



Immaculate Conception Parish Family

158th YEAR OF SERVICE

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DECEMBER 1, 2019 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

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| Monday, December 2nd | No Mass |
| Tuesday, December 3rd | 5:30 PM Mass - Martinsburg |
| Wednesday, December 4th | 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg No Mass - Wellsville |
| Thursday, December 5th | 10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Bill Readey |
| Friday, December 6th | 7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg |
| Saturday, December 7th | 5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City +Our Parish Family |
| Sunday, December 8th | 7:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Valerie Readey Neudecker |



July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

| Church/School Financial Report: | Income | Expenses | Difference |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| October 2019 | \$ 50,654.57 | \$ 44,125.49 | \$ 6,529.08 |
| Fiscal Year July 19-20 | \$199,336.39 | \$ 190,942.49 | \$ 8,393.90 |
| Needed Weekly | \$ 11,775.43 | | |
| November 3 - | \$ 11,158.75 | | |
| November 10 - | \$ 5,258.23 | | |
| November 17 - | \$ 15,306.17 | | |
| November 24 - | \$ 7,335.29 | | |

Last Week's Envelopes: 61 of 179

With God all things are possible

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30 to 4:50 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.

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 exist in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

Who is an Active Parishioner?

- 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

Liturgical Ministers for December 7th and December 8th

| Ministries | Saturday, 5:00 PM | Sunday, 11:00 AM |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Lector | Dennis Benney | Amanda Arens |
| Children's Liturgy | | Bonnie Walker |
| Communion Ministers | Deacon Wayne Korte Margie Cobb Beth Cobb | Deacon Wayne Korte Jacob Lotton Jerry Witthaus |
| Ministers of Hospitality | Kasey & Mary Pottebaum Sharon Pottebaum, Bob Dryden | Ron & Dianne Talley Betty Bruer, Jacob Hans |
| Servers | Landon & Reed Pottebaum | Chase & Madison Queathem |
| Gift Bearers | Kasey & Mary Pottebaum | Jeff & Amanda Arens |
| Money Counters | Rae Jean Rhoads Raymond & Chris Welker | Elaine Winford Mike & Jane Dorlac |

**Bishop McKnight's
December
prayer intention
for our Local
Church is:**

As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Family, may our Churches and schools support parents in the raising of their children in the faith.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Father Austin's Weekly Calendar

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|-------------------------|---|
| Monday, December 2nd | No Mass 7:00 PM - Society of St. Vincent DePaul |
| Tuesday, December 3rd | 5:30 PM Mass - Martinsburg |
| Wednesday, December 4th | 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg No Mass - Wellsville 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus |
| Thursday, December 5th | 10:00 AM Prayer Partner Mass - MC Luncheon after Mass 1:00 PM - Deanery Meeting - MC |
| Friday, December 6th | 7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg |
| Saturday, December 7th | 5:00 PM - Mass - Montgomery City |
| Sunday, December 8th | 7:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City Noon-Parish Celebration of Immaculate Conception- KC Hall |

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| Monday, December 2nd | Father's Day Off |
| Tuesday, December 3rd | 5:30 PM Mass - Martinsburg |
| Wed., December 4th | 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg No Mass - Wellsville 1:30 PM - Advent Activities - SJS Martinsburg 6:30 PM - 1st Reconciliation Service Martinsburg 7:00 PM - Advent Penance Service Martinsburg |
| Thursday, December 5th | 10:00 AM Prayer Partner Mass - MC 1:00 PM - Deanery Meeting - MC |
| Friday, December 6th | 7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg 10:30 AM Mass - Gamma Nursing Home |
| Saturday, December 7th | |
| Sunday, December 8th | Baptism - Jonesburg - During Mass Noon - Parish Celebration of Immaculate Conception - KC Hall |



Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!

Tom & Kay Benney - 39 years of marriage on December 6th.

*"As each one has received
use it to SERVE ONE
as good stewards."*



1 Peter 4:10

CSA Petition: For our Diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal, that we will prayerfully consider our donation. We Pray to the Lord: Lord hear our Prayer.

2020 - \$12,000.00 Parish Goal

| \$ Received | % of Goal | Over(Under) |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| \$7,640.00 | 63.67% | (\$4,360.00) |

Christmas Poinsettias



Advent is here and that means we are preparing to celebrate the coming of our Lord! 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. Envelopes have been placed in the pews for your convenience. You may take or send your donation to the parish office. Or, you may 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 all those who have a poinsettia purchased in their memory. We truly appreciate the donation of poinsettias in the past and hope



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Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection, and click on "How to Give" on the left.

Feast



of the Immaculate Conception

Blessed Virgin Mary is the patron saint of our parish. On December 8th at the 11:00 AM 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 at 12:00 Noon. 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!



ance Services

7:00 PM - (unless otherwise noted)

Wednesday, December 4th - Fulton

Wednesday, December 4th - Martinsburg

Tuesday, December 10th - Montgomery City

Thursday, December 12th - Herman/Rhineland

Wednesday, December 18th - Mexico

Sunday, December 15th - 6:30 AM & After 7:00 AM

Mass - Jonesburg



Capital Campaign Update

Here Ye! Here Ye! Come One! Come All! There will be a Parish Town Hall Meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019 at

Immaculate Conception School News



The students are busy preparing for their upcoming Christmas Concert on December 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the church. All are welcome to attend.

ECLC Happenings

The children are excited to have a Thanksgiving dinner. If mommy wants help, they are eager to help with baking and cooking.



IC Scrip Program - Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. Christmas order forms are in the vestibule as well as a complete list of retailers. You may go on line to www.ShopWithScrip.com Enrollment code: 676419AC74L7. To ensure your cards come in before Christmas, please turn in your order by **December 9th**. Some cards are available for purchase 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 News Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 13th at the Knights Hall. Social Hour will start at 6:00 pm followed by a catered meal at 7:00 pm. A very short presentation will follow. All Knights, and widows of a Knight are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Bob Dryden or Richard Bainbridge so enough food may be ordered. Everything is free- no charge for the entire evening. Hope to see all Knights there.



Christmas Giving Tree

The Social Concerns Commission will have the Christmas Giving Tree up from November 9th-December 8th. Youth in Need (YIN) will take delivery of the gifts from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. All gifts must be at YIN no later than December 9th. YIN is located next to Dominos Pizza. 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 1st. When you return the gifts to YIN, please have the gifts wrapped and the ornament attached. The Social Concerns Commission and the Montgomery County Christmas Club thank all of you that participate in this program.



Tambourine Ringing

The Social Concerns Commission is thrilled to announce that Immaculate Conception Parish will be in charge of collecting money in front of Bratcher's Market for the Montgomery County Cares project on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The money collected will be used in Montgomery County for people in

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

Spirit of Christmas Concert - St. Martin's Church & Museum, Starkenburg, 197 Highway P, Rhineland - 2:30 PM Daily on December 5th, 6th, 7th

Advent's Steward's Way



Bishop McKnight has asked us to do a Steward's way for Advent. There are four sessions based on the joy of the Gospel. We will reflect on how our faith provides the foundation of gratitude. This will involve his four-year program and we will also have a Lenten offering.

Immaculate Conception Parish will have two small groups. One meeting at 10:00-10:45 AM Sunday mornings at the Rectory. The second group will be meeting at IC School on Sunday evenings from 6:00 -7:00 PM. Both meetings will begin on December 1st.

If you are interested in a Virtual Small Group via the internet, please go to Jefferson Diocese website: diojeffcity.org - scroll down to "Better Together"- click on "Join Our Advent Series- scroll to the right of the screen under Virtual Group - click on "Register" for the Virtual Group. Sign in and the program will email you information.

If you are interested in joining a group please contact Julie Worsham so she may get a copy of the booklet to you. You may contact her via text at 573-489-2778.

St. Martin's School - Jefferson City Kindergarten Teacher

St. Martin School, Jefferson City, MO is in search of a certified kindergarten teacher for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants who have a current teaching certificate, active in their faith-life, and have a strong work ethic are perfect candidates for this position. The candidate should have an understanding of the importance of the developmental milestones in a young child's life, as well as, how emergent reading and math skills are developed. Other skills needed in this position are being able to effectively communicate with parents and work as part of a team with other teachers and staff members. A skill-set on using different platforms of technology is beneficial. All interested persons should send their resume to Mrs. Julie Clingman, Principal at principal@stmartinjc.org along with filling out the application for St. Martin School, Jefferson City, MO on the Jefferson City Diocesan website <https://diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools/>

Please keep in your prayers the following people:

Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care Center, Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 - Ignatius Busken, Marian Busken, Doris Grillion, Susan Ryan.
Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Mackenzie Hagemeyer, Julie Thielmeier, Dorothy Conner, James Donald Nation Sr., Don Benney, Susan Schipper, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Angela Witthaus Keller, Sheryll Schierhoff, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jack Scott, Jo Scott, Bobby Cochran, Mary Hertel, Joshua Cochran, Anita Jones, Jim Cochran, Jr., Jim Cochran, Sr., and Lynn Cunningham Duncan.





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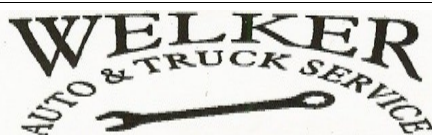
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Deuteronomy 31:6

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