



# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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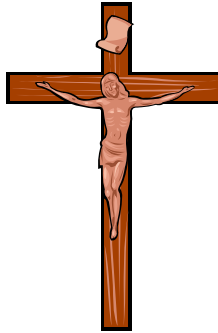
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## APRIL 9, 2017 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### Mass Intentions

Monday No Mass  
 Tuesday 5:30 PM Nelda Klenke  
 Wednesday 8:30 AM Mass in Jonesburg  
 Thursday 6:00 PM + Buzz Steffan  
 Friday 6:00 PM Good Friday Service  
 Saturday 8:00 PM + Bob Ruhl  
 Sunday 8:00 AM Mass in Jonesburg  
 Sunday 10:00 AM + For Roger Richard and Our Parish Family



**July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

### Church/School Income Report

Total Expenses for Year	\$606,481.00
Year-To-Date Goal	\$466,524.00
Year-To-Date Actual	\$447,454.41
Needed Each Week	\$ 11,663.10
Last Week's Actual	\$ 12,567.50
Year-To-Date Difference	- \$ 19,069.59
Last Week's Envelopes	93 of 191

*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.



### GOSPEL QUOTE

*"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." -- Mt 21: 9 - 11*

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Our Liturgy, with its very dramatic and poignant readings, immerses into all of the raw emotions life can often bring. We hear of betrayal, fear, anger, disappointment, confusion, suffering, and even death. The veil of injustice is pulled over the life of the innocent Lamb and God, who walked with us, is called to face his death on the cross. Yet Jesus remains faithful and accepts the fate that is before him. In all of this, he never waivers from the truth and continues to speak of mercy, forgiveness, and a God who loves. When life gets the best of us and brings us to our knees, can we remain faithful to the truth and accept what we cannot control?

## Liturgical Ministers for April 15 and April 16

**Ministry**

**Saturday, 8:00 PM**

**Sunday, 10 AM**

**Lector**

**Children's Liturgy**

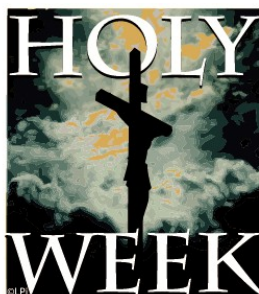
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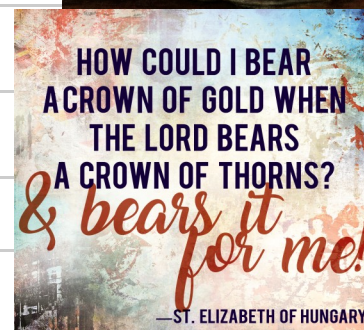
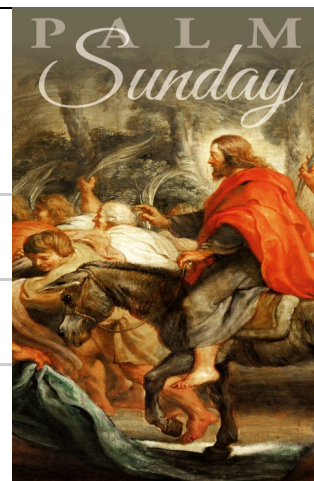


### HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES SIGN UP

**The sign up sheets for ministries for Holy Thursday, Holy Thursday Adoration, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday are in the vestibule. Please sign up to be a part of our liturgies.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>Sunday</b> (Today)	8:00 AM Mass at Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass 6:00 - 7:30 PM PSR classes 6:00 - 8:30 PM Confirmation and HSRE classes Refreshments: Ruth Ann O'Keefe, Vicki Oden, Sheryll Schierhoff, Gina Smith
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30 PM Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 AM Mass at Jonesburg 1:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Perpetual Help Devotions 2:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 to 10:00 PM Holy Hour Adoration
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 PM Good Friday Service ECLC closed
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM Mass at Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**To Don and Peggy Gardner** as they celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on April 12!

**To Nola Wren Taylor** who was baptized last weekend. She is the daughter of Michael and Molly Taylor. Welcome to our parish family, Nola!

## PHOTOS



The photos have arrived and will be passed out this weekend. **Thank you** to all the families that took the time to get their photos taken for the parish directory.

If you were unable to attend a sitting for your family photo please contact Joe Klekamp before May 6 to schedule your photo session. The best way to contact Joe is by text 573-325-4345 or e-mail [joek@joeklekkamp.com](mailto:joek@joeklekkamp.com). If you do not have these capabilities, please call Judy at the parish office and she can forward your phone number to Joe.

## PROJECT PROM 2017

Project Prom is an all-night, chaperoned, drug and alcohol free event following the Montgomery County R-II Prom on April 29, 2017. Attendees enjoy a fun, safe environment as an alternative to other post-prom "celebrations", which can be dangerous. This tradition would not be possible without generous donations from our community. If you would like to contribute, please send donations to Project Prom, c/o Montgomery County R-II High School, 394 N HWY 19, Montgomery City, MO 63361. Make checks payable to Project Prom. If you would like to donate your time as a volunteer or have any questions, please contact Ruth Ann O'Keefe, (573)823-2676 or [ruthannokeefe@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthannokeefe@yahoo.com). Thank you!

## ANDY AVERY - APRIL 9

Andy Avery will be in concert and share his story at **St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg on Sunday, April 9, at 7:00 PM**. Andy went from singing in the school choir - to Journey - to singing as a musical evangelist. His life has been a rocky road to the blessed place he finds himself now.

## EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate a lily or other Easter flower to help decorate the church for Holy Thursday and Easter, you can bring the flowers to the vestibule any time during Holy Week. If the flower is in memory of a loved one, please have that person's name on a card with the flower. Fr. Austin will be offering a special Mass for all those people who are memorialized with these flowers sometime after Easter.



## FCCLA BREAKFAST - APRIL 9

Austin Smith and Zachary Schierhoff from our parish will be attending the FCCLA National Competition in Nashville this summer. They, along with Pat Korman will be making homemade buttermilk biscuits for the breakfast **Sunday, April 9, serving from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall**. The breakfast will be a free will offering. Please help support the 11 Middle and High School students what will be competing from Montgomery County R-II. We again would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 2044 for their donations for these youths!

## WELCOME!

We welcome a new parishioner, Charles Cassaday, to our parish. He lives in Middletown, relocating from the Lemay area in south St. Louis County. Welcome to our parish family, Charles!

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL INFORMATION



4/12: Living Stations of the Cross, 2:00 PM; 4/13: Middle School Track Meet; 4/13-4/23: Easter Break/  
Spring Break

**Get shopping /gift cards through the IC Scrip Program. [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com) Enrollment code: 676419AC74L7** If you have any questions, call the school at 564-2679 or Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.

### WANTED! - CHURCH PEW

Immaculate Conception School is looking for a six to eight foot church pew to use in the foyer. If you know where we can get one please contact Kristie Eldringhoff as soon as possible.

### SPRING BASKET FUNDRAISER



Immaculate Conception School has started their spring basket fundraiser in cooperation with Yardbirds LLC. Baskets are \$16 each. You may get your tickets from the school office or from Kristie Eldringhoff at 573-220-9616 (keldringhoff@gmail.com). These make great Mother's Day gifts. Your tickets must be used by June 1. Thank you for your support of our school.

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Regular registration runs April 1-May 31 and is \$150. Late registration begins June 1 and is \$175.

### PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

It is never too early to start thinking about your child's education. Immaculate Conception School ECLC is now enrolling Preschoolers for the 2017-2018 school year. At IC School we prepare your child for formal academics by teaching beginning phonics, math readiness and the essential skills to enhance the learning process. Please contact Mrs. Jesse Bolte to schedule a visit (573) 564-2679.

### ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

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



### NEW PARISH WEBSITE

The parish has a new website! Please check it out at [www.mcicparish.org](http://www.mcicparish.org) (Click on any picture for either information or to follow a link.) A special "Thank You" to Eileen Lotton for building the site for us.

### COMBINED MEETING - APRIL 18

A Parish Leadership and Pastoral Planning Meeting for the parish councils of Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Patrick Parish will be held on **Tuesday, April 18, at 6:00 PM** in the IC school cafeteria.

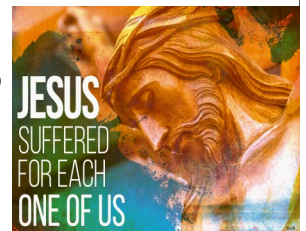
### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP



The Montgomery City Knights of Columbus will again give a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior. To qualify the student must be a Montgomery City Knights of Columbus member, or a son or daughter of a Montgomery City Knights of Columbus member, or a member of Immaculate Conception parish. Applications are due May 1. Contact Wayne Korte for applications.

**April is designated Child Abuse Awareness** month in the United States. The USCCB reminds us that, throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon his followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Our faith also calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. As Archbishop Gregory Aymond states in the Protecting God's Children course, "The hope is that through education, through prayer, through our working together as a Catholic community, we can create safe boundaries where life is revered and where we can move forward." Education is a key to helping protect children. If you have not attended a Protecting God's Children class, sign up to attend one the next time it is offered in your area. To see a list of upcoming classes, and to learn more about Child and Youth protection, go to [www.diojeffcity.org/child-and-youth-protection](http://www.diojeffcity.org/child-and-youth-protection).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Amy Dullard, Daniel Leonatti, Jim Grillo, Evan Clements, Delores Miller, Debbie Heidelberger, Robert Merz, Harold Cobb, Bill Auchly, George Banfield, Jo Ann Reagan, Mike Dorlac, Roger Richard, Dylan Arnold, Bill Fischer, Judy Cunningham, Lori Sollberger, Evy Heimburger, 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....** Tanner Cobb, Aaron Henke, 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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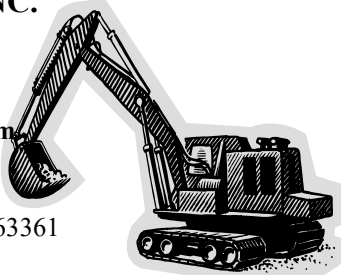
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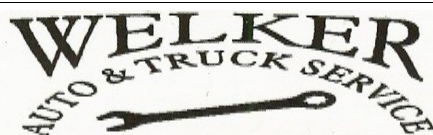
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