, December 8th	5:30 PM Mass in MC +Jerry Dettenwanger
Sunday, December 9th	7:00 AM Mass in Jonesburg 9:00 AM Mass in Martinsburg 11:00 AM Mass in MC - Our Parish Family



July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
October 2018	\$46,990.29	\$45,636.24	\$1,354.05
Fiscal Year July 18-19	\$195,486.72	\$187,128.59	\$8,358.13
Needed Weekly = \$	\$ 11,158.21		
November 4 --	\$ 12,504.15		
November 11 --	\$ 10,538.91		
November 18 --	\$ 7,958.25		
November 25 --	\$ 11,180.00		

Last Week's Envelopes: 67 of 185

With God all things are possible

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5:00 to 5:20 PM Saturday or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated during Mass or at another arranged time. Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Austin.

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: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Call for details.

WHO IS AN ACTIVE PARISHONER?

- 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

Liturgical Ministers for December 8th and December 9th

Ministries

Saturday, 5:30 PM

Sunday, 11:00 AM

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
Lector	Vicki Oden	Michael Readey
Children's Liturgy		Pam Korte
Communion Ministers	Deacon Wayne Korte Larry Brueggemann, Mary Pottebaum	Deacon Wayne Korte Jenidean Readey, Pat Richard
Ministers of Hospitality	Bonnie Walker, Shirley Henke Bill & Margie Cobb	Ron & Dianne Talley Randy & Nancy Hinkel
Servers	Weston See, Jacob Roesner	Owen Merz, Malia Rodgers
Gift Bearers	Bob Dryden, Shirley Henke	Jeff & Amanda Arens
Money Counters	Jamie Hemeyer Raymond & Chris Welker	David & Janet Cobb Pam Schwartz, Cathy McCormack

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, December 3rd	No Mass 7:00 PM - Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Tuesday, December 4th	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30 PM - Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, December 5th	8:30 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 5:30 PM - Mass - Wellsville 6:00 PM - Home & School 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus
Thursday, December 6th	7:00 AM - School Book Fair - School Cafeteria 10:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass & Luncheon - MC 5:30 PM - Mass - Martinsburg
Friday, December 7th	7:45 AM - Mass - Martinsburg
Saturday, December 8th Holy Day of Obligation	5:30 PM - Mass - Montgomery City
Sunday, December 9th	7:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City

Father Austin's Weekly Calendar

Monday December 3rd	Day off
Tuesday, December 4th	1:00 PM - Confessions - SJS Martinsburg 2:00 PM - Advent Activity-SJS Martinsburg 7:00 PM - KOC - St. Joseph Martinsburg
Wednesday, December 5th	1:00 PM - Mexico Deanery Mtg. - MC 6:00 PM - Home & School - MC 7:30 PM - KOC - MC
Thursday, December 6th	2:00 PM - Confessions - SJS Martinsburg 6:00 PM - School Board-SJS Martinsburg
Friday, December 7th	10:30 AM - Mass - Gamma Nursing Home -Wellsville
Saturday, December 8th	
Sunday, December 9th	

Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention for our Local Church is **"For the blessing of family life; that as a community we may safeguard this basic cell of society in public policy,**



and as a Church we may support those struggling to provide a home filled with faith, hope and love."

Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to the following couples as they celebrate their special day!

Tom & Kay Benney as they celebrate 38 years of Marriage on December 6th.

Christmas Poinsettias



Advent is here and that means we are preparing to celebrate the coming of our Lord! This year as we consider how we are going to decorate, we decided to do things differently. Instead of having people bring in poinsettias, we are going to purchase them all at once from a single source. If you want to have one or more of the poinsettias dedicated to the memory of a loved one, or if you want to help with the cost of the plants in general, we ask that you make a donation to Immaculate Conception in the amount of \$9 per plant. You may do this by taking or sending your donation to the parish office. Or, to make it easier, just put your contribution in the collection basket. Please make sure you indicate that it is for poinsettias and if it is in memory of someone, please note that as well. A mass will be held later for of all those who have a poinsettia purchased in their memory. We truly appreciate the donation of poinsettias in the past and hope you will consider this an easier and help us make our church beautiful for our Christmas celebration!

Decorating the Church

We enjoy this festive time of year and feel such peace and happiness when we walk into the church for the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass. The beauty you see is through the efforts



Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2019

Stewardship Parish contributions as of November 26, 2018.

2019 - \$15,000.00 Parish Goal

<u>Donors</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
44	\$8,131.00	54.21%	(\$6,869.00)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Blessed Virgin Mary is the patron saint of our parish. On December 8th at the 5:30 PM Mass we will celebrate the beautiful gift God gave to us in Mary. The Mass will be followed by a special dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Meat and potatoes will be provided, we ask that everyone bring a covered dish to share; a vegetable, salad or dessert. Come join in the celebration!



St. Vincent DePaul Gift Shoppe

We have advent and Christmas items now available!!!! Need a special gift for a baptism, communion, confirmation, wedding, anniversary, prayer partner or special friend? The Gift Shoppe has many nice items including: bibles, bracelets, candles, cards, crosses, crucifixes, earrings, holy cards, Holy Water fonts, mugs, rosaries, tote bags, books, picture frames and much more. Come shop local and support the St. Vincent DePaul Society. If there is something special you would like ordered, please contact Mary Pottebaum @ 573-619-3320.

Volunteer Needed

With the recent snow and ice, we are in need of someone who will volunteer to shovel the snow and treat the ice on the



Immaculate Conception School News



School Christmas Concert - Would you like to hear some glorious music and receive an inner peace of gentle stirrings in your soul? Just come to the School's Christmas Concert held on December 14th, 6:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. You will see the twinkle in the eyes of the smallest children (Pre-school) as they sing their precious songs. You will hear the strength of the older children as they sing with elated feelings their glorious songs. What a way to continue the joy of Christmas!! See you there.

Sports - Basketball Schedule - Maddie Wisdom, is an 8th grader at ICS and will be playing basketball with the Montgomery County basketball team. The home games will be played at the Middle School. Let us cheer her onto victory by attending the games!!



- 12/04/18 - 5:30 PM against Bowling Green
- 12/05/18 - 6:00 PM against Warrenton
- 12/11/18 - 5:30 PM against South Callaway
- 12/18/18 - 5:00 PM against Orchard Farm

Prayer Partner Mass & Luncheon



When/Where: The Mass will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM followed by a luncheon in the school cafeteria. The Scholiast Book Fair will still be open for the purchase of books or maybe a special gifts during the Prayer Partner Luncheon.

IC Scrip Program - Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. The percentage will vary from one company to another. So with the Holiday Season fast approaching, you may want to consider purchasing some gift cards. There are a few ways to obtain the cards. **You may go on line to www.ShopWithScrip.com Enrollment code: 676419AC74L7, purchase them at the school office or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. If you have any questions, you may call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15th. The Social Hour will begin at 6:00 PM followed by the Dinner at 7:00 PM. For reservations, please call Ron Talley at 573-590-1028.

Events Around the Community

(See Flyers if available in the church vestibule.)



Montgomery City's Annual Home Town Christmas - December 8th - St. Vincent DePaul is sponsoring the Arts & Crafts show from 9:00AM-2:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Sturgeon Street, Montgomery City.

Christmas Giving Tree Reminder

The Social Concerns Commission will have the Christmas Giving Tree up from November 17th-December 9th. Youth in Need (YIN) will take delivery of the gifts, so all gifts must be at YIN no later than December 10th. YIN is located next to Dominos Pizza and they are open from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. The Montgomery County Christmas Club recommends each gift be in the range of \$15-\$20. Keep in mind that each child we are helping has 3 ornaments on the tree, so you only need to buy one item per gift tag. If you would rather give a cash donation instead of shopping, please send Beth Roesner or Debbie Heidelberger the money no later than December 5th. When you return the gifts to YIN, please have the gifts wrapped and the ornament attached. The Social Concerns Commission and the Montgomery



Please pray for: Seth Schrum, Jo Scott, Paul Dimond, Jacob Lotton, Harry Pottebaum, Rose Bethel, Virginia Cochran, Judy Cunningham, Millie Crocker, Ashton, Matt Brower, Fr. Ed Doyle, Jack Scott, Charles Lockhart, Blake Yelton, Ignatius and Marian Busken, Gina Smith, Lori Sollberger, Kermit Schnitker, Bobby Cochran, Angie Schaffrin, Piper Clark, Daniel Leonatti, Timothy Cochran, Corey Rees, Angela Witthaus Keller, Donna Bell, Anita Jones, Mary Hertel, and Joshua Cochran.



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.... Corey Stulce, Aaron Henke, Tanner Cobb, Travis Thebeau, Jacob Merz, Daniel Lohmann, Jared Korman, Tom Kraust, Tim O'Fallon, Brandon Benney, Gary Frey, John Burce, Chris Burce, Jacob Jones, Matt Veder, Michael James, Michael Adams, and John Martin. **Steve "Hipp" Hill and Brent Arnold have safely returned to the United States after being deployed overseas.**



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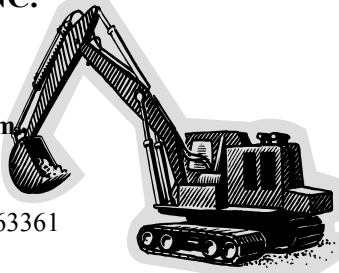


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"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6

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