



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



157th YEAR OF SERVICE

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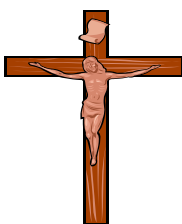
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MARCH 25, 2018 PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 26	8:00 AM + Margie Wessel
Tuesday, March 27	5:30 PM + Thomas Cobb
Wednesday, March 28	No Mass
Thursday, March 29	7:00 PM Our Parish Family
Friday, March 30	7:00 PM Good Friday Service
Saturday, March 31	8:00 PM + Bill Readey
Sunday, April 1	8:00 AM Mass in Jonesburg
	10:00 AM + Frank Cobb



July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
February 2018	\$47,514.09	\$40,415.87	\$7,098.22
Fiscal Year July '17-'18	\$383,205.93	\$368,745.18	\$14,460.75
Needed Weekly = \$10,910.96			
March 4 --	\$19,916.86		
March 11 --	\$6,528.81		
March 18 --	\$7,619.48		
March 25 --	\$		

Last Week's Envelopes: 66 of 192

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.

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday, March 29, 7:00 PM
followed by Adoration until 10:00 PM

Good Friday, March 30, 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 31, 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 1, 10:00 AM

Liturgical Ministers for March 31 and April 1

Ministries

Saturday, 8:00 PM

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector		
Children's Liturgy		
Communion Ministers		
Ministers of Hospitality		
Servers		
Gift Bearers		
Money Counters		

Please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule. Thank you.

Bishop McKnight would like to inaugurate a monthly prayer intention for our Local Church. This month the intention is "For the healing of all racial divisions in our communities"



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, March 26	8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Society of St. Vincent DePaul meeting
Tuesday, March 27	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30 PM Mass
Wednesday, March 28	2:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Finance and Administration Commission meeting
Thursday, March 29	7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Adoration
Friday, March 30	7:00 PM Good Friday Service
Saturday, March 31	8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 1	8:00 AM Mass at Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass



HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES

Sign - Up Sheets have been posted in the vestibule for Holy Week ministries. Please sign up where you can. Thank you for serving our parish in this way.

INFIRM PRIEST AND PRIEST RETIREMENT

There will be a second collection at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses for the Infirm Priest Fund and Priest Retirement. This is an assessed collection, meaning we must pay the diocese this amount, regardless of what is collected. **Our assessment for 2018 is \$2,626.00.** Please be generous in your contribution as we seek to cover expenses for the sick and retired priests who have faithfully served our diocese.



ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Please return your Rice Bowls or donations Holy Week or Easter Week.

Rachel's Vineyard: Healing the Pain of Abortion, One Weekend at a Time



For women and men who have experienced abortion, they often feel as if a part of their very selves has died. But Jesus wants to touch these souls and raise them up to experience peace and joy. If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion decision, we can help. Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time is Rachel's Vineyard's ministry. The first of three 2018 Kansas City retreats will be on April 20-22. Please call (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com for confidential information and to start the healing.

THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who came and helped peel potatoes for our fish fries. In addition, thanks to everyone who donated baked goods as well to make this event successful.



CURSILLO SCHOOL OF LEADERS BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST

Jefferson City Cursillo will be holding their next School of Leaders meeting for Cursillistas in our diocese on Saturday, April 7, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Monica Galarza at 573-465-3628 or mLL20047@hotmail.com for more information.

K of C LADIES AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is taking applications for a \$250.00 college scholarship. Applications will be accepted from now until May 1, 2018. Winner will be announced in May with the disbursement of funds awarded in December at the K of C Christmas party. Applications are available in the back of church. Any questions, please feel free to call Kim Dryden at 564-2515. Applications should be mailed to: Kim Dryden, 107 North Columbus St. Montgomery City, MO 63361.



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.

3/28: Living Stations of the Cross, 2:00 PM; 3/29-4/2: Easter Break; 3/30: ECLC Closed

HELP WANTED

Starts Immediately: Daycare Cook - Monday-Friday 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

We would appreciate help hanging a couple of bulletin boards. Please contact Erin Polson if you are available to help. 573-544-7866

PRINCIPAL NEEDED for Immaculate Conception School (ECLC-8), a faith community with 86 students (ECLC-8) and 19 faculty and staff. Applicants must be practicing Catholics with a 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 at 573-564-2375 or imm-con@sbcglobal.net.

EASTER LILIES



Donations of Easter lilies would be appreciated to enhance our Easter decorations. You may drop them off at church anytime during Holy Week. Father will say a Mass in the future for the people remembered or honored in the donations.

MUSIC LICENSE DONATIONS

The parish would like to purchase a music license that is required to print the words to some of the songs that we have enjoyed singing in our liturgies. Some of the titles included are: *Be Unto Your Name*, *Lion of Judah*, *What the Lord Has Done in Me*, and *How Beautiful*. We are seeking donations for this cause. You may drop your donation in the offertory in an envelope marked "music", or stop by the Parish Office. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.



PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

The Parish Photo Directory Committee is wrapping up loose ends! If anyone was unable to have a photo taken and would like a directory, there will be about 20 available for purchase at \$10.00 each. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make checks out to the parish and contact the Parish Office at 564-2375.

Thank you for your patience. Pat Korman

ICS HANGING FLOWER BASKET FUNDRAISER



Spring is here and we are once again selling hanging baskets from Yard Birds LLC for a fundraiser for Immaculate Conception School.

Each basket sells for \$16. Our school gets \$4 off each basket we sell. They make great gifts for Mother's Day, teachers, prayer partners, special friends, and for "get well" wishes! Please remember, you must have your ticket to pick up your flowers. We cannot print or replace a lost ticket. All tickets expire June 1, 2018. Contact Kristie Eldringhoff for tickets 573-220-9616, or email

keldringhoff@gmail.com.

REST IN PEACE

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Bernadine Long, former longtime resident of our parish, who passed away Monday, March 19, and whose funeral was Saturday. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



† *Please pray for:* Gina Smith, Robert Merz, Bobby Cochran, Doc (Tom) Nichols, Anna Marie Cobb, Angie Schaffrin, Barbara, Piper Clark, Daniel Leonatti, Timothy Cochran, Corey Rees, Angela Witthaus Keller, Donna Bell, Anita Jones, Mary Hertel, and Joshua Cochran.

"...He took up our infirmities
and carried our diseases."

Matthew 8:17



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces... Corey Stulce, 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.



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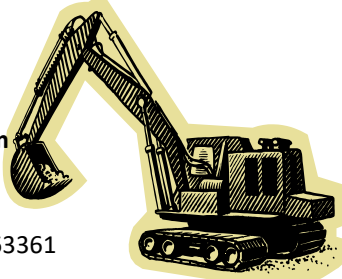
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with you;
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not fail
you or
forsake
you."**

Deuteronomy 31:6

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