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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

A Catholic Community Whose Spiritual, Educational, Charitable and Social Programs Strive to Bring All People Closer to God

December 15, 2024

**Third Sunday of Advent** 

## FROM FATHER RANDY

Sunday - SRE Confessions at 11:00 AM Monday - School Confessions; Penance Service at 6:30 PM Tuesday - School Confessions; Christmas Novena at 7:00 PM; OCIA at 7:30 PM Wednesday - Friday - Christmas Novena & Confessions at 6:30 PM Saturday - Anointing of the Sick after Mass; Novena at 6:30 PM Sunday - Anointing of the Sick after the Masses; Novena & Confessions at 6:30 PM

2025 Calendars are in the back of Church. Please help yourself! Please be considerate when parking in the gravel lot. Make sure and park straight in alignment with the parking blocks.

### **New Church News**

We received a \$100,000 pledge last week and a \$15,000 extension of a prior pledge. New pledges since our Groundbreaking total \$165,000. We are so grateful!

### A Note of Thanks

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish, Jackson: I am deeply grateful to all of you who donated to our 2024 Diocesan Development Fund Appeal (DDF). Thanks to your generosity, IC pledged a total of \$95,014.00, exceeding the parish goal. Congratulation! May our loving God continue to reward you for your generosity. I am. Most Reverend Edward M. Rice

### A Big Thank You!

Thank you for all the great cookies and all the wonderful volunteers who delivered to the Nursing Homes for Thanksgiving. They really loved the visit, the cookies and all the prayer cards.

## **Mass Intentions**

#### MONDAY, December 16th

8:00 AM † Robert & Marie James **TUESDAY, December 17th** 8:00 AM † Ellen Strange 6:30 PM † Tommy & Clara Enderle **WEDNESDAY, December 18th** 

8:00 AM <sup>†</sup> Andrew Margrabe **THURSDAY, December 19th** 8:00 AM Nursing Home Residents FRIDAY, December 20th 8:00 AM † Monica Lewis SATURDAY, December 21st 5:00 PM † Gerald Hinton SUNDAY, December 22nd 7:00 AM † Bob & Alma Brock 8:30 AM Parish Family 10:00 AM † Stanley Clippard

Weekend Holy Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 am

# PARISH CALENDAR

#### MONDAY, December 16th

7:30 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 - 8:30 PM LIFT Women's Fellowship - *Parish Center* 6:30 PM Penance Service - *Church* 

#### **TUESDAY, December 17th**

7:20 AM Mother of Perpetual Help
7:30 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
8:30 - 6:15 PM Adoration
9:00 - 3:00 PM Quilting - *Rectory Basement*5:45 PM Rosary, Confessions
6:05 PM Mother of Perpetual Help
6:10 PM Benediction
6:30 PM Mass
7:00 PM Christmas Novena - *Church*7:15 PM OCIA - *Fellowship Room*

#### WEDNESDAY, December 18th

7:30 AM Rosary 8:00 AM All School Mass 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM Coffee, Talk & Tots - *Fellowship Room* 6:00 - 7:00 PM Cookies with Santa - *Parish Center* 6:30 PM Christmas Novena & Confessions - *Church* 

#### THURSDAY, December 19th

7:30 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
6:00 - 7:00 PM Boy Scout Pack 312 Meeting - *Parish Center*6:30 PM Christmas Novena & Confessions - *Church*

#### FRIDAY, December 20th

7:30 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM Christmas Novena & Confessions - *Church* 

#### SATURDAY, December 21st Anointing of the Sick

7:00 - 8:30 AM Cursillo Small Groups - Fellowship Room
4:30 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
6:30 Christmas Novena - Church

#### SUNDAY, December 22nd

**Anointing of the Sick** 

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 AM 6:30 PM Christmas Novena & Confessions - *Church* 

## COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection for 12/8/24	\$17,104.75
Capital Campaign for 12/8/24	\$12,649.37
Special Collections: IC Scholarships, Flowers	\$435.00

#### Numbers include online giving

If you are tithing online and want to cancel your envelopes, please email Karen at secretary@icjacksonmo.com or call the parish office (573) 243-3182

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

*"Rejoice in the Lord always."* (Philippians 4:4) Are you filled with joy at the Lord's invitation to serve Him in priesthood or consecrated life? This deep sense of joy is a sign that God may be calling you to share His love with others in a special way.Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 417-866-0841 or email icdeaconal@gmail.com.

#### **Spiritual Reflections**

Readings for the week of December 15th, 2024				
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18			
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11- 12/Lk 1:26-38			
Tuesday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27			
Wednesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17			
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25			
Friday:	ls 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38			
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45			
Next Sunday	: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45			

#### SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

**Dorcas Bonnegent,** daughter of Judy Beussink

**Myla McMinn,** great granddaughter of Louise Spooler

#### **Marian Brugger**

Amy Elfrink & unborn child, daughter of Michele Kilhafner

#### <u>BAPTISM</u>

NEW MEMBERS John & Barbara Carlson

> Alan Nenninger & Sharon Braun

> > REST IN PEACE Teresa Welter

## **PARISH NEWS**

#### **Bulletin Deadlines...**

For the bulletin dated Dec. 29th, the deadline is Dec. 18th. For the bulletin dated Jan. 5th, the deadline is Dec. 20th.

#### Help Wanted!

We will be decorating the gym and the church for Christmas Mass on Monday, December 23rd after the 8:00 AM Mass. We need men to help place the tarps on the gym floor, set chairs and move trees/decorations for decorating. Then we will decorate in the gym and then the church. If you have any questions or need more info, you can contact Barbie Gibbs at 573-587-1271. We will then take down all the decorations in the gym on Friday, December 27th.

#### Help Marian Charities & Foster Adopt Connect (formerly Hope Children's Home) in Southeast MO

A semi-trailer will be in the Church parking lot November 25th – January 5th to receive any donations of good clothes & coats (adult, children & infant), cookware (pots, pans, glasses, cups, bowls, plates, silverware), canned goods, knick-knacks, toys, furniture, appliances in working order, bed sheets, blankets, towels, carpets, rugs or household items. Please take your donated items to the very front of the trailer & stack them to the ceiling so we can fill the trailer. These items will then be distributed & shared with people in Southeast Missouri. Your giving and sharing are appreciated.

#### Feed My Starving Children

Looking for a way to donate to the poor this Advent Season? IC church is collecting money to send to Feed My Starving Children for the Jackson community packing event. We are collecting money at this time and it will be sent to the company in the name of IC school/parish. Then, in March during the Lenten Season we encourage our parishioners to help pack food. In order to be able to pack the most amount of food possible for those children in need, we need to raise money now. We have been participating for the last 2 years and donated over \$3,000. Thank you for your support and please consider donating again this year! You can donate with cash, check, or venmo(Lindsey Gross-13). All questions can go to Lindsey Gross, 573-579-5255.

## SCHOOL NEWS

#### **Cookies with Santa**

On Wednesday, December 18th from 6 - 7 PM in the Parish Center. Come for a fun evening of Santa, cookies, games and crafts! This is an open donation fundraiser for our school. If you can't attend the event but would like to still donate, you can send in money through the office or Venmo to @Kasie-Ralls-1. If you have questions, please contact Sarah (Sutterer) Lentz at <u>sms46f@gmail.com.</u>

# FAMILY MINISTRIES

### Birthright Donations for the Advent and Christmas Season

Many churches in our area collect items for Birthright over the Christmas season, please know that we DEPEND on these collections. They sustain us for at least the 1st quarter of the new year, especially the items that are collected for our Layettes (baby baskets that we give to our new moms). There is a list of numerous items needed posted in the back of church on the bulletin board. Please drop items off at either the Cape or Marble Hill Center. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you ALWAYS for your support.

Kim Sellers, Director of Birthright, Cape Girardeau

## **YOUTH NEWS**

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." - St. Catherine of Siena

#### Youth Spirit - High school aged youth

**December 15th -TONIGHT- DTS** - Come join us for Dead Theologians Society from 6:30pm-8:00pm at the Old Convent at Saint Vincent. **January 5th - Life Night** - We will meet in the Fellowship Room from 6:30-8:00pm

January 12th - Faith and Floats - See below for more information LIFE TEEN - All our spots are filled and we have a waiting list. Please pray for those who will be going on this life changing experience!

#### Kaboom 6th - 8th grade students

Thank you to Monica Nugent for suppling us with a yummy meal for our December meeting!

**January 18th -** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:30 PM for prayer, fun and food. Supper will be provided by Marsha Buchheit.

### <u>Regional Events</u>

**December 20th - Christmas Scavenger Hunt-** Starts at 6 PM at St. Mary's for **6th-12th graders**. We will attend the Christmas Novena before heading out for the scavenger hunt. Teens will not be allowed to drive, so we will need additional Virtus trained adults to drive. Please RSVP using the QR code.



#### January 12th - FAITH and FLOATS - It will be held

here at IC this month. **6th-8th graders** meet in the Fellowship Room from 6:00-7:25pm. **High School students** meet in the Fellowship Room from 7:30-9:00pm. Our guest speaker this month is our very own **Sarah Bess**! Come join us as she shares how God has blessed her and her soap making business. Please RSVP as soon as possible so Sarah knows how many supplies she needs to bring with her.

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See the Youth bulletin board in the

back of church for future activities and additional information.

Please contact Karen Engelen at **icyouthspirit@gmail.com** with questions or to volunteer.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. For more info or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 1/31/2025 - 2/2/2025, St. Peters, MO 4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO The Marriage Encounter Community will meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2 PM at the KC Hall on Spanish Street in Cape.

#### Semo Area Ultreyas

are held the 3rd Saturday of each month. Morning prayers begin in the church at 9:00 AM with grouping, refreshments, and socializing to follow. Come share the joy with fellow Cursillistas. De Colores!

#### St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscan Order

Meetings are from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at St. Francis Hospital, in the St. Agatha room every 4th Sunday of the month.

#### The Holy Rosary

will be prayed at 1:30 PM on the 3rd Sunday of the month (Dec. 15th) at the St. John Henry Newman Center in Cape Girardeau.

#### Jackson KC #6405

Knights meet at 7:00 PM in the Clubroom on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month.
4th Degree meet at 7:00 PM in the Clubroom on the 2nd Monday every other month.
Ladies Auxiliary meet at 6:30 PM in the Lower Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month except in November & December.

#### **Catholic Man Night**

are held every other month from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. An evening of Adoration, Confessions, & a Manly Meal with discussion to follow.

#### **Parish Bulletin Inserts and Flyers**

https://www.icjacksonmo.com/bulletins/



#### **ND News and Events**

Lots of updates about Notre Dame can be found at <u>https://icjacksonmo.com/notredame including:</u> Santa's Workshop at ND, March With Me at March For Life, and ND Athletic Tickets.

#### **Camp Re-NEW-All Registration**

Registration started Wednesday, December 11th for the summer of 2025. Camp is open to kids going into 5th - 9th grade in the fall, high school staff going into 10th - 12th grade, and adult staff. Campers are placed on a first-come-first-served basis. Brochures are available on the center bulletin board in the vestibule. You can also apply online at https://dioscg.org/camp-re-new-all, or call the Catholic Center at 417-866-0841.

#### **Annual Country Christmas Home Tour**

Is today, December 15th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. You are invited to tour 4 beautifully decorated homes. After touring the homes, you will stop by St. John Church for beautiful Christmas music, and then the Leopold School Cafeteria for soup & cookies. The cost is \$20 per ticket. If you have not bought a ticket yet, you can contact Geri Geringer at 573-208-6445 or you can get them today. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the back of church.

#### **Christmas Country Church Tour Announcement**

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church) in Perryville, MO, will once again be participating in the Christmas Country Church Tour along with 38 other churches and chapels. The tour will take place on December 19th and 20th, from 2:00 – 9:00 PM. All of the participating churches welcome visitors to view their Christmas decorations and to spend a few moments in silent prayer during the Advent season. Here at the Shrine, a tree will be decorated with prayer petitions from local students. There will be live music both nights from 4:00 -8:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served in the Visitor Center, where unique Christmas items, including nativity sets, will be on display. If you have any questions, please call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website at www.amm.org. We look forward to your visit.

#### Immaculate Conception/American Red Cross Blood Drive

On Thursday, January 9, 2025 from 12:30 - 5:30 PM at the **Knights of Columbus Hall**, **Lower Level**, Jackson. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

#### Magnify 90 - A Spiritual Exercise for Women

January 20 - April 20, 2025 This 90-day journey asks us to foster a deeper relationship with God and others. Through prayer, spiritual readings, mortifications, and offerings we can link arms as desert sisters, and set the world ablaze with Christ's light by being the saints we were created to be! We hope you'll join us!

Simply scan the QR Code to register. For more information visit <u>www.mag90.com</u> or contact Melanie Diebold (<u>melaniecowell@gmail.com</u>), Laura Enderle (<u>lenderle@staangels.eduk12.net</u>) Stacey Welter (<u>swelter.4christ@gmail.com</u>), Alicia Schumer (<u>arsachse@yahoo.com</u>), Leah Shrum (<u>director@optionsforwomencape.com</u>), or Rachael Bremer (<u>rachaelbremer@stmarycape.org</u>)



QR code to register or use this link: <u>https://forms.gle/jd6sLPAthAGwfj3a6</u>

		Liturgical Ministers (De	cember 21st & Dec	ember 22nd)		
	Lectors	Usher/Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers (C) Cup Randy Balsman & Stephen Brands - C Michael Martin, Nancy Strange, Tracy Watkins		Mass Servers	
5:00 pm	Betty Jones Berkley Rosenquist	Gerald & Kim Landewee Kenny & Joyce Loos			Caroline Rosenquist Ryan Rosenquist Natalee Smith	
7:00 am	Deborah Beussink	Tom & Ruth Ann Dickerson Rich & Kathleen Hartmann	David Coe & Gerald Stoverink - C Andrea Sachse		Catherine McNeely Xavier Thomas	
8:30 am	Audrey Deken Brad Deken	Brian & Monica Nugent Cliff & Marlene Strieker	Lucas Gre Renee Hinkeb	Remi Bruendermar Evelyn Dixon Joseph Dixon		
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