



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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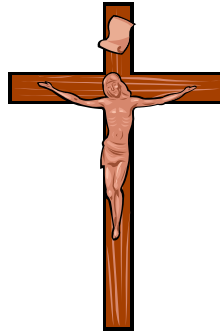
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MAY 14, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 5:30 PM + Claire Benney
Wednesday 8:30 AM Mass in Jonesburg
Thursday 8:00 AM + Buzz Steffan
Friday 8:00 AM + Margie Wessel
Saturday 5:00 PM + Frances Whyte
Sunday 8:00 AM Mass in Jonesburg
Sunday 10:00 AM + for Roger Richard
& Our Parish Family



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

Total Expenses for Year \$606,481.00
Year-To-Date Goal \$524,839.50
Year-To-Date Actual \$498,732.16
Needed Each Week \$ 11,663.10
Last Week's Actual \$ 8,703.00
Year-To-Date Difference - \$ 26,107.34
Last Week's Envelopes 75 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



“Let yourself be built into a spiritual house.” These words are found in today’s second reading. Are we willing to take up this challenge? Being built into a spiritual house means that I am willing to be shaped, constructed, stretched, changed, and designed. Growth involves many challenges and a lot of pain. It is not easy allowing my humanness to be transformed into the divine, and trusting God to do the work. Life’s issues can easily cause us to try to control the uncontrollable and to become overly anxious when confronted with life and death issues. Yet Jesus tells his followers, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.” For those willing to be stretched and shaped into the spiritual dwelling they are meant to be, these words can be reassuring and lead to greater trust.

Liturgical Ministers for May 20 and May 21

Ministry	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10 AM
Lector	Beth Roesner	8th Grade Graduates
Children’s Liturgy		Judy Topel, Sydney Queathem
Communion Ministers	Acolyte Dennis Cobb, Margie Cobb, Vicki Oden	Deacon Wayne Korte, Megan Pierce, Gina Smith
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb, Regan Pazdera, Ginny Cochran	Greeters: 8th Grade Graduates Monica Wisdom, Cheryl Myrick, Steve Johnson, Charles Kueny
Servers	Weston See, Landon Pottebaum	Maddie Wisdom, Gaelyn Allen
Gift Bearers	Steve Cobb Family	Miley Kueny, Dennis & Michelle Allen
Money Counters	Bob Reiter, Joyce Fraser	Cathy McCormack, Pam Schwartz



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (Today)	8:00 AM Mass at Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	
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 Catholic Education Commission Meeting	
Wednesday	8:30 AM Mass at Jonesburg 1:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Perpetual Help Devotions	
Thursday	8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Sacrament of Confirmation	
Friday	8:00 AM Mass	
Saturday	5:00 PM Mass	
Sunday	8:00 AM Mass at Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass	

PASTOR'S PEN: UPDATE ON THE LAND

It is a great privilege and thing of joy to update you all on the intended purchase of the field (4.33 acres) and 4 lots of 80X120 each. After consultations with the different committees in the parish, it was decided to buy the landed property for the expansion of the school and parish. The field will be good for the kids as regards sports activities and the 4 lots for future use of family functions. At the moment, 15 families have donated or pledged to the purchase of the landed property. \$47,200 in pledges and \$32,600 in cash, bringing everything to \$79,800. I am really grateful to these families for their generosity and your parish family thanks you so much. If you are interested in helping out in this noble project, you can call the rectory to make a donation to the parish.

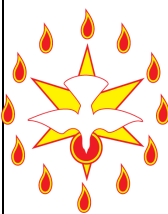
CONGRATULATIONS!

To Pat and Sherrie Killday as they celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on May 15!

To Frank and Diane Happe as they celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary on May 18!

TRINITY DOME COLLECTION - MAY 13-14

The National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our church!



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.



Thank you to Mark Broniec for volunteering his time and lawn mower for the past seven years to make sure the school's grass is cut. We are looking for someone to volunteer to take over this time and talent of cutting grass for the school. Please contact the school office if interested.

Parish Family - Thank you so much for the beautiful rose for our 25th anniversary. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank you again,
Rick & SaraBeth Boschert

Thank you to Doug Schroeder for refinishing the wooden tabernacle that was used during the Easter Triduum. We appreciate your sharing of your time and talents.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL INFORMATION



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.

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.

PRINCIPAL needed for Immaculate Conception School (ECLC-8) in Montgomery City, Missouri, a faith community with 86 students (ECLC-8) and 19 faculty and staff. Applicants must be practicing Catholics with at least 3 years of successful teaching, preferably in a Catholic elementary school. Requirements include a Master's degree and principal's certification or working toward it. For information contact Fr. Austin Okoli, 573-564-2375, imm-con@sbcglobal.net

ELEMENTARY TEACHER needed for Immaculate Conception School in Montgomery City, Missouri for the 2017-2018 school year. Applicants should be a practicing Catholic with elementary certification. Please contact Megan Pierce at mpierce@icschool-mc.org with resume and letter of interest. Candidates will also be required to complete the Diocese of Jefferson City elementary teacher application process found at the following address: <http://www.diojeffcity.org/our-schools/school-office/school-employment>

Part-time MUSIC TEACHER needed for Immaculate Conception School (Preschool-8) in Montgomery City, Missouri, a faith community with 86 students. Applicants must have a musical background and are preferred Catholic, but not required. For information contact Megan Pierce, 407 W 3rd Street, 573-564-2679, mpierce@icschool-mc.org.

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.

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.

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



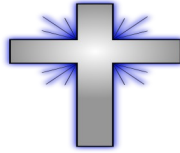
Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.... Tanner Cobb, Travis Thebeau, Jacob Merz, Daniel Lohmann, Jared Korman, Tom Kraust, Tim O'Fallon, Brandon Benney, Gary Frey, John Burce, Chris Burce, Jacob Jones, Matt Veder, Michael James, Michael Adams, and John Martin.
Aaron Henke, Marine grandson of Shirley Henke, has been deployed to Iraq.

From: Bishop John R. Gaydos

I will be undergoing open-heart surgery in St. Louis on Wednesday, May 17, to replace the aortic valve in my heart 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.



Pilgrimage at 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

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.

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.

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.

SUMMER PICNIC AND QUILT AUCTION - JUNE 4

Our Lady, Help of Christians, Frankenstein, is having a Summer Picnic and Quilt Auction on Sunday, June 4. They will be serving fried chicken and German pot roast dinners from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Adults:\$11; Children (5-12): \$4; Under 5: Free.

COCEMO (Contemplative Outreach of Central MO) RETREAT

COCEMO, www.cocemo.org, presents our

2017 2017 Centering Prayer/12 Step Weekend Summer Retreat June 2-4, 2017 @ IL Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center in Dittmer MO. Our fee is \$195- all inclusive and partial scholarships are available. *The Contemplative Dimension of the 12-Steps -*

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

It is all too easy to loose our way when our focus is on what other people are or are not doing. The Spirit is working with each of us, guiding our path if we listen and follow. We are not to compare ourselves with others nor insist that others follow our path. Our focus should be on our own path; our eyes and ears focused on what the Spirit is saying and showing to us. Instead of questioning others, we should be asking ourselves: "What would Jesus do?"

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Have faith in God.*

- John 14:1



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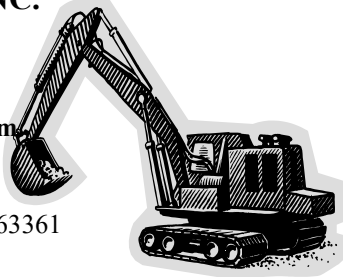


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Deuteronomy 31:6

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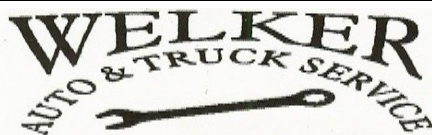
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