



Immaculate Conception Parish Family

159th YEAR OF SERVICE

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MARCH 22, 2020 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 23 **No Mass**
 Tuesday, March 24 5:30 PM **No Mass** - Montgomery
 Wednesday, March 25 8:30 AM **No Mass** - Jonesburg
 5:30 PM **No Mass** - Wellsville
 Thursday, March 26 8:00 AM **No Mass** - Montgomery

 Friday, March 27 7:45 AM **No Mass** - Martinsburg
 Saturday, March 28 **5:00 PM No Mass** - Montgomery
 Sunday, March 29 7:00 AM **No Mass** - Jonesburg
 9:00 AM **No Mass** - Martinsburg
 11:00 AM **No Mass** - Montgomery City



July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Church/School Financial Report: **Income Expenses Difference**

Fiscal Year July - Jan. 19-20 \$341,181.83 \$ 317,889.85 \$23,291.98
Needed Weekly \$ 11,775.43
 March 1 - \$ 14,182.50
 March 8 - \$ 10,357.61
 March 15 - \$ 9,968.55
 March 22 - \$
 March 29 -

Last Week's Envelopes: 61 of 179

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

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 28 and March 29

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
Lector	No Public Mass	No Public Mass
Children's Liturgy		
Communion Ministers		
Ministers of Hospitality		
Servers		
Gift Bearers		
Money Counters		

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

For the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding as our local church discerns a new pastoral plan.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Father Austin's Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 23	No Mass 7:00 PM - RCIA - School - SSVdP Meeting—Library	Monday, March 23	<i>Father's Day Off</i>
Tuesday, March 24	5:30 PM No Mass - Montgomery City	Tuesday, March 24	
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Wedding Anniversary



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

James & Virginia Cochran - 67 years of marriage on March 21.

*"As each one has received a gift,
use it to SERVE ONE ANOTHER
as good stewards.*

1 Peter 4:10

We have met and exceeded our 2020 Parish Goal of \$12,000. Our Parish donated \$18,814. We will receive 10% of our goal plus 90% of anything exceeding our goal. This is the last week of this event.



**Stations of the Cross
Montgomery City
Cancelled**

March 27th - April 3rd

Lenten Penance Services Cancelled

Tuesday - March 24th - Immaculate Conception - Montgomery City
Sunday - March 29th - St. Patrick - Jonesburg - 6:30 AM and after
7:00 AM Mass

Thank You

We would like to thank our Parish family for the rose for our anniversary. Also, thank you Father Austin for the prayer and kind words. God Bless,

Karl & Becky Queathen



Kiersten Lynn Rakers, daughter of Rachel and Brian Rakers, was baptized during Mass on Saturday, March 14. Kiersten joins siblings Kendra



Cornerstone Campaign
OUR COMMUNITY. OUR CHURCH.
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Capital Campaign Committee Update

We are again thankful for your prayerful consideration in donating to the Capital Campaign. Our current total is \$168,416. We want to keep moving in that direction!

If you indicated you want to pay monthly or quarterly we have envelope sets made for you and will work to get those to you. You may also check in the vestibule to see if your envelopes are there.

We have placed additional pledge cards in the pews for those who may have misplaced theirs or for anyone who might like to consider helping. We also have some additional envelopes in the vestibule you may use, so please feel free to pick one up and drop it in the collection plate. The envelopes are brightly colored and labeled Capital

BETTER TOGETHER

How do we become a "Church Living in the Midst of Her People?"

Throughout our diocese this Lent, people are meeting in small groups to break open the Word of God and study Church teachings. In these small groups, we will discern action for our parishes and our diocese to live our faith. Over four weeks, we will explore themes related to Bishop Shawn McKnight's vision for our diocese. Contact your parish to join a small group!

Campaign. They may be placed directly in the collection. Please see the Campaign Thermometer on the back page for the update on money pledged or already donated. Please call or text JulieWorsham for information about a Study Group at 573-489-2778.

MARDI GRAS

The Mardi Gras Committee would like to thank our Parish Family for helping make the 2020 Mardi Gras a success. Whether you attended the event, sponsored the band, prepared food on Friday, carried decorations downstairs at the hall (7/8 grade ICS students) set up and decorated the hall, donated an item for the silent or live auction, donated beverages or food, worked in the kitchen, were a spotter for the auction, helped with clean up, helped in any other way, or prayed for a successful event, **your help was greatly appreciated.** Special

Immaculate Conception School News

Cancellations:

The Science Fair and planetarium on March 29 has been cancelled.



The students' reenactment of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 10, has been cancelled. The closure of school does not allow adequate time to prepare for this occasion.

Yours in Christ,

Cindy Newman

ECLC Temporarily Closed

We miss seeing the sweet and innocent smiles of the little ones.



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. **You may purchase cards from Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**



Meet the New Principal for the 2020-2021 School Year

I am very excited to have been offered the principal position at Immaculate Conception Catholic School effective next school year. I was born and raised Catholic, have taught in several Catholic schools in our Diocese, and have run numerous programs. My husband and I live in Columbia, but we live in a rural area of Boone County on a dead end gravel road in the country. I love the country and enjoy working in small towns. I have a Master of Education degree and have worked in the field for the past 40 years. My experiences include working with all grade levels from preschoolers through eighth graders. Although I have taught every subject, my favorite subjects to teach are English, Reading, and Religion. On a personal note, I have two grown children, a son who lives in Arkansas and a daughter who lives in Columbia. I also have one grandchild, Ethan, who is the apple of my eye. I love being a grandma and spending time with my grandson. My hobbies include kayaking, fishing, hiking, camping, reading, and writing. I have published numerous articles and columns in state teacher's magazines and journals, and I love to write. I am looking forward to meeting each of you and to beginning this new journey in my life.



God Bless,
Ann Marie McCauley

Fish Fry Schedule - Cancelled
March 27th - April 3rd

FEARLESS

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

Liturgy and Illness

Please be aware the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with a fever or flu-like symptoms remain at home. In consideration of the severity of the flu season, we are suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass. We also ask that people use a bow to greet one another in the Sign of Peace, instead of a handshake, and forego the holding of hands at the Lord's Prayer.

We pray for the health and recovery of all who are ill and not with us today. We are implementing these measures out of care for everyone's well-being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety. Those who are not able to join us are encouraged to join the community in a spiritual communion by praying the Sunday Scriptures, using the readings located at <http://uscgb.org/bible/readings>, and perhaps praying the Rosary or the Divine Chaplet.

Chrism Mass Jefferson City

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, 2215 W. Main St., Jefferson City on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. This Liturgy unites the Diocese in recalling the gifts of the Holy Priesthood and the Most Holy Eucharist. The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated at this time. These Holy Oils impact the lives of those who are preparing to enter into the Church, those who are ill, and all preparing for Confirmation and Holy Orders.



This is a breathtaking Mass and if you are able to attend, please save the date and attend.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week, is The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is in need of two volunteers to handle pickup and deliveries of furniture type items. The hours are flexible with an average of 5-10 hours monthly. No sleeper sofas are required to be moved. If you are interested, please call Aggie Baldetti at (573) 835-3631.

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 - Jim Walker, Rose McCracken, Doris Grillion, Susan Ryan.



Contact the parish office to have someone added!

----- **Please pray for:** Marlene Cunningham, Mackenzie Hage-meier, Julie Thielmeier, Don Benney, Susan Schipper, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Angela Witthaus Keller, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jack Scott, 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,

Dear Parishioners,

I have attached a letter from the Bishop concerning the Better Together Pastoral Planning Process for your information. I suggest that if you have groups of under 10 individuals that you could still have your group meetings. I also recommend groups that have 5 or 6 people could still meet

Few more things of interest for our parishioners:

Bulletin: We will still do a bulletin for the next couple of weeks. We will send out the normal email to those we have their email addresses and place some bulletins in church if you would like to pick one up.

Confessions- Father Austin will hear confession by appointment only. You may call the office or call Father Austin to set up an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick or last rites. Please call the parish office if you or another parishioner becomes seriously ill and needs Anointing of the Sick or last rites.

Offertory Donations: If you would like to make a offertory donation to keep the parish running you can mail it or drop the donation off at the office during office hours. We will also have an offertory basket in the church in front of the altar that you can place your envelopes in.

Stations of the Cross on Friday's are cancelled but we have placed the booklets in back of church for you if you would like to individually pray the Stations of the Cross in church..

There are online streams and videos of Mass available here:

<https://diojeffcivty.org/blog/2020/03/14/online-masses-and-liturgical-resources/>

or EWTN.

As of the moment, there are many parishes in the diocese doing online streams of masses if you want to join.

Some Cancellations

Mass at local Nursing Homes have been cancelled until further notice.

BETTER TOGETHER PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS

Many of you have written or called, asking for guidance regarding the Better Together pastoral planning. It is important we do everything we can to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Our health officials are providing guidance, and today, as you know, Bishop McKnight has asked that we cease public gatherings, including public Masses.

Keeping that as our guiding principle, we know there are other possibilities available to some. For instance, people may be able to meet using online technology, create a social media group on platforms such as Facebook or WhatsApp, or a conference call. If your groups are willing to try these options, please encourage them to do so.

We are also able to accept discernment reports from individuals, using our online form. Perhaps for some, quiet reflection on the material will allow for a very fruitful discernment! Please be assured our staff will continue to forward all forms to the pastors as we receive them, and individuals can also send discernment reports via the postal mail to their parish.

At this time we are recommending pastors and parish councils anticipate being able to begin work on their parish's pastoral plan after May 1. We will have further guidelines for that step in the upcoming weeks.

Through all of this, let us consider how we can be a witness to one another and our family and community of God's deep and



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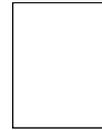
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Deuteronomy 31:6

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