

Christmas 2021

My dear Parishioners,

The joys and blessings of Christmas enters into our hearts and souls in these days when we remember the great event that brought the Incarnate Word into human history. That time, long ago, in Bethlehem still has an impact on our world and in our lives as we contemplate the wonder of the Christ Child that forever changed our relationship with Almighty God. We are the children of God by the fact that the Son of God came in the flesh to dwell with us and to complete the work of our salvation. This is the wonderful news proclaimed by the Angels, witnessed by the Shepherds and is still proclaimed by believers all around the world.

As we gather together for Christmas in the Masses that are offered in praise of God's goodness and mercy, let us rejoice and give glory to God, echoing the songs of the angel choirs, exclaiming, "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on Earth to men of Good Will."

May you have a most blessed Christmas and may you look forward to the New Year when we can continue to gather together as God's People and grow in His grace day by day.

God bless all of you.

Father Paul M. Hartley, Pastor



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



160th YEAR OF SERVICE

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DECEMBER 19, 2021 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 20th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, December 21st	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, December 22nd	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Thursday, December 23rd	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, December 24th	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville 8:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
Saturday, December 25th	9:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Sunday, December 26th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
November 2021	\$58,404.38	\$43,780.54	\$14,623.84
Fiscal Year July-Oct. 2021-22	\$269,323.70	\$260,232.86	\$9,090.84
Needed Weekly - \$ 12,995.00			
December 5th - \$ 9,575.70			
December 12th - \$ 7,785.75			
December 19th - \$			
December 26th - \$			

Last Week's Envelopes: 43 of 188

Thank you!! With God all things are possible!

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

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 December 26th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	NO MASS	Gary Hoette
Children's Liturgy	NO MASS	Not assigned at this time
Communion Minister	NO MASS	Jerry Witthaus Eileen Lotton
Ministers of Hospitality	NO MASS	Jacob & Megan Hans Steve Williams
Servers	NO MASS	Kendra Rakers Elizabeth Schierhoff
Gift Bearers	NO MASS	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	NO MASS	Judy Cobb Megan Hans

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

For our children and youth: that the example of parents and other adults of the parish may foster a sense of openness to the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, December 20th	NO MASS
Tuesday, December 21st	NO MASS
Wednesday, December 22nd	NO MASS
Thursday, December 23rd	NO MASS
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Saturday, December 25th	9:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Sunday, December 26th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, December 20th	7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, December 21st	
Wednesday, December 22nd	
Thursday, December 23rd	
Friday, December 24th	
Saturday, December 25th	
Sunday, December 26th	

Wedding Anniversary



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

John & Tудie Simpson - 29 yrs. of marriage on Dec. 26th

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements	\$	15.00
Special Collections:		
Capital Campaign	\$	250.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	10.00
Holy Days	\$	290.00
Seminary	\$	25.00

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th - 5:30 PM @ Church of the Resurrection in Wellsville

- **8:00 PM @ Immaculate Conception Church**

December 25th - 9:00 AM @ St. Patrick's Church in Jonesburg

These three Masses do NOT count as your weekend Mass. The weekend Masses will be the same as usual.

Liturgical Ministers Needed for Christmas Eve Mass



We are still needing some Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th @ 8:00 PM. If you are able to assist with the Mass, the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Thank you!

Welcome!



We want to welcome new parish members, **Jerry and Kelli Neale** and their two sons, **Mason and Landon**, who are both students in college. Jerry is a UPS Driver and Kelli is QA Auditor. We look forward to getting to know you!

We also want to welcome **Brady Craven** who was baptized after Mass on December 5th. He is the son of Dana Schneider of our parish and Spencer Craven. Brady is in 2nd Grade here at Immaculate Conception and is looking forward to receiving his First Reconciliation and First Communion this year!

Our Condolences



We offer our condolences and prayers to Bonnie Walker and her family. Her husband, James (Jim) Walker passed away on December 9th after a long illness. His funeral Mass was celebrated this past Monday with burial in the Montgomery City Cemetery.

James (Jim) Cochran, Sr. also of our parish passed peacefully surrounded by his family on December 13th. We offer our prayers and condolences to his wife, Virginia, and family during this difficult time. A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Cochran will be on Monday, December 20th at 11:00 a.m. here at Immaculate Conception Church.

Thank you!



Thank you to all those who helped ring the tambourine at Bratcher's for Montgomery County Cares. \$322.02 was raised that day!

*May you be blessed with a very
Merry Christmas!*

Immaculate Conception School News



December 20th - School is IN session
December 22nd - Christmas Parties - 9:00-11:00 AM
- Noon Dismissal
December 23rd - January 4th - Christmas Break
January 5th - School Resumes

ECLC Happenings

Dear Santa,

Hello from Immaculate Conception ECLC! We have tried to be really good and we've had a lot happening this year. We have been playing, learning, exploring, and building every day. All of the children in our classroom are 4 years old and under. For Christmas, we would like to add to our classroom: big knobby puzzles, toddler size crayons, some medium to large cars and trucks, color matching games, and stacking toys. Santa, we would also like to make some activity/busy boards. We will need donations of buckles, zippers, old phones, old calculators, dog collars, old door knobs, hinges, locks, fidgets, snaps, rope, smooth plywood, or anything that we might like to play with to make our activity/busy boards. Reading is one of our favorite things to do in our classroom, we would love some new board books! Thank you, Santa! We love you!

Love,
IC ECLC Friends



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 but there is no extra charge to you. A \$25 card costs you \$25. Why not let some of your money that you would spend anyway go to a good cause? There are a few ways to obtain the cards. You may purchase physical cards at the school or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. **You may also go online to www.ShopWithScrip.com to create an account to purchase e-cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for physical cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**

Advertising Space Available

There will be an advertising space available January 1, 2022 on the 4th page of the weekly bulletin. If you are interested in this space, please contact Janet at (573) 564-2375 or email: imm-con@sbcglobal.net.

Seminarian Formation and Priest Retirement

There will be a special collection taken up on December 24, 2021, for the Seminarian Formation and Priest Retirement fund. This money is used to form and educate diocesan seminarians (candidates for priesthood) and to provide for the retirement needs of retired diocesan priests who offered their lives in priestly ministry and service. Our assessment is \$2,891.00. Please support this wonderful cause!!

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

There are no activities to post this weekend

St. Vincent DePaul Gift Shoppe



We have advent and Christmas items now available!!!! Need a special gift for a baptism, communion, confirmation, wedding, anniversary, prayer partner or special friend? The Gift Shoppe has many nice items including: bibles, bracelets, candles, cards, crosses, crucifixes, earrings, holy cards, Holy Water fonts, mugs, rosaries, tote bags, books, picture frames and much more. Come shop local and support the St. Vincent DePaul Society. If there is something special you would like ordered, please contact Mary Pottebaum @ 573-619-3320.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

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

1 Peter 4:10



CSA Petition: For our Diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal, that we will prayerfully consider our donation. We Pray to the Lord: Lord hear our Prayer.

2022 - \$12,240.00 Parish Goal

<u>Committed</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
\$3,600.00	\$3,250.00	27%	(\$8,990.00)

Weekly On-Line Bulletins

Weekly bulletins on-line can be found on the parish's website: www.mcicparish.org. We thank Eileen Lotton for posting them for us each week!

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 - Susan Ryan

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Pat Klein, Alex Clark (granddaughter of Karen Clark), Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Pat (Cobb) Hunn, Charlee Kate (niece of Sue Beck), Jim Walker, Fr. Hartley, Carolyn Steinmetz, Jim Wisdom, , Baby Corinth (Corie) Farrell, Tracy Ravencraft (Amanda Aren's sister), Kim Dryden, and Troy McCown.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Michel James, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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