



# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



**157th YEAR OF SERVICE**

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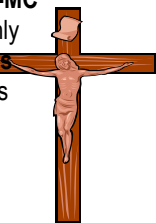
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## DECEMBER 23, 2018 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24th	7:00 PM - <b>Christmas Eve Mass-MC</b> +Bill Auchly
Tuesday, December 25th	<b>10:00 AM - Christmas Day Mass</b> MC +Elaine Vass
Wednesday, December 26th	<b>NO Mass</b> in Jonesburg <b>NO Mass</b> in Wellsville
Thursday, December 27th	<b>NO Mass</b> in MC <b>NO Mass</b> - Martinsburg
Friday, December 28th	<b>NO Mass</b> in Martinsburg
Saturday, December 29th	<b>5:30 PM Mass</b> in MC - Our Parish Family
Sunday, December 30th	<b>7:00 AM Mass</b> in Jonesburg <b>9:00 AM Mass</b> in Martinsburg <b>11:00 AM Mass</b> in MC - Jeanie Longstreet



### July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
<b>November 2018</b>	\$43,969.57	\$50,767.01	(\$6,797.44)
<b>Fiscal Year July 18-19</b>	\$238,286.29	\$237,550.60	\$735.69
<b>Needed Weekly = \$</b>	\$ 11,158.21		
December 2 -- \$	10,360.94		
December 9 -- \$	11,277.71		
December 16 -- \$	25,335.48		
December 23 -- \$			
December 30 -- \$			

Last Week's Envelopes: 64 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 29th and December 30th

#### Ministries

**Saturday, 5:30 PM**

**Sunday, 11:00 AM**

<b>Lector</b>	Dennis Benney	Amanda Arens
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Bonnie Walker
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Acolyte Dennis Cobb Ruth Ann O'Keefe Larry Brueggemann	Acolyte Dennis Cobb Eileen Lotton, Sheryl Schierhoff
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Sharon Pottebaum, Bob Dryden Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Ron & Dianne Talley Randy & Nancy Hinkel
<b>Servers</b>	Landon & Reed Pottebaum	Elizabeth Schierhoff, Owen Merz
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Steve Cobb Family	Michael Smith Family
<b>Money Counters</b>	Bill & Margie Cobb Rae Jean Roads	Cathy McCormack, Pam Schwartz

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, December 24th	<b>7:00 PM - Christmas Eve Mass - MC</b>
Tuesday, December 25th	<b>10:00 AM - Christmas Day Mass - MC</b>
Wednesday, December 26th	No Mass - Jonesburg No Mass - Wellsville
Thursday, December 27th	<b>No Mass - MC</b> No Mass - Martinsburg
Friday, December 28th	No Mass - Martinsburg
Saturday, December 29th	<b>5:30 PM - Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Sunday, December 30th	7:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM - Mass - Martinsburg <b>11:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>

## Father Austin's Weekly Calendar

Monday December 24th	Day off
Tuesday, December 25th	
Wednesday, December 26th	
Thursday, December 27th	
Friday, December 28th	Father's Vacation - December 28th - February 7, 2019
Saturday, December 29th	
Sunday, December 30th	

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."**

**Pastor's Pen & Christmas Prayer**



Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, Our Savior is an important feast in our church. It definitely shows God's love for us and the co-mingling of the Divine and the human. May we all rejoice in this celebration for having been given the greatest gift of all ... Jesus Christ,

Fr. Austin Okoli

### Saturday Mass Schedule

The following is the results of the Saturday Mass Schedule Survey. The votes from both Masses are as follows:

<u>Time</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>5:30 PM</u>
<b>Saturday Vote</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Sunday Vote</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>61</b>

Thank all of you for taking time to cast your vote. The vote is in favor of restoring the Saturday Mass to 5:00 PM.



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**The Sounds of Christmas Music**

Music is one of the most beautiful ways of expressing ourselves. For some it is easier to say what is in their hearts through song than with words. So to help us prepare for the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ, there will be music and singing prior to the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

Christmas Eve - Starting at 6:30 PM (Mass 7:00 PM)  
Christmas Day - Starting at 9:30 AM (Mass 10:00 AM)

### Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2019



Stewardship Parish contributions as of December 14, 2018.

**2019 - \$15,000.00 Parish Goal**

<u>Donors</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
51	\$9,611.00	64.07%	(\$5,389.00)



### Wedding Anniversary

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

John and Tудie Simpson as they celebrate 26 years of Marriage on December 26th.

Jeff and Julie Porter as they celebrate 33 Years of Marriage on December 28th.

### End of Year Contributions

If you want your Christmas and December weekly contributions entered for the 2018 year, you will need to make sure they are in the Parish Office by December 31st.

### Seminary & Priestly Retirement Contribution

This year Immaculate Conception Parish has been assessed \$2,057.00 contribution to the Seminary and Priestly Retirement Fund. A second collection will be taken up on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please be generous to support those in formation and those who have served us in the past. -

### Parish Office Holiday Hours

# Immaculate Conception School News



Dear Immaculate Conception families,

The season of Christmas is so full of energy and enthusiasm. Those who are blessed to have children in their lives know that so much of that positive energy comes from those children, old and young. The endless and indomitable spirit and anticipation for things to come seems to occupy their every moment. For the children it is the promise of Christmas morning. For all of us it is the promise of a Savior being born to insure that we receive the promise of the best gift of all.....the most ultimate gift....eternal life in heaven. It isn't without struggle and turmoil that we navigate this journey but we do so willingly because of the light in our children's eyes and the ultimate gift given to us by a child.

Most of us take this time to take stock in our lives and show our appreciation to those around us who have helped us reach where our journey has brought us. It would be impossible to express our gratitude to everyone responsible for allowing Immaculate Conception School to be a continuing voice of faith and an instrument for spreading the Word of God. The benefactors past and present have been too numerous, but for those who are able to read this letter; we say a heartfelt thank you. You provide a most precious gift in allowing Immaculate Conception to continue to operate for the "Greater Glory of God."

From the hearts of the children and our staff we would like to wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Christ,  
Cynthia J. Newman

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## ECLC Happenings

If you were to have peaked into the ECLC room this week you would have seen the children making a special gift for mommy and daddy. They were so focused on what they were creating, you could have heard a pin drop. What fun it was to watch their little faces as they concentrated on creating their masterpiece.



On Thursday the children had their Christmas Party. They were so thrilled to have a Happy Meal from McDonalds. Happiness is getting a treat from McDonalds.

**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](http://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.**

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## Events Around the Community (See Flyers if available in the church vestibule.)

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** - January 8, 2019 - 1:00-6:00PM - United Methodist Presbyterian Church, 300 N. Columbus, Montgomery City



**Please pray for:** Harold Clark, Allen & Patricia Laramore, Heather Benney, 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.



**Latin Mass**

**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces....** Corey Stulce, Aaron Henke, Tanner Cobb, Travis Jacob Meitz, Daniel Lohmann, Jared Korman, Tom Kraust, Tim O'Fallon, Brandon Benney, Gary Frey, John Burce, Chris Burce, Jacob 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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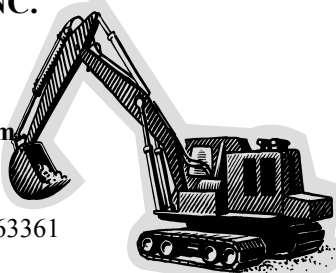
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not fail  
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forsake  
you."**

Deuteronomy 31:6

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