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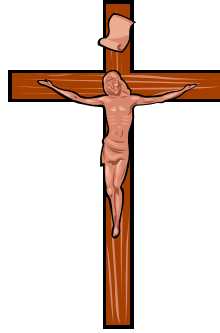
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MAY 7, 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

Monday No Mass
 Tuesday 5:30 PM + David Prior
 Wednesday 8:30 AM Mass in Jonesburg
 Thursday 10:00 AM for Ralph Brueggemann
 Friday 8:00 AM + Kenny Cunningham
 Saturday 5:00 PM + Sylvester Schmidt
 Sunday 8:00 AM Mass in Jonesburg
 Sunday 10:00 AM + Florence Kuebler
 & Our Parish Family



July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 Church/School Income Report

Total Expenses for Year	\$606,481.00
Year-To-Date Goal	\$513,176.40
Year-To-Date Actual	\$490,029.16
Needed Each Week	\$ 11,663.10
Last Week's Actual	\$ 15,691.00
Year-To-Date Difference	- \$ 23,174.24
Last Week's Envelopes	72 of 191

With God all things are possible

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:15pm 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.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Do you ever wonder why so many images of a shepherd show him with a sheep around his neck? When sheep wander, they need to learn who to follow. A good shepherd realizes that in order for the animal to do this, there must be a bond so tight that they can "smell" like each other and the sheep can recognize the scent. Jesus has us around his neck. He wants us to follow him; not just his teachings, but in the relationship with his Father. Jesus shows us, by his life, suffering, death, and resurrection what we ought to do to be fully human and live as children of God. By bonding with those most poor and vulnerable, Jesus calls us to do the same and desires to be our Good Shepherd. As you worship here today, keep in mind an image of Jesus carrying you around his neck. He wants you to recognize him so that you can follow, especially when we find ourselves wandering away.

Liturgical Ministers for May 13 and May 14

Ministry

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Sunday, 10 AM

Lector

Dennis Benney

Richard Schierhoff

Children's Liturgy

Pam Korte, Carson Parker

Communion Ministers

Deacon Wayne Korte,
Shirley Henke, Larry Brueggemann

Deacon Wayne Korte,
Sheryll Schierhoff, Jacob Lotton

Ministers of Hospitality

Bill & Margie Cobb,
Darlene Sachs, Shirley Henke

Steve & Kathy Holtz,
Charlie & Pat Korman

Servers

Josh Cobb, Wesley Cobb

Malia Rodgers, Samantha Queathem

Gift Bearers

Kasey Pottebaum Family

Michael Smith Family

Money Counters

Sandy Bethel, Mike & Jenidean Readey

Dottie Brueggen, Dave & Janet Cobb

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (Today)	8:00 AM Mass at Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass	
Monday	No Mass 7:00 PM	
Tuesday	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30 PM Mass 7:00 PM Worship and Spiritual Development Meeting	
Wednesday	8:30 AM Mass at Jonesburg 1:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Perpetual Help Devotions 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive at the KC Hall	
Thursday	8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting	
Friday	8:00 AM Mass	
Saturday	5:00 PM Mass Noon Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima	
Sunday	8:00 AM Mass at Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass	

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Aaron and Brenda Knapp as they celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on May 11!

To Michael and Lori Scott as they celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary on May 11!

TRINITY DOME COLLECTION - MAY 13-14

The Trinity Dome collection is a one-time appeal to assist in bringing to completion the construction of the Great Upper Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington D.C., begun in 1955. Proceeds will assist with the completion of the central and final dome in mosaic, the Holy Trinity. Prayer cards are available in the vestibule for those who would like one.

RETRouvaille - JUNE 2-4

Marriage Challenges? Retrouvaille (a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal and renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems and crises, even couples who are separated and divorced. The next program begins with the **weekend of June 2-4, 2017**. For further information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit **www.HelpOurMarriage.com**.



BLOOD DRIVE - MAY 10

There will be a blood drive at the KC Hall on Wednesday, May 10, from 1 PM to 6 PM. Please give blood, give life!

INFIRM PRIESTS COLLECTION

Our parish was assessed **\$2,317.00** for the infirm and retired priests of our diocese. To date, we have received \$1,763.45. If you have not given, please consider giving for those who have served our diocese in the past.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support, \$988.50, of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just drop your envelope in the collection or visit www.usccb.org/national/collections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - MAY 18

Seven young men and women of Immaculate Conception Parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 18, at 7 PM. The Sacrament will be conferred upon Aubreigh Allen, Renee Bethel, Mason Hemeyer, Regan Pazdera, Jacob Queathem, Sydney Queathem and Kayla Schmidt. You are invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony to pray with and congratulate these young men and women. There will be a reception following the ceremony.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life.

--- Psalm 23:6

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL INFORMATION



5/9: Field Day, 5-6 Stevens' Farm Tour; 5/12: Kindergarten Graduation, 8AM Mass; 5/18: Last day of school, early dismissal 12:30 PM; 5/21: 8th Grade Graduation, 10AM Mass

Get shopping /gift cards through the IC Scrip Program. www.ShopWithScrip.com Enrollment code: 676419AC74L7 If you have any questions, call the school at 564-2679 or Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.

WANTED! - CHURCH PEW

Immaculate Conception School is looking for a six to eight foot church pew to use in the foyer. If you know where we can get one please contact Kristie Eldringhoff as soon as possible.



SPRING BASKET FUNDRAISER

Immaculate Conception School has started their spring basket fundraiser in cooperation with Yardbirds LLC. Baskets are \$16 each. You may get your tickets from the school office or from Kristie Eldringhoff at 573-220-9616 (keldringhoff@gmail.com). These make great Mother's Day gifts. Your tickets must be used by June 1. Thank you for your support of our school.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Regular registration runs from April 1-May 31 and is \$150. Late registration begins June 1 and is \$175.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

It is never too early to start thinking about your child's education. Immaculate Conception School ECLC is now enrolling Preschoolers for the 2017-2018 school year. At IC School we prepare your child for formal academics by teaching beginning phonics, math readiness and the essential skills to enhance the learning process. Please contact Mrs. Jesse Bolte to schedule a visit (573) 564-2679.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Diocesan Speech Meet participants! Josh Cobb & Hannah Eldringhoff earned a blue ribbon, Maddie Wisdom, red; and Gaelyn Allen, red.

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ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA - MAY 13



On **Saturday, May 13, at 12:00 noon**, the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima will be said in front of the statue of Mary outside of church. This will be in memory of the 100th anniversary of Mary's first appearance to 3 children in Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES FOR BIRTHRIGHT - MAY 13,14


Artificial roses will be sold after Mother's Day weekend Masses on May 13 and May 14. Each rose sells for \$2.00. All money collected will go to Birthright of Montgomery City.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Graduating High School Seniors will be recognized at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, May 21. Our Seniors this year are Renee Bethel, Devon Oden, and Dillon Plotts. Seniors are asked to be at Mass no later than 9:45 AM wearing caps and gowns.

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Donald Wisdom, Delores Miller, Pat Schwab, Shirley Arens, Marian Busken, Amy Dullard, Daniel Leonatti, Jim Grillo, Evan Clements, Debbie Heidelberg, Robert Merz, Harold Cobb, Bill Auchly, George Banfield, Jo Ann Reagan, Roger Richard, Dylan Arnold, Bill Fischer, Judy Cunningham, Lori Sollberger, Evely Heimburger, Zita Welter, Stephanie Steffans, Jeff Dykman, Eathan Leadley, Charlene Strange, and Katie Williams.



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.... 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.
Aaron Henke, Marine grandson of Shirley Henke, has been deployed to Iraq.

From: Bishop John R. Gaydos

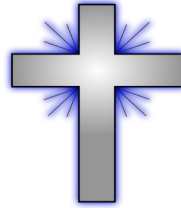
Some of you may be aware that I have had health issues with my heart over the past several years. Among other things, I became the proud owner of a pacemaker back in 2012. Those overseeing my medical care have also been keeping careful watch over the aortic valve in my heart, which began showing signs of wear and tear for the past several years.

During a routine doctor's visit last October, I learned that an echocardiogram test had shown that, while I didn't yet need to get the valve replaced, the situation was heading in that direction and might take place within the year. Along with my regular spring examination, it was decided that I needed another echocardiogram and that's when I found out that the time has come to replace my aortic valve. Over the past month, I've undergone a series of tests to determine how this was going to take place.

I am now able to let you know that I will be undergoing open-heart surgery in St. Louis on Wednesday, May 17, to replace the aortic valve in my heart. Surgeons from the Cardiovascular Division of Washington University School of Medicine will perform the surgery at BJC hospital.

It is my understanding that, following the surgery, my activities will be severely curtailed while I am recovering. Father Joseph Corel, our Vicar General, and our Chancellor, Sister Kathleen Wegman and all of my colleagues at our Catholic Center will be picking up any slack, for which I am very grateful.

I humbly ask that you assist me in the days ahead with fervent prayers to our loving God for my complete and speedy recovery. May God bless you all.



Monsignor Higley will Lead Pilgrimage Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg - May 21

The Historic Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine at Starkenburg will host its annual Spring Pilgrimage on Sunday, May 21, 2017.

The special day will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Pilgrims will then carry a replica of the White Lady, an image that has been at the Shrine since 1852, in a rosary procession through the Shrine grounds, stopping at each of the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

A traditional German meal of fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, slaw and dessert will be served by members of the Church of the Risen Savior from 11:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The meal will be served in Valentine Hall, which is handicapped accessible and air-conditioned. The public is welcome to attend the meal, even if not participating in the Pilgrimage.

"We look forward to welcoming the Sacred Heart choir from Columbia Missouri to our Spring Pilgrimage," said Msgr. Higley. "All are invited to spend a refreshing, prayerful day in the pastoral environs of this beautiful shrine." Rev Msgr. Greg Higley, pastor of Church of the Risen Savior.

Following the meal, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be heard. The day will conclude with Benediction at 1:00 p.m. and Mass at the Outdoor Altar at 2:00 p.m., with Monsignor Higley, officiating. He is the Pastor at St. George in Hermann and Church of the Risen Savior in Rhineland.

Religious articles will be available for sale and will be blessed in the afternoon.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is located in Montgomery County, just 2 miles north of the Katy Trail, on Highway P. Directions to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows:

From I-70: take the New Florence/Hermann Exit and go South on Highway 19. In Big Spring, turn right onto Highway K. Turn left onto Highway P at Americus. Go approximately 5 miles, Starkenburg is on your right.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is handicapped accessible. The Shrine and St. Martin's Church Museum are open daily for visitors. For more information about the history and other events at the Shrine, visit

www.historicshrine.com or www.ValentineHall.org. You may also contact the parish office at 573-236-4390.



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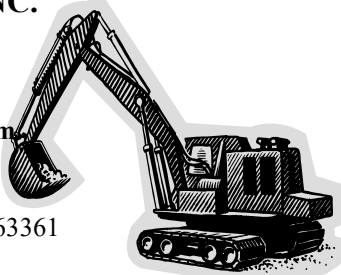
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