



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



156th YEAR OF SERVICE

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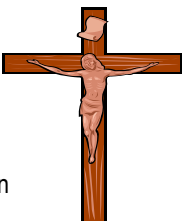
Society of St. Vincent DePaul 573.835.3631

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

DECEMBER 3, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

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| Monday, December 4 | No Mass |
| Tuesday, December 5 | 5:30 PM + Kenny Cunningham |
| Wednesday, December 6 | 8:30 AM Mass in Jonesburg |
| Thursday, December 7 | 10:00 AM + Dorothy Stumbaugh 6:30 PM Mass in Jonesburg |
| Friday, December 8 | 6:00 PM + Rev. Frank Bussmann |
| Saturday, December 9 | 5:00 PM + Jerry Cobb |
| Sunday, December 10 | 8:00 AM Mass in Jonesburg 10:00 AM Our Parish Family |



July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

| Church/School Financial Report: | Income | Expenses | Difference |
|---|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| October 2017 | \$47,872.11 | \$48,065.82 | (\$193.71) |
| Fiscal Year July'17-'18 | \$176,781.96 | \$190,847.12 | (\$14,065.16) |
| Needed Weekly = | \$10,910.96 | | |
| November 05 -- | \$18,297.50 | | |
| November 12 -- | \$10,075.25 | | |
| November 19 -- | \$10,222.52 | | |
| November 26 -- | \$17,042.50 | | |
| Last Week's Envelopes | 70 of 191 | CCHD - \$1,090.57 | |
| <i>With God all things are possible</i> | | | |

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.



Christmas Masses are scheduled here for 5:00 PM on Christmas Eve and 10:00 AM on Christmas Day. The sign-up sheets for ministries for these Masses are now on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Please see where you can help out!

| Liturgical Ministers for December 9 and December 10 | | |
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| Ministries | Saturday, 5:00 PM | Sunday, 10:00 AM |
| Lector | Clark Yates, Carl Smith, Zoey Ryan, Bobby Merz | Richard Schierhoff |
| Children's Liturgy | | Pam Korte |
| Communion Ministers | Deacon Wayne Korte, Gary Hoette, Ruth Ann O'Keefe | Deacon Wayne Korte, Patricia Richard, Londa Swoboda |
| Ministers of Hospitality | Bobby Merz, Isaac Hinkel, Daryl & Nancy Cobb | Jeff & Amanda Arens, Steve & Kathy Holtz |
| Servers | Owen Merz, Maddie Wisdom | Malia Rodgers, Chase Queathem |
| Gift Bearers | Grayson Gerding, Isaac Hinkel | Sharon Pottebaum, Jeff & Amanda Arens |
| Money Counters | Bob Reiter, Joyce Fraser | Dottie Brueggen, Mike & Jenidean Readey |

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| Monday, December 4 | No Mass 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting | |
| Tuesday, December 5 | 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30 PM Mass | |
| Wednesday, December 6 | 8:30 AM Mass at Jonesburg 1:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Perpetual Help Devotions 6:00 PM Home & School Meeting 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus meeting | |
| Thursday, December 7 | 10:00 AM Prayer Partner Mass 6:30 PM Vigil Mass in Jonesburg for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception | |
| Friday, December 8 | 6:00 PM Mass followed by Parish Feast Day celebration | |
| Saturday, December 9 | 5:00 PM Mass | |
| Sunday, December 10 | 8:00 AM Mass at Jonesburg 8:45 - 9:45 AM Bible Study in the Rectory 10:00 AM Mass 6:00 -7:30 PM PSR classes 6:00 -8:30 PM HSRE class | |

Please call Robie Orf at 573-470-1223 or email Robie at eiborfro@sbcglobal.net.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL INFORMATION

Get shopping /gift cards through the IC Scrip Program. www.ShopWithScrip.com Enrollment code: 676419AC74L7 If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635. 12/6: Home & School, 6 PM; 12/8 Parish Feast Day Mass, 6 PM; 12/15: Christmas Program, 6 PM

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Social Concerns Commission will have a Christmas Giving Tree up from November 10 through December 10. Youth in Need (YIN) can take delivery of the gifts between December 8 and December 12; but the gifts need to be at YIN no later than **December 12**. YIN, located next to Dominoes Pizza, is open 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through 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, you only need to buy one item per gift tag. If you would rather give a cash donation instead of shopping, please send the money to Beth Roesner or Debbie Heidelberg no later than December 4. When you return the gifts to YIN, please have the gifts wrapped and the ornament attached with the child's code up. The Social Concerns Commission and the Montgomery County Christmas Club thank all of you that participate in this program.



ICS/MCMS SPORTS

ICS students in 7th & 8th grades are eligible to participate each season in sports with the public school 7th & 8th grades. Basketball season has begun and Maddie Wisdom is participating in the 8th grade girls basketball. Listed are the home games that are played at the R-2 Middle School. You are welcome to attend the sporting events to show your support. Friday, 12/08/17: 5:30 PM; Tuesday, 12/12/17: 6:00 PM; Thursday, 12/14/17: 6:00 PM; Monday, 12/18/17: 5:30 PM.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - DECEMBER 3

Holy Rosary Catholic Church presents Donna Cori Gibson, "A Traditional Christmas" concert on Sunday, December 3 at 6 PM. It is a free concert.



Thank you for your generous support to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! **As a parish we raised \$1090.57** to support those on the margins living in poverty. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Drop your envelope in the collection basket or visit usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left.

ATTENTION: MISSOURI BIRTH PARENTS AND ADOPTEES: Missouri adoption law is changing!

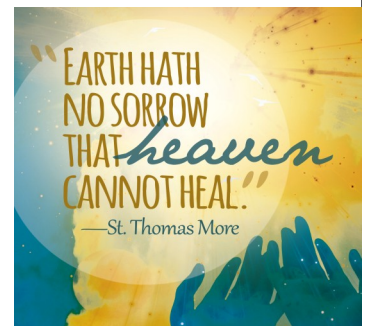
On **January 1st, 2018**, adult adoptees (ages 18 and older) will be granted access to their original birth certificate. Birth parents have the right to protect their confidentiality under the new law, but they *must act before January 1st*. For more information, **contact the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records** by phone at (573) 751-6387 OR by email at vitalrecordsinfo@health.mo.gov. Visit the Bureau's website at www.health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/adopterightsact.php for more detailed information about the new law.

ETERNAL LIFE

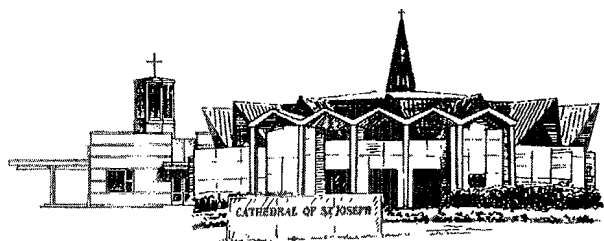
Our prayers and sympathies are offered to the families of Delores Miller and Fr. Frank Bussmann who passed away last week and whose funerals were this week. May the choirs of angels come to greet them. May they speed them to paradise. May the Lord enfold them in His mercy. May they find eternal life.



Please pray for: Roger Richard, Gina Smith, Rose & Galen Bethel, Lynne Sander, Christine Gotcher, Mary Hertel, Sam Schaffrin, Eric Ravencraft, , Amanda Sachs and babies, Deanna Cobb, Kathie Walker Munoz, Joyce Fischer, Mary Dryden, Carole Bainbridge, Judy Cunningham, Linda Nation, Lynda Tate, Angela Witthaus Keller, Bill Dryden, Donna Whitehead, Donald Wisdom, Shirley Arens, Marian Busken, Amy Dullard, Daniel Leonatti, Evan Clements, Robert Merz, George Banfield, Jo Ann Reagan, 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....Brent Arnold, Steve "Hip" Hill, 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.



THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY
Office of the Bishop

December 3, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the beginning of a new Year of Grace! If it seems to you that this year's Advent season is unusually short, you are correct. This Advent is as brief as it could possibly be, a mere three weeks and then one day, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It is a good reminder that we must always be preparing for the coming of Christ with a sense of urgency.

The Gospel readings for the Second and Third Sundays of Advent provide us with the familiar, motivating message of John the Baptist: prepare the way of the Lord and make straight His paths. We can open wide the doors of our hearts to receive Christ by the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can provide Christ a warm welcome into our hearts by beautifully decorating them with acts of charity for the poor and the lonely. These are things we normally do during Advent, and should continue to do throughout the entire year, in order to remain ever watchful for our Savior's coming in glory.

Then our very lives will be an expression of our longing for God's Kingdom. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

With my best wishes and personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John R. Gaydos
Bishop Emeritus of Jefferson City
Apostolic Administrator

N.B.: This letter should be read from the Pulpit or printed in its entirety in your bulletin on the weekend of December 2-3, 2017.



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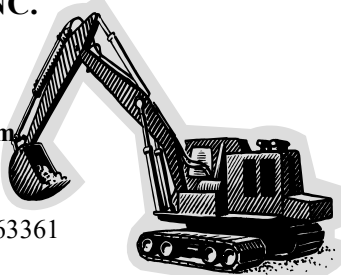
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Deuteronomy 31:6

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