



## Immaculate Conception Old Monroe

PARISH

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekdays:..... 7:45 am  
 First Saturday:..... 7:45 am  
 Saturdays ..... 5:00 pm (vigil)  
 Sundays..... 8:00 am and 10:00 am  
 Holydays..... As announced

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#### WeShare Online Giving

Support our parish's day-to-day operations, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, or the Adopt-A-Student Program easily with online giving.

Follow this link to find out how:

<https://icomparish.weshareonline.org/>

*Thank you for your generous support!*



### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH

It is always great to have our seminarian Dane Westhoff here for Mass. This weekend Dane is here to talk on behalf of the Christmas collection for the seminary on Christmas Day. God willing Dane will be ordained a transitional deacon on May 3, 2019 and to the priesthood on May 24, 2020. Please say hello to him. Please pray for him and all seminarians and for religious vocations to the priesthood, religious life and permanent diaconate. We are in process of distributing the Adopt-A-Student money and would like to distribute more to those families who could use help in their tuition. Please if you can consider making a contribution in this regards.

Thanks you for all you do for the parish.

GOD BLESS,  
~FATHER RICH

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending December 9, 2018

Sunday Offering \$7971 | Online Giving \$298

Loose \$327 | Seminary \$30 | Christmas Flowers \$30

Immaculate Conception \$1035

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December 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM Vigil Mass for Christmas
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight and 9:00 AM Christmas
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 PM Vigil 1Mass for Mary Mother of God
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00AM Mass for Mary Mother of God.



### IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who have died especially **Rita Beckmann**, Mother to Linda Chartrand and **John Henry**, Brother to Lilly McGee and **Elaine Hines**, Sister of Rosco Hines  
*May all rest in the peace of Christ.*



### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to those recently baptized, especially **Carly Louise Shaw**, daughter of Ryan and Dianna Shaw.

*Welcome to our faith community!*



### Old Monroe Lions Club Breakfast

The Old Monroe Lions Club will be serving breakfast Today December 16th from 7:30-11:30, including a visit from Santa. This will be our last breakfast. After forty-six years of service, the Lions Club building will no longer be in service as of January 6, 2019, but the club will be active until June 30, 2019. We wish to thank everyone for their support over the past years. It has been our pleasure to "SERVE" you.

**Early Bulletin Submission** Deadline for Bulletins:  
12/30 is 12/17 and for 1/6 is 12/21. Thank you!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### OMKC NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

OMKC is hosting a New year's Eve dinner and dance. Live music by up and coming Nashville star Jake Shafer. Prime rib dinner, dance, drinks, and hourly giveaways to ring in the New Year. Doors open at 5:30pm/dinner 6:30pm. Limited tickets available. Tickets are \$55/person or \$400/table. We will be selling at all masses the weekend of December 16th. You may contact Chris Kaimann at 636.775.3164 or Wally Kolkmeier at 636.279.0482



**CYC BASKETBALL REFEREES  
NEEDED!! PLEASE CONTACT  
ROBERT SAPP 314-239-5195**

### Annual Lincoln County Pro-Life Prayer Vigil – 2019

Young, middle-aged, and the more mature people of all faiths in Lincoln County come together to pray for an end to abortion. We glorify God with prayer and song. We beg for His Mercy and ask Him to help us become "His Instruments of Peace" to protect LIFE at all stages of development from conception to natural death. Our main speaker will be Reagan Barklage, Western Regional Director, Students for Life of America! Reagan's passion for empowering this generation and women in particular has resulted in her being featured in major national media such as *Glamour*, *LifeSiteNews*, *PBS NewsHour*, The HBO documentary "Abortion: Stories Women Tell", and the *Wall Street Journal*. Join the Lincoln County Chapter of Missouri Right to Life and Pastors throughout Lincoln County on January 11, 2019 at Harvester Christian Church, 43 Front Street, Troy at 7:00 p.m. For more information "friend" Lincoln County Right to Life on Facebook or look for us at [www.SacredHeartElsberry.org](http://www.SacredHeartElsberry.org).

PLEASE JOIN THE SISTERS OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NOVENA. DECEMBER 17-23 2018 @ 7:00 P.M. ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL. ALL ARE WELCOME AND THE ADMISSION IS FREE. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ST. LUELLA DAMES 636.542.9510

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** will not take place on December 25 or January 1, due to the holydays.

**RADA CUTLERY** - Missouri Right to Life - Lincoln County Chapter will be selling Rada Cutlery in time for Christmas. Please look for catalogs in the back of church. The orders will be placed on December 16th. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, contact Pam Fallert at 566-6888.  
**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**

## DEACON NEAL'S REFLECTION CORNER

I'm sorry that I didn't do this sooner. I would like to encourage everyone who can, to go to [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com) and sign up for, The Best Advent Ever. You will receive daily words of encouragement and sharing that can help you understand what this season of Advent is. I'd also encourage you, if you do sign up, to watch all the previous videos sent during this Advent season. There are also some recommendations for prayer and action each day. *Try it. It could help you have your best Advent ever.*

On another note...Those of you that are reading this bulletin, probably share my concern. There weren't very many people that attended Mass to fulfill the Holy Day of Obligation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. We normally have three Masses for a holy day. This year, we had a vigil Mass on Friday and a 7:45 Mass on Saturday morning. Sure, some people could have gone to neighboring parishes. St. Paul had no vigil Mass and only one Saturday morning. What in the world is going on??? With more people moving into the area, we should be having more people at Mass, instead of less. We have to do something to encourage and to explain to fellow parishioners how important it is to fulfill our obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days.

One thing to do is to ask the Blessed Virgin to help us. Archbishop Fulton Sheen has said that if we turn our backs on the Blessed Mother, the Church will be less and less important to its members. We see the ramifications of this today. Let us give the Blessed Mother the honor she deserves.

If you have any suggestions on what else we can do, to get more people to Mass, text me at 314-570-3721. We can't just sit back and let our churches become empty. We need to make a difference and it starts with us. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!!!

*God Bless. ~Deacon Neal*

*You are invited to include our homebound or nursing home resident parishioners in your Christmas Greetings list. You will find their addresses below along with some of our former priests and religious. Let's brighten their Advent/Christmas Season!*

### Tat Gnade

Boulevard Senior Living  
3330 Ehlmann Road  
St. Charles, MO 63301

### Grace Jungerman

Villages of St. Peters  
5300 Executive Centre Park-  
way St. Peters, MO 63376

### Catherine Reller

93 Highland Prairie Road  
Old Monroe, MO 63369

### Mary Burkemper

P.O. Box 113  
Old Monroe, MO 63369

### Mrs. Marian Thoman

The Arbors at Sugar Creek  
161 Professional Pkwy  
Troy, MO 63379

### Janice Knapp

P.O. Box 91  
Old Monroe, MO 63369

### James Pieper

P.O. Box 223  
Old Monroe, MO 63369

### Ginny Burkemper

2008 Hwy C  
Old Monroe, MO 63369

### Ruthie Gnade

3466 Hwy C  
Moscow Mills, MO 63362

### Harriet Bauer

3333 Dyer Road  
O'Fallon, MO 63369

### Ruth Bauer

99 A&R Lane  
Old Monroe, MO 63369

### Shirley Burkemper

Sugar Creek Assisted Living  
161 Professional Pkwy  
Troy, MO 63379

### Father Phil Krahman

Office of Vicar for Priests  
20 Archbishop May Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63119

### Sister Dolores Meyer

22143 Main Street  
P.O. Box 100  
Oldenburg, IN 47036

### Msgr. Greg Schmidt

243 W. Argonne Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63122

## ICOM SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### ICOM SHARE NIGHT



8645 Veterans Memorial Pkwy • O'Fallon, MO 63366

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018**



**PATIENCE IS THE CALM ACCEPTANCE THAT  
THINGS CAN HAPPEN IN DIFFERENT ORDER THAN  
THE ONE YOU HAD IN MIND.**

## OUT AND ABOUT

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 4556 Telegraph Road, is having an Organ Dedication Concert of their new Allen Organ on New Years Day, January 1, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m. featuring David Ball, *Organist and Assistant Music Director at Christ Cathedral, California.*

**INVITATION TO SURVIVING DIVORCE** "I'm furious. What can I do with this anger?" "If God is good, why did He allow this divorce?" "Why does it hurt so much?" Find the answers to these questions and more in a new ministry to Catholics who have suffered from divorce: **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide**. The 12-week DVD program features Catholic experts who present Church teaching along with lay men and women who

share their challenges on the way to true healing. Immaculate Conception Parish – Dardenne is hosting the program beginning January 10, 2019. There is a \$25 fee which will cover all materials needed. (*Scholarships are available for anyone*). Contact Debi at [debijo@att.net](mailto:debijo@att.net) for more information.

**ADVENT QUIET DAYS** at Mercy Center Dec 17-19, 2018 Create your own time of personal Advent Sabbath. Rest for a while from the pace of holiday preparations and celebrations. Slow down, breathe deeply, and enjoy one or more days of quiet amid the busyness of December. Enjoy meals, a walk on the beautiful grounds, or reflection time by the fireplace in the Heritage Lounge. No presentations. No schedules outside of meal times.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, December 17

7:45 am Irene Dobelmann

### Tuesday, December 18

7:45 am Carol Brinkman

### Wednesday, December 19

7:45 am Chris Burkemper

### Thursday, December 20

7:45 am Esther Burkemper

### Friday, December 21

7:45 am Leonard Reller

### Saturday, December 22

5:00 pm Joseph Hogan

### Sunday, December 23

8:00 am Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

10:00 am Flora Dreisewerd

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 22/23

### Lectors

5:00 pm Joan Brown

8:00 am Maggie Nicholl

10:00 am Nita Wehde

### Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 pm Joan Brown, Bill Kaimann  
Rita Kaimann, Terri Vandiver

8:00 am Carol Prinster, Peter Nicholl  
Judy Tiller, Bill Prinster

10:00 am Kate Hogan, Normal Padella  
Bonnie Hakenewerth, Ron Hakenwerth

### Servers

5:00 pm Alec Veness/Connor Gerholdt

8:00 am Lilley/Collin Heitman

10:00 am Madison Schleeper/Olivia Vail

Weekdays 7:45 am Jordan/Bailey Shields

### Ushers

8:00 am John Bauer, Sam Eggering  
Bill Westhoff, Ron Westhoff

10:00 am Gary Bals, Kenny Gnade  
Tim Hogan, Don Reller

### Organists

5:00 pm Karen Gnade

8:00 am Katie Boyd

10:00 am Paula Vail

### Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Jamey & Tanika Busch

8:00 am Matt & Vicki Szarwinski

10:00 am Vince & Michelle Kaimann

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Pastor for arrangements.

**Baptismal Prep Classes** will be held the **1st Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. Contact the parish to sign up for class.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact Pastor at least six months in advance.

Participation in a Marriage Preparation program is required.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Saturdays:** 4:00 to 4:45 pm

**First Saturday** after 7:45 am Mass

By appointment, contact the Pastor.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Tuesdays 8:30 am until 7:30 am Wednesday**

*"Come spend an hour with Me"*

Participants are always welcome to come and pray at any hour.

It is important to have someone present at all the hours. If you can cover an hour or are available to be a sub, please call

**Barb** (636)665-5482 or **Bonnie** (314)825-5134.

**Participants needed for:**

Tuesday, 11:30pm-12:30am and 12:30-1:30 am on Wednesday

## ROSARY

For Vocations, Fridays after 7:45 am Mass

For World Peace, First Saturdays after 7:45 am Mass

## PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesdays after 7:45 am Mass

## BULLETIN DEADLINE –TUESDAYS 8:00 AM

For the following Sunday.

Special Holiday dates apply when necessary.

Submit requests to: [parish@icomparish.org](mailto:parish@icomparish.org)

### **Readings for the Week of December 16, 2018**

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Observances for the Week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Friday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

### ***Vocation Prayer Chalice Program***

Sign up to participate in wonderful week long opportunity to pray as a family for vocations. This Chalice and a guided prayer binder will be given for your use during the week. For more information or to register for a week of prayer visit our website:

<http://icomparish.org/vocation-chalice-program>

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS -

Contact Parish Secretary with concerns by email

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