



# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



**159th YEAR OF SERVICE**

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## NOVEMBER 29, 2020 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	<b>Mass Intentions</b>
Monday, November 30th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, December 1st	No Mass
Wednesday, December 2nd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, December 3rd	<b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> <b>+John &amp; Zita Welter</b>
Friday, December 4th	7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg
Saturday, December 5th	<b>5:00 PM Mass</b> - Montgomery City - Jennifer Dubbert
Sunday, December 6th	7:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM Mass - Martinsburg <b>11:00 AM Mass</b> -Montgomery City - Our Parish Family



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021			
Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
<b>October 2020</b>	\$36,633.04	\$61,673.54	-\$25,040.50
<b>Fiscal Year July - Oct. 2020-21</b>	\$198,274.62	\$192,271.25	\$6,003.37
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	- \$ 11,835.50		
November 1st -	\$11,338.59		
November 8th -	\$ 6,132.54		
November 15th -	\$ 7,568.05		
November 22nd -	\$12,006.50		
November 29th -	\$		

Last Week's Envelopes: 43 of 179

*With God all things are possible*

**(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)**

**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 exit 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 5th & 6th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
Lector	<u>No ministries will be assigned at this time.</u>	
Children's Liturgy		
Communion Ministers		
Ministers of Hospitality		
Servers		
Gift Bearers		
Money Counters		

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

For the sons and daughters of the Church: that we may be the light of God's love for the world by our sacrificial gifts for those in need, especially the children of our world.

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## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, November 30th	7:00 PM - RCIA
Tuesday, December 1st	
Wednesday, December 2nd	6:00 PM - Home & School Meeting 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Thursday, December 3rd	10:00 AM - Prayer Partner Mass
Friday, December 4th	
Saturday, December 5th	
Sunday, December 6th	9:30 AM - 3rd/4th Grade PSR Class 6:00 OM - 5th/6th Grade PSR Class 6:00 PM - Confirmation Class

### *Wedding Anniversary*



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

*Steve & Debbie Williams - 45 years of marriage on Nov. 29th*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvement	\$ 645.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 0.00
Special Collections:	
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 345.00
Donation from ICS Home & School	\$ 5,000.00
Donations (Christmas Flowers)	\$ 20.00
Holydays	\$ 195.00
Seminary	\$ 50.00

### **All Souls**

In the month of November, we remember those who have passed away in the past year: Lorraine Brower, Ignatius Busken, Marian Busken, Dorothy Conner, Doris Grillion, Ruth Reagan Huenefeld, Shery'll Schierhoff, Scott Schulte, and John (Jack) Scott.



### **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 \$10 per plant. You should have received an envelopment with your monthly ones. There are also envelopes in the vestibule 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 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!

### **Capital Campaign Committee Update**



The roof is finished! We will be looking for our next projects to happen in the spring. Thank you for any pledges or donations and your prayerful consideration. Our current total in donation and pledges is \$198,666.

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

The Social Concerns Commission will have the Christmas Giving Tree up from November 14 thru December 6. Youth in Need (YIN) will take delivery of the gifts, the gifts need to be YIN no later than **Dec 7**. YIN is located next to Dominos Pizza and they are open from 8am to 4pm Monday thru Friday. The Montgomery County Christmas Club recommends each gift be in the range of \$15 - \$20. Keep in mind that each child that 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 by no later than December 1. 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.



### **Catholic Stewardship Appeal**



**Catholic**  
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

We are near the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. For each one of you who chose to give back gratefully to God through a contribution to the CSA, we are deeply appreciative. Each gift, when combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the diocese, makes a very real difference. For those who have not yet joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. You can also make a pledge by going online to [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org) and clicking the "Donate Now" button.

### **2021 - \$12,000.00 Parish Goal**

<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
\$4,700.00	39.167%	(\$7,300.00)

## Immaculate Conception School News



November 25th-30th - Thanksgiving Break  
December 1st - School Resumes  
December 1st-8th - Book Fair  
December 2nd - Spirit Day

Please see attached/enclosed newsletter from Ms. Schroeder, School Principal.



### IC Scrip Program - CHRISTMAS ORDERS

Are you planning on giving gift cards for Christmas? Or maybe shopping online for gifts? Why not let some of your money that you would spend anyway go to a good cause?

You can purchase gift cards at face value and the businesses give our program a percentage of the sale. There are some order forms and lists in the vestibule. **To have gift cards before Christmas, please turn in your order by December 9.** We have some cards in stock that will be available after mass on December 5-6 or at the school throughout the week. You may also go online to [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com) to create an account to purchase e-cards, reload select cards, or place an order for physical cards. After you create an account, you can use the RaiseRight app to purchase cards and use your e-cards in brick and mortar stores. Please contact Gina for the enrollment code. If you have any questions, call or text Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.



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### Decree Extended After November 27th

Whereas the case numbers of COVID-19 infections remain at their highest levels for many counties of Mid-Missouri; and

Whereas the common good demands that the public health requirements and recommendations of the state are to be observed whenever possible; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council has provided their advice with regard to the ongoing reality of the pandemic; and

Whereas the current DECREE governing pastoral activities during the pandemic expires on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020;

I therefore declare, as the diocesan bishop, the following:

All dispensations, obligations and guidance of the previous DECREE of 21 August 2020, originally effective until 27 November 2020, shall now be extended until further notice.

(The entire decree may be viewed at:

<https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2020/11/13/decree-extended-after-27-november>)

### Advent Penance Services Cancelled

Due to COVID, there will be no Penance Services during Advent. Fr. Austin will be available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 4:30 to 4:50 p.m. or call (573) 564-2375 for an appointment.

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

Saturday, December 12, 2020 - SSVD Craft & Gift Show  
Saturday, December 12, 2020 - Saint Nick 5K Run/Walk



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### Totus Tuus applications

Are you a Catholic young adult interested in bringing the Gospel to kids and teens across our diocese? Please consider applying to be a Totus Tuus missionary. Download the materials at [diojeffcity.org/totus-tuus/](http://diojeffcity.org/totus-tuus/) and return your application to [khartman@diojeffcity.org](mailto:khartman@diojeffcity.org). We do hire on a rolling basis, so the earlier the better! The application packet includes a job description, application, and instructions for a letter of recommendation. Totus Tuus Missionaries serve from May 27 – Aug 1. This is a full-time, paid position.

### 2020 No Hunger Holiday Montgomery City Knights of Columbus



To the Immaculate Conception Parish family. We, the Knights of Columbus Council # 2044, wish to thank the parish for your support of the No Hunger Holiday. We raised enough in donations to purchase 45 boxes of food. These donations go to the Youth In Need of Montgomery County.

Richard Bainbridge, Chairperson



### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$445.00 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**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 - Susan Ryan

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



**Please pray for:** Nick Schneider, John Goodwin, Marlene Cunningham, Mackenzie Hagemeyer, Julie Thielmeier, Don Benney, Susan Schipper, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Angela Witthaus Keller, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jo Scott, Bobby Cochran, Mary Hertel, Joshua Cochran, Anita Jones, Jim Cochran, Jr., Jim Cochran, Sr., and Lynn Cunningham Duncan.



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.** Corey Stulce, 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 Vedder, Michel James, Michael Adams, and John Martin.





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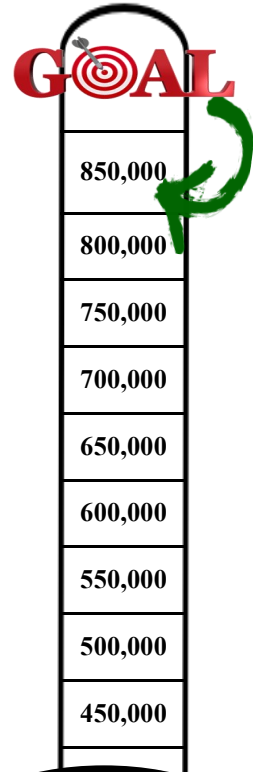
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