

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Est. 1789—the oldest Parish in Southeast Missouri

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ONE CHURCH, EAST TO WEST : LOVING JESUS, SERVING JESUS, SHARING JESUS

Dec 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday, 3 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

| Mass Schedule |     |          |                                | Intention                     |
|---------------|-----|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| DEC 9         | SAT | 4 pm     | Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent | Parish                        |
| DEC 10        | SUN | 11 am    | Second Sunday of Advent        | ++Jack & Patsy Cravens Ripley |
| DEC 11        | MON | 12:15 pm |                                | +John Wescoat                 |
| DEC 14        | THU | 12:15 pm |                                | Jacob Wolfe                   |
| DEC 15        | FRI | 12:15 pm |                                | +Bill Fowler                  |
| DEC 16        | SAT | 4 pm     | Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent  | +Henry Retz                   |
| DEC 17        | SUN | 11 am    | Third Sunday of Advent         | Parish                        |

| DATE   | LECTOR            | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER<br>Holy Eucharist | COLLECTION<br>COUNTERS          |
|--------|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| DEC 9  | Tammy Bennett     | Malinda Grunwald, Volunteer             | Lynette Fowler<br>Casey Rost    |
| DEC 10 | Kevin Carlisle    | Kevin Carlisle, Becky McKay, Kim Hall   |                                 |
| DEC 16 | Loretto Alexander | Ann E. Copeland, Volunteer              | Chrissy Hodges<br>Peyton Hodges |
| DEC 17 | Jo Crouthers      | Glodine LaValle, Jo Crouthers, Kim Hall |                                 |

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| Week of                          | DEC 2      |  |
| Collection                       | \$2,373.00 |  |
| Online/Other                     | \$640.00   |  |
| Total                            | \$3,013.00 |  |
| 2nd Collection Christmas Flowers | \$1,375.00 |  |

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| Total Collection                                  | \$4,388.00   |
| Weekly Budget                                     | \$3,475.00   |
| Difference<br>(7-1-23 - 12-3-23)                  | -\$20,585.00 |
| Thank you for being good stewards of God’s Gifts! |              |

At the main entrance of the church, we have volunteer sign-up sheets for different ministerial positions for the Christmas & New Year Masses. Thank you.

The flowers in the church this weekend were donated in memory of Jack & Patsy Cravens Ripley by their family.

During the weekend of Dec 16 & 17, there will be a 2nd Collection for Birthright. Please be generous.

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, December 16 @ 6:30 am, we will celebrate the often forgotten tradition of the *Rorate* Mass. This is an Advent Mass celebrated at dawn and strictly by candlelight. As the Mass proceeds, the sun will rise, eventually illuminating the church, which signifies the coming of Jesus from the dark into the light. We plan to fill our church with as much candlelight as we can, and we already have a group of volunteers willing to help with this. It’s a wonderful tradition we hope to continue each year as we await the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent Decorating: We will decorate for Christmas on Monday, December 18 @ 5:30 pm. This is a HUGE task requiring many volunteers so please come help us! And, as always, we are extremely grateful and thankful to you for donating your time to this parish.

| Holiday Mass Schedule |                      |               |                | **Note: There will be 2 Masses on Sun, Dec 24 - the regular 11 am Sunday obligation Mass & the 4 pm Christmas Day Vigil Mass. |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|---|
|                       | Christmas Eve**      | Christmas Day | New Year’s Day |   |
| New Madrid            | 4 pm Children’s Mass | 11 am         | 12:15 pm       |   |

Church Cleaners: DEC 9 - Tracy Albright  
DEC 16 - Joella Jones  
DEC 23 - Volunteer  
DEC 30 - Malinda Grunwald