

# Immaculate Conception Parish Family

## 159th YEAR OF SERVICE

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#### MARCH 15, 2020 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, March 16th

No Mass
7:45 AMA

Tuesday, March 17th 7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg Wednesday, March 18th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg

5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville

Thursday, March 19th 8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City

+Dolores Schmidt Friday, March 20th 7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg

Saturday, March 21st 5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 22nd 7:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM Mass - Martinsburg

11:00 AM Mass - Mont. City + Roger Richard

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 - \$
March 22 - \$
March 29 -

Last Week's Envelopes: 72 of 179

With God all things are possible

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

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 exit 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 21st and March 22nd				
Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 11:00 AM		
Lector	Dennis Benney	2020 High School Seniors		
Children's Liturgy		Bonnie Walker		
Communion Ministers	Deacon Wayne Korte	Deacon Wayne Korte		
Ministers of Hospitality	Steve & Beth Cobb Kasey & Mary Pottebaum	2020 Hight School Seniors		
Servers	Landon & Reed Pottebaum	Kendra Rakers Owen Merz		
Gift Bearers	Ruth Anne O'Keefe Family	2020 High School Seniors		
Money Counters	Francis & Diane Happe Dottie Brueggan	Gayle Adams Ruth Schneider		

Liturgical Ministers for March 21st and March 22nd

#### 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 16th	No Mass 7:00 PM - RCIA - School	Monday, March 16th	Father's Day Off 11:00 AM Funeral Mass - Martinsburg 6:00 PM - Self Study Interview - Martinsburg
Tuesday, March 17th	7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg		
Wednesday, March 18th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg 5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus	Tuesday, March 17th	7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg 6:00 PM - Self Study - Martinsburg
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Thursday, March 19th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City 11:00 AM - Make Potato Salad-KC Hall		
		Thursday, March 19th	8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City 6:30 PM Mass - Martinsburg
Friday, March 20th	7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM & 4:30 PM - Fish Fry 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross		
		Friday, March 20th	7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg Confessions @ SJS Martinsburg after Mass
Saturday, March 21st	5:00 PM - Mass - Montgomery City		
Sunday, March 22nd	7:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City	Saturday, March 21st	
		Sunday, March 22nd	



#### Wedding Anniversary

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

Karl & Becky Queathem - 25 years of marriage on March 18th.



"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** 7:00 PM

March 20th - March 27th - April 3rd

#### **Lenten Penance Services** 7:00 PM or as listed

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

#### Thank You **Operation Christmas Child**

I want to take a minute to send your church a huge thank you for participating in packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in 2019. Your heart to serve Jesus and partner with Operation Christmas Child led to the collection of 8,950,14 shoeboxes That's 8,950,14 opportunities to share the Gospel in over 100 countries, impacting lives, families, and communities for eternity! There were 10,569,405 shoeboxes collected worldwide. Through Operation Christmas Child, the Gospel is going to the ends of the earth! 1,150 churches were planted across the globe in 2019 as a result of



#### **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 Campaign. They may be placed directly in the collection.



# **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!

Please see the Campaign Thermometer on the back page for the update on money pledged or already donated.



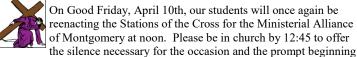
---Please call text JulieWorsham for information about a Study Group at 573-489-2778



#### **Immaculate Conception School News**



March 29th, after 11:00 Mass. IC School Grades 5-8 will present their Science Fair along with offering the opportunity for a visit to their planetarium in the cafeteria. Donuts and juice will be provided for all of our visitors and participants. Please join us and celebrate the Science!



of our Lord's passion as portrayed by our school students. We are blessed to be able to have so many community members join us in this event. A free will offering basket will be placed in the back of church by the ministerial alliance. The proceeds will be divided in half, to benefit IC and the Alliance.

Yours in Christ, Cindy Newman

#### **ECLC Happenings**

Our little ones are just enjoying interacting with their friends.

IC Scrip Program - 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. There are a few ways to obtain the cards. You may go on line to www.ShopWithScrip.com Enrollment code: 676419AC74L7, purchase them at the school office or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. If you have any questions, you may call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.

#### Fish Fry Schedule



The following are the dates for this year's Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry schedule.

March 20th - March 27th - April 3rd

## FEARLESS Faith without Fear

See below the new Date and time for the "Fearless" program.

Austin's Angels Presents - Christy Boulware is the founder and president of Fearless Women. She's on a mission to teach that God's perfect love does cast out fear. God is allowing the pain that was once a crippling fear to become her platform to reach out and help other women. She is the author of two video small group studies, Faith.Hope.Love and Fearless Fundamentals and is leading the way in her community with The Awakening Women's Conference and The Wave Fearless Teens Camp.

April 19, 2020 - 1:00 PM Knights of Columbus Hall Montgomery City

#### **Catholic Rural Life Chapter**

The Diocese of Jefferson City has formed a Catholic Rural Life Chapter. A Catholic Rural Life Chapter is a group individuals committed to upholding and supporting rural Catholic culture. A CRL Chapter is a part of a family of chapters around the country. With both the national CRL office and the local

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

St. Brendan Corn Beef & Cabbage - March 17, 2020 - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and  $4:\!00\!-7:\!00\,$  PM

#### 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 <a href="http://usccb.org/bible/readings">http://usccb.org/bible/readings</a>, 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**

Next week, our parish will take up 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 Hagemeier, 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.





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