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157th YEAR OF SERVICE

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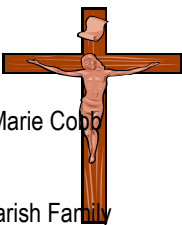
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Parish Council Members: Michael Auchly, President; Julie Beck, Vice-President; Dianne Talley, Secretary; Bob Reiter, Laura Yelton, Beth Cobb

DECEMBER 9, 2018 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 10th No Mass
Tuesday, December 11th **No Mass - MC**
Wednesday, December 12th 8:30 AM Mass in Jonesburg
5:30 PM Mass in Wellsville
Thursday, December 13th 8:00 AM Mass in MC +Anna Marie Cobb
No Mass - Martinsburg
Friday, December 14th 7:45 AM Mass in Martinsburg
Saturday, December 15th **5:30 PM** Mass in MC - Our Parish Family
Sunday, December 16th **7:00 AM** Mass in Jonesburg
9:00 AM Mass in Martinsburg
11:00 AM Mass in MC +Marian Farrar



July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

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

Last Week's Envelopes: 87 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 15th and December 16th

Ministries

Saturday, 5:30 PM

Sunday, 11:00 AM

Lector	Gary Hoette & HSRE/Confirmation Students	Shane Lotton & HSRE/Confirmation Students
Children's Liturgy		July Topel
Communion Ministers	Deacon Wayne Korte Vicki Oden, Shirley Henke	Acolyte Dennis Cobb Richard Schierhoff, Jacob Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Ben Creech & HSRE/Confirmation Students	Steve Williams & HSRE/Confirmation Students
Servers	Hudson & Emersyn Schroeder	Noah Beck, Malorie Schulte
Gift Bearers	Bill & Margie Cobb	Steve Williams & HSRE/Confirmation Students
Money Counters	Francis & Diane Happe Rae Jean Rhoads	Ruth Schneider, Gayle Adams

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Father Austin's Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 10th	No Mass 6:00 PM - Parish Council Dinner 7:00 PM - RCIA - IC School	Monday December 10th	Day off
Tuesday, December 11th	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 Noon - Ladies Auxiliary KOC Christmas Mtg. - Kim Dryden's House No Mass - MC 6:00 PM - 1st Communion Meeting	Tuesday, December 11th	6:00 PM - Parents First Communion Mtg. - MC 7:00 PM Advent Penance Service - Herman
Wednesday, December 12th	8:30 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 5:30 PM - Mass - Wellsville	Wednesday, December 12th	6:00 PM - Parish Council - Wellsville 7:30 PM - Finance Council Mtg. Martinsburg
Thursday, December 13th	9:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance 8AM - Mass - MC No Mass - Martinsburg	Thursday, December 13th	8:45 AM - Confessions - ICS - MC 7:00 PM - Advent Penance Service - Martinsburg
Friday, December 14th	7:45 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 6:00 PM - School Christmas Concert	Friday, December 14th	6:00 PM - Christmas Program -ICS - MC
Saturday, December 15th	5:30 PM - Mass - Montgomery City	Saturday, December 15th	7:00 PM - KOC Christmas Celebration IC - MC
Sunday, December 16th	7:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City	Sunday, December 16th	

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 & Pat Westhoff as they celebrate 40 years of Marriage on December 6th.

Penance Services

7:00 PM unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, December 11th - Herman
Thursday, December 3th - Martinsburg
Sunday, December 16th - 6:30 a.m. & after Mass - Jonesburg
Tuesday, December 18th - Montgomery City
Wednesday, December 19th - Mexico
Wednesday, December 19th - 5:00 PM & after Mass - Wellsville

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass - 7:00 PM
Christmas Day Mass - 10:00AM.

We need ministry volunteers for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. If you are able to assist with the Masses, the sign up sheet in on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

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 of volunteers who give of their time to help decorate the church. If you have time, even if it is just one hour, please come and join in the fun of decorating the church on December 23rd after the 11:00 AM Mass.



Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2019

Stewardship Parish contributions as of December 3, 2018.

2019 - \$15,000.00 Parish Goal

Donors	\$ Received	% of Goal	Over(Under)
49	\$9,551.00	63.67%	(\$5,49.00)

Thank You

We wish to thank Father Austin and Parish Family for the beautiful rose presented to us as we celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary.

Judy & Peter Cunningham

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



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 church grounds. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish office at 573-564-2375.

Bishop Gaydos Golden Jubilee

The Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Emeritus of Jefferson City will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination on Thursday, December 20, 2018, 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, Jefferson City. Let us please remember him in our prayers on this glorious occasion.



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.

Santa's Workshop

The 5th, 6th and 8th grade students are busy being Santa's elves. They have been busy hard at work in their little workshop making special gifts to sell at their Annual Santa's Workshop event. The proceeds from the workshop will benefit the 6th - 8th grades. All students are welcome to purchase gifts which will be individually wrapped by the special elves. This is a great opportunity to let your student purchase something special for family members or friends. Not only will the students be able to purchase gifts but they will have an absolutely fantastic time deciding what to purchase. The schedule is as follows:

December 10th: 1:00PM -3:00 PM - The workshop will be set up. The children will visit the Workshop and make a list of what they want to purchase.

December 11th: Each class will visit the Workshop and purchase their gifts. Smaller children will have an elf assistant to help them make their purchases.

2:30 PM - Any parent or teacher will have the opportunity to shop at Santa's Workshop.



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.**

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.

All You Can Eat Breakfast - December 9th - Knights of Columbus Hall - West Jefferson Street, Martinsburg - 8:00 AM - Noon. This is a worthwhile event as the Knights of Columbus Council #1270 is sponsoring the breakfast to support the St. Joseph Parish and School.

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.



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

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.



sure indicate that for **POWER PRAYER** you cate it is poinsettias



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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Deuteronomy 31:6

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