



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!



Ash Wednesday

March 6th

Masses:

6:00am

7:45am

7:00pm

Lent: a Season of Reflection, Penance, Fasting, and Service

Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm each Friday

Daily Mass 7:45 am (unless otherwise announced, including each Saturday)

Confessions available each Saturday after Mass

Adult Penance Service 7:00 pm on Monday, March 11th

There are many excellent resources for the Season of Lent you might wish to use:

✠ **Living the Eucharist Lenten program:** <http://www.livingtheeucharist.org/>

✠ **Best Lent Ever daily reflections from Dynamic Catholic:**

<http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentevery/#signup>

✠ **USCCB:** <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/prayer-resources-for-lent.cfm>

Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, March 6) and **Good Friday** (Friday, April 19th) are days of **abstinence** for all Catholics **over the age of 14**. On these two days, fast, as well as **abstinence**, is also obligatory for those from the **ages of 18-59**. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means on full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted).

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH

This week we will have the Rite of Enrollment for Dale Diederich, Patrick Armstrong and Cailyn Hoelting who will be going down to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election on March 10. Please pray for them as they begin their final journey to receiving the sacrament of initiation on Holy Saturday.

The season of Lent is finally upon us as it is almost the latest it can possibly be. The bulletin contains the Lenten Regulations and a schedule. As I have done in the past we will have an extra Mass every Saturday morning at 7:45 and the opportunity for confessions after Mass. Our Penance Service for will Lent will be on Monday March 11th at 7 PM with three additional priests to help. Have a great Lent.

*God Bless,
~Father Rich*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending February 24, 2019

Sunday Offering \$6949.75 | Online Giving \$763

Loose \$396 | Easter Flowers \$742

Envelope Count 130

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who have died, especially **Wayne Dickbernd**, father of Pam Rowland.
May all rest in the peace of Christ.



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to those recently baptized, especially **Elijah Matthew Richardson** child of Matthew & Rebecca Richardson, **Palmer Lynn Hohl** child of Ryan & Keri Hohl, **Mila Rose Henke** child of Gary & Sallie Henke, and **Ruby Claire Beckemeier** child of Andrew & Lara Beckemeier.
Welcome to our faith community!

LENT IS A GOOD TIME TO DECIDE TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH and your relationship with your spouse. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends offer you new tools to improve your communication, and open a whole new world of closeness. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Apr. 12-14 in St. Peters, MO; and Jun. 21-23, 2019 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314.649.7317.



Fish Fry at OMKC Hall this Friday and every Friday during Lent except for Good Friday from 4:30-7:00pm. This year, we will be having a separate line for carry-outs so if you want carry-outs, your wait won't be long. Also this should reduce the wait in the dine-in line. Adults \$11, Children 4th-8th \$4, Children 3rd grade and younger free.



March 16, 2019!!! Doors open @ 5:30pm. Trivia Starts @ 6:30pm. Table Price: \$160 per team of 8 people. First Come, First Serve- Please mail payment to school to hold a table!!!

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes for Trivia
- Beer, Soda & Water Provided
- Raffle Baskets & Games
- 50/50 Drawings
- Party Favors for Everyone

Live Auction
Items & Games
during breaks
& lots of FUN!



**Bring Food & Snacks to Share
Amongst Your Table**



To reserve your table,
please contact:

Amanda Kerley
Call or Text 636-219-4819
or Send an Email to
amanda.m.kerley@citi.com

If you have any questions,
please contact:

Lisa Day
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"Show Me Life" Pro-Life Action Day at State Capitol 03.12.19

Support legislation to save the lives of unborn children. Join pro-lifers from across Missouri in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 12th at the State Capitol. Registration begins at 10am in the 1st floor rotunda and the rally starts at noon. You can register for one of our buses at <http://www.easternregionmrl.org/events> or call or email your name, address, city, zip, phone, email address and pick-up location to 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. Registration deadline for bus transportation is March 4. Donations towards the cost of buses can be made online or will be collected that day. Wear RED for Life!



UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS:

MARCH 21-24 MEN, APRIL 25-28 WOMEN

These weekends are held in Quincy IL and is a 3-day experience, praying together, celebrating the Eucharist, and its aim is to concentrate on the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ. For more information or an application please contact Deacon Neal, Jeanette Robertson or Fr Rich. What a great thing to consider for the new year!



Deacon Davies at St. Pats in Wentzville is asking for help from one of our parishioners: I know an ex parishioner who is currently living in a group home to recover in Winfield after a 3 month stay in the hospital. She is not allowed to drive yet and would really like to attend Mass sat or sun. It's a very long drive each way for me and she is right in town (Winfield) so it's just a few miles from ICOM. Her faith is really important to her. Her name is Marcia McCarty @ 636.383.2915. Any help would be appreciated.

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DEACON NEAL'S REFLECTION CORNER

There are a lot of messages in this Gospel today. The most famous would be to remove the beam from your eye before you remove the splinter from someone else. It's so easy to see others faults when we can easily overlook our own.

A good habit to get into, if you haven't already, is to do an examination of conscience at the end of the day. Ask yourself, was I selfish with my time, did I spend time in prayer, did I reach out to those in need when called upon, was I kind to others, did I judge others wrongly, etc.

As we begin Lent this Wednesday, let's use this time to become a better person and use an examination of conscience to help. Christ is asking us to come closer to him. Let's use this Lent to allow him to come closer to us.

God Bless.

~Deacon Neal

From June 17-28, 2019, Fr. Phil Krill will lead a contemplative pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This is not a sight-seeing tour. Beginning in Galilee and finishing in the Judean desert, we will visit carefully selected sacred sites, absorbing the *ethos* of the places where Jesus lived and taught. We will also seek to experience, through a combination of *lectio divina* and contemplative prayer, a strengthened sense of His risen Presence. Our pilgrimage to Israel will proceed at a very measured pace. No "off-the bus, on-the-bus" rushing as is routine on most such tours. We will spend extended time at each sacred place, allowing ample time for reflection and personal prayer. This is essentially a practicum in contemplative practice, employing a synergistic combination of *lectio divina*, contemplative prayer, group faith-sharing, and spiritual direction. For more information about this pilgrimage and/or to register, go to : www.bibletrektours.com or call George Makhlof : (702) 339-5533 or Father Philip Krill: (616) 243-7566.

Pro-Life

THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE life-saving campaign begins this Wednesday, March 6 and runs until April 14. Please join us with your prayers, fasting, and action especially during this time to help make Missouri the first abortion clinic Free State. Missouri currently only has one surgical abortion clinic left at Forest Park and Boyle Streets in St. Louis. Our parish will picket there on Wednesday, April 10, from 11am-3pm. However, you are welcome any day to picket from 7am until 7pm. Please join us with your prayers and actions this 40 Days for Life.

Anyone interested in carpooling to the Pro Life Lobby Day in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 12, please call Betty, 636-566-8444. Our legislators need to hear your pro-life voice!

An Ash Wednesday Prayer

"Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust."

You remind us today, oh Lord, of our origin and end.
In the beginning, You fashioned us in the Garden.

You dignified dust with the Breath of Life.

You made us in Your image and likeness.

You led Your people through the dust of the Sinai wilderness to the Promised Land.

You overcame temptation in the dry desert.

You healed the blind with dirt and clay.

Three times Your body stirred the dust as you fell on the road to Calvary.

Hear the cry of Your people!

One day we will return to dust.

This Lenten season, stir our minds to contemplate

You, our hearts to love You, and our bodies to serve

You in our brothers and sisters.

May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving

be Your breath alive in us.

Amen.



ICOM SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Trivia is March 16!!!

Tables are still available (\$160 for table of 8); please contact Amanda Kerley to reserve your table 636.219.4819/amanda.m.kerley@citi.com

In the bulletin this week is a list of our Trivia baskets. These will be on display at the fish fry on March 8 and 15 at the KC Hall. If you are not able to join us for the fish fry or Trivia, you can still participate in the basket raffle. You can drop off your money and basket preference to the school or church office by March 15th. Include your name and phone number so we can put it on the raffle ticket. Raffle ticket prices are:

Red ticket items - \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets

Gold ticket items - \$10 each ~ Winners will be contacted on March 18 if they are not at Trivia.



Enrollment

Families interested in enrolling their children for preschool through grade eight can pick up an enrollment packet at the school office. Please contact the school office with questions or for a school tour. (636.665.5463 or jpalmer@icomparish.org)

OUT AND ABOUT

COME TO SANGUIS CHRISTI SPIRITUALITY CENTER 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 9:00 (Mass) to 3:00 and spend time with the gift of gratitude. Living Life Gratefully and Praying with Gratitude Using mindfulness and journaling, we will reflect on how we can bring balance to our lives and prayer, by living gratefully and praying with gratitude. For more information or to register contact Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028 or email at corf@cpps-ofallon.org

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION on Wednesday, March 13 7:30-9:30pm at St Cletus Parish. A priest of Opus Dei will give two meditation and confessions. For more information, please contact Mary Schlueter 314-517-1277 or Maureen Branson 314-322-9711.

ST. PATRICK PARISH in Wentzville has held its annual kettle cooked Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner since 1947. This year's dinner is Sunday, March 17, dine-in from noon till 5 PM all you care to eat, buffet style. Carry-outs available noon till 6 PM in the school cafeteria. Glazed ham will also be served. Adult: Dine-In \$13.00, Carry-Out \$11.00, Children: age 4-12 \$5.00. For info, 636-332-9225 or www.stpatrickwentzville.org/cornedbeef
JOIN ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL March 14-17 for the Crusader Players' production of *Les Misérables*! All performances take place in St. Dominic High School's Amy Dickherber Performing Arts Center. Learn more and purchase tickets online at www.stdominichs.org/lesmiserables.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 4

7:45 am *Rosie Prinster*

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

7:45 am *Randy Burkemper*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

6:00 am *Michael Schomber*

7:45 am *Dot Gnade*

7:00 pm *Leonard Edward Reller*

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

7:45 am *Bob & Marcia Deterding*

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

7:45 am *Jim Rothermich*

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

7:45 am *Bert Brown*

5:00 pm *Mary Ann Pieper*

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 am *Vocations of the Priesthood &
Religious Life*

10:00 am *People of the Parish*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 9/10

LECTORS

5:00 pm Abby Rothweiler

8:00 am Maggie Nicholl

10:00 am Nita Wehde

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 pm Tricia Weber, Charles Burkemper
Angie Baker, John Baker

8:00 am Peter Nicholl, Mary Ann Freise
Joe Carr, Christina Gnade

10:00 am Mary Ann Hoelting, Boone Creech
Theresa Gerholdt, Maureen Kramer

SERVERS

5:00 pm Addie Burkemper, Cooper Brown

8:00 am Kaden Kaimann, Parker Szarwinski

10:00 am Addy and Avery Cassinger

Weekdays 7:45 am Collin Heitman, Maddie Reed

USHERS

8:00 am Gary Bals, Kenny Gnade

Tim Hogan, Don Reller

10:00 am Mark Aubuchon, Jim Eusterbrock

Jeremy Heitman, Randy Vandiver

ORGANISTS

5:00 pm Karen Nicholl

8:00 am Katie Boyd

10:00 am Jackie Myers

GIFT BEARERS

5:00 pm Nick & Jordan Martin

8:00 am David & Christina Gnade

10:00 am Robert & Theresa Gerholdt

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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

Readings for the Week of March 3, 2019

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Observances for the week of March 3, 2019

Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Thursday: St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Friday: St. John of God, Religious

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins

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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