



Immaculate Conception Parish Family

158th YEAR OF SERVICE

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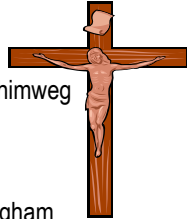
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MARCH 10, 2019 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 11th	No Mass
Tuesday, March 12th	5:30 PM - Mass - Mont. City +Vincent & Dolores Schimweg
Wednesday, March 13th	8:30 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 5:30 PM - Mass - Wellsville
Thursday, March 14th	8:00 AM - Mass - Mont. City +Kenny Cunningham
Friday, March 15th	7:45 AM - Mass - Martinsburg
Saturday, March 16th	5:00 PM - Mass - Mont. City-Our Parish Family
Sunday, March 17th	7:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM - Mass - Mont. City - +Rev. Ed Doyle



July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
January 2019	\$ 47,345.01	\$ 34,710.27	\$ 12,596.74
Fiscal Year July 18-19	\$344,887.86	\$311,851.07	\$33,036.79
Needed Weekly = \$	\$ 11,158.21		
March	3 - \$	\$ 28,915.89	
March	10 - \$		
March	17 - \$		
March	24 - \$		
March	31 - \$		

Last Week's Envelopes: 68 of 178

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 March 16th and March 17th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
Lector	Gary Hoette	Shane Lotton & Confirmation Students
Children's Liturgy		Bonnie Walker
Communion Ministers	Acolyte Dennis Cobb Ruth Ann O'Keefe, Vicki Oden	Deacon Wayne Korte Richard Schierhoff, Jacob Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	Ben Creech HSRE/Confirmation Students	Steve Williams HSRE/Confirmation Students
Servers	Beckham Cothren, Weston See	Chase & Madison Queathem
Gift Bearers	Steve Cobb Family	Steve Williams HSRE/Confirmation Students
Money Counters	Dottie Brueggan Debbie Heidelberger	David & Janet Cobb

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

“For a penitential spirit: that our observance of Lent may open our own hearts to greater sorrow for sins that offend our love of God and neighbor.”

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, March 11th	No Mass 7:00 PM - Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Tuesday, March 12th	12:30 PM - Ladies Auxiliary 5:30 PM - Mass - Montgomery City 7:00 PM - Worship & Spiritual Develop.
Wednesday, March 13th	8:30 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 5:30 PM - Mass - Wellsville
Thursday, March 14th	8:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City 9:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance 5:30 PM - Mom & Son Date Night 7:00 PM - Parish Council
Friday, March 15th	7:45 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM & 4:30 PM - Fish Fry
Saturday, March 16th	5:00 PM - Mass - Montgomery City
Sunday, March 17th	7:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City

Father Austin's Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 11th	Father's Day Off
Tuesday, March 12th	12 Noon - Mass - Starkensburg Shrine
Wednesday, March 13th	8:30 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 2:30 PM - Stations of the Cross - SJC, Martinsburg 5:30 PM - Mass - Wellsville
Thursday, March 14th	6:00 PM - School Advisory Board - Martinsburg
Friday, March 15th	7:45 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Martinsburg
Saturday, March 16th	
Sunday, March 17th	

Annual Fish Fry

The Annual Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, March 8, 2019 - April 11, 2019
11:00AM-1:00 PM and 4:30 - 6:30 PM



As we start our Lenten journey, a weekly way to remember what we can share with others is coming together in fellowship at the Friday Fish Fry. This is one way you can enjoy a calming but pleasant meal.

Starting on Thursday, March 7, 2016, the KOC Ladies Auxiliary will be peeling potatoes starting at 10:30 a.m. and continue each Thursday at the same time through April 11, 2019. Anyone who is able to assist in peeling and making potato salad are invited to come to the KC Hall each week. Your help is appreciated and just imagine what fun you will have talking and laughing while working! In addition, cakes, pies, and cookies are also needed for this event.

Lenten Meal Definitions

Some people have expressed confusion on the difference between Abstinence and Fasting and when they are observed. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and continues for forty (40) days. The following should help you determine your eating habits through Lent.

Abstinence: Anyone who has already celebrated their 14th birthday is to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: Anyone who has celebrated their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means to eat only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken: but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Wedding Anniversary



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

Terry & Vicki Parker - 47 years of Marriage on March 11th.

Lenten Penance Services

Thursday, March 21st - 7:00 PM - Rhineland

Thursday, March 28th - 7:00 PM - Fulton

Wednesday, April 3rd - 7:00 PM - Martinsburg

Sunday, April 7th - 6:30 AM & After Mass - Jonesburg

Tuesday, April 9th - 7:00 PM - Montgomery City

Wednesday, April 10th - 7:00 PM - Mexico

CRS Rice Bowl

Lent begins on March 6, 2019, Ash Wednesday. This is a time to reflect on various aspects of your life and how you want to find an inner peace. One way of achieving this goal is to help those who are in need of food. The Rice Bowl is a way of showing your children how to care and share with those in need. The bowls will be available through the school and in the church vestibule.

Stations of The Cross



The Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM. Please come and walk the journey of reflection.

March 15th April 5th
March 22nd April 12th

Immaculate Conception School News



Open House - The school is preparing for the March 12, 2019, Open House. You will be able to register for the 2019/2020 school year. The students have also prepared a couple projects that shows their wonderful talents. You will be amazed as you view their imaginative creations.

Wax Museum - There will be a Wax Museum. The students selected a famous person who in some way has given back to society.

Science Fair - The 5th - 8th grade students will also have their science fair projects on display in the library.

Dinner - A marvelous dinner will be provided and served in the School Cafeteria.

Mom and Son Night - The Annual Mom and Son Night will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019, from 5:30-7:30 PM in the school cafeteria. There will be movies, games and refreshments. This is a special time for moms and sons to bond.

ECLC Happenings

This week the children celebrated Dr. Seuss. They had their pictures taken wearing a Dr. Seuss hat and holding their favorite Dr. Seuss book. They also made a Dr. Seuss hat out of sliced strawberries and bananas.



The pre-school children are learning to read and print their last name. They are also working on counting and recognizing numbers.

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. 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.**

Craven Family Benefit

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, there will be a benefit held at the Fairgrounds Merchant building to assist the Craven family as they recently lost their home to a fire. The benefit will be held from 5:00-10:00 PM.



The Knights of Columbus advised there is a need for deserts. Anyone who is able to bring a desert of any kind will need to deliver it to the Merchant building by 4:00 PM on the day of the benefit. For more information, please see the Montgomery Standard newspaper.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2019

Stewardship Parish contributions as of March 3, 2019.

2019 - \$15,000.00 Parish Goal



<u>Donors</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over</u>
<u>(Under)</u> 57	\$10,145.00	67.63%	(\$4,855.00)

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

Project Prom Breakfast - Sunday, March 10, 2019, 9:00-1:00 PM at the Knight of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Sturgeon, Montgomery City

Annual Spring Sausage Dinner - Sunday, March 10, 2019 - 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM - St. Alphonsus Parish-Millwood, 29 St. Alphonsus Road, Silex - There will be a country store, quilt raffle, etc. There is much more that will be offered. Please see the flyer in the church vestibule.

Brunch & Blooms - Sunday, March 24, 2019 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Valentine Hall, 197 Highway "P", Rhineland/Starkenburg. If you want to be a vendor at this event, please see the flyer in the church vestibule.

Reverend Edward Doyle

Reverend Edward Doyle has left us to go home and be with our Heavenly Father on March 3, 2019. Please keep his family in your prayers.

He was the IC Parish priest from July 1987- February 1992. He holds a special place in our hearts and will be greatly missed.

Tony Melendez in Holts Summit

St Andrew Catholic Church in Holts Summit invites you to experience the talents of famous Catholic guitarist Tony Melendez live in concert, March 14, 7-9 p.m. A thalidomide baby, Tony was born without arms. He trained himself to play guitar with his feet, playing even for Pope John Paul II. Learn more about his story at www.tonymelendez.com. Free will offering. What a great opportunity to go deeper in your relationship with Christ during the season of Lent!



2019 Youth Summer Camp

Tolton Catholic

To look outside, one would not think summer is ever going to get here. Surprise! It is fast approaching and with that, parents are looking for fun activities for their children. Tolton Catholic School in Columbia will be sponsoring several youth summer camps from football to cheer. There is something for both girls and boys. For more information, you may go on line at Toltoncatholic.org/summer-camps. A flyer is posted in the church vestibule with more information.

Annual United Day in Prayer

Presented by Father Matthew Flatley, the diocesan moderator for spiritual formation, the theme of the 27th Annual United Day in Prayer will be "Forgiveness; The Path to Freedom ... the Freedom to Choose Love." It will be held March 16, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the A.J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, 2207 West Main St. in Jefferson City. Newcomers to Centering Prayer will be offered a mini-introduction to learn this simple yet profound method of prayer. Free-will offerings will be accepted to help cover the cost of the event, which is hosted by the Cathedral of St. Joseph Centering Prayer Group and facilitated by Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri. For more information, including a printable flyer, visit <https://cocemo.org/united-day-in-prayer> or contact Carol Steinman at 573-864-1097.



-----**Please pray for:** Charles Lockhart, Rose Bethel, Pat Richard, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jack Scott, Joe Scott, Bobby Cochran, Mary Hertel, Joshua Cochran, Anita Jones, Jim Cochran, Jr., Jim Cochran, Sr., and Lynn Cunningham Duncan.



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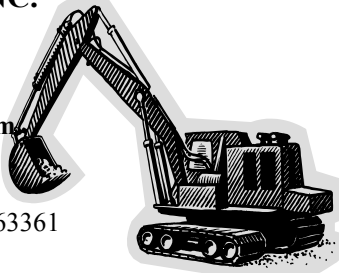


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Deuteronomy 31:6

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