



Immaculate Conception Old Monroe

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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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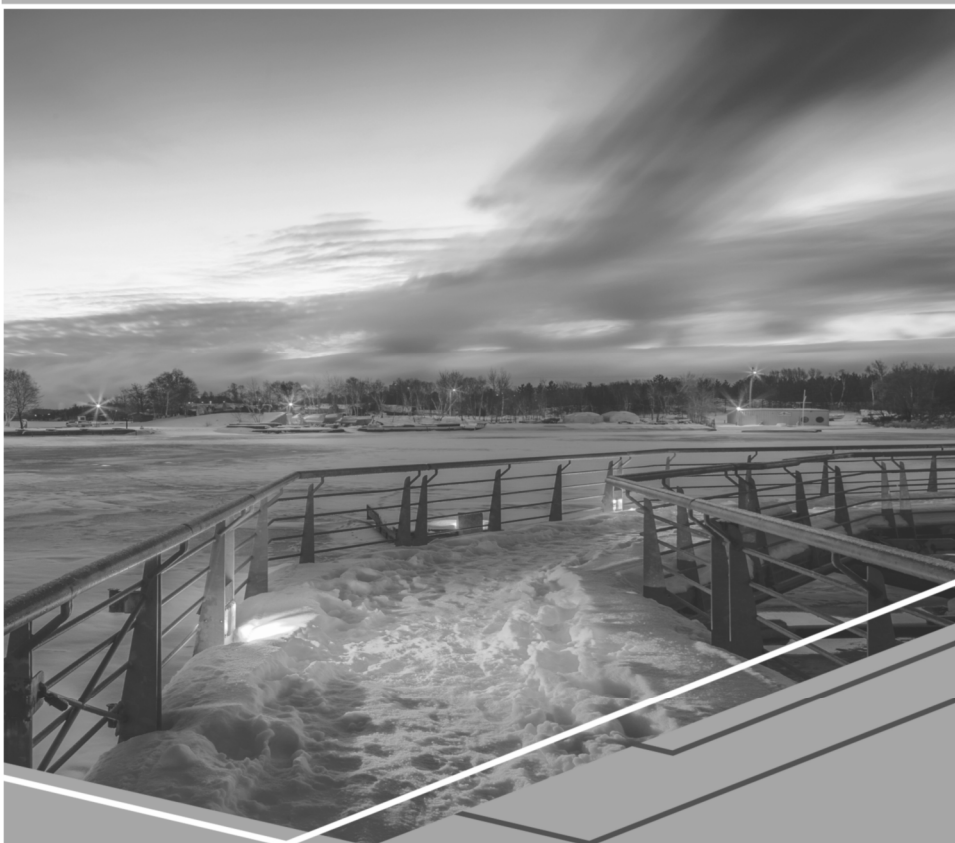
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December 2 nd	7:00 PM Penance Service (3 additional priest available)
December 9 th	7:45 AM Morning Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception
December 24 th	5:00 PM Vigil Mass for Christmas
December 25 th	Midnight and 9:00 AM Christmas
December 31 st	5:00 PM Vigil Mass for Mary Mother of God
January 1 st	9:00AM Mass for Mary Mother of God.



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
- Mt 24:44

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH

Just a reminder that Monday is our annual Penance service at 7 PM with three additional priest to help celebrate the sacrament. Also this Wed., our second graders will be receiving the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time please pray for them. Next weekend Austin Sudkamp, a Kenrick seminarian will be here to speak on behalf of the seminary Christmas collection. Please welcome them next weekend. Have a great first week of Advent.

**God Bless,
Father Rich**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Please see bulletin On December 8th for week ending
November 24, 2019 and December 1, 2019**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to those recently baptized,
especially **Emmett Gronewald** child of
Dane and Abigail Gronewald
Welcome to our faith community!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

OMKC NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

OMKC is hosting a Roaring 2020 New Year's Eve Speakeasy party. Live music by up and coming Nashville star Jake Shafer and The Truckers. Prime rib dinner, dance and drinks to ring in the New Year. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm. Limited tickets available. Purchase tickets for only \$55 per person or \$400 for a table. Contact Chris Kaimann at 636-775-3164

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are in need of additional participants for Eucharistic Adoration. The hours most needed are on Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm, 11:30pm-12:30am, Wednesday mornings 12:30am-1:30am, 6:30-7:30am. Consider Eucharistic Adoration as a gift to yourself. Eucharistic Adoration is like spending time with your best friend. If you can help, call Barb, 665-5482 or Bonnie 314-825-5134.

SAVE THE DATE **Advent Lessons & Carols**

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis
Sunday, December 15, 2019, 3:00 pm
Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso &
The Archdiocesan Choirs

Free and open to the Public

Life Teen – High School Ministry

Our High school youth ministry is open to all teens in grades 9-12. Our ministry exists to spark involvement in local teens to celebrate our faith by: connecting teens in a Catholic setting, leading them to experience Christ and inspiring a life of Catholic ministry. Our youth group meets Wednesday nights for Life Nights from 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the Picnic Grounds (unless noted otherwise). We play games, share about our faith and have time for prayer. It's always a good time with friends.

There is no sign up, just show up!

Contact: tmesler@icomparish.org

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Santa will be there after the 8am and 10am Masses. Menu will be: fresh homemade pork sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes or waffles and fruit.

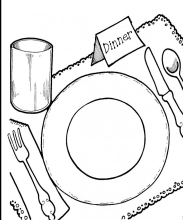
Senior Dinner

Dinner for the senior members of our parish
will be held December 8, 2019

Doors open @ 4 pm for drinks and appetizers.
Dinner will be served @ 5 pm.

Please RSVP to Steve Rolfes @ 636-751-3826
or Cheri Rolfes @ 636-751-7328

Hope to see you there!



DEACON NEAL'S REFLECTION CORNER

Happy New Year!!! First day of Advent is the first day of the Church year.

Advent is the time for us to prepare for the coming of our Messiah. In the second reading today we hear, "It is the hour to wake from your sleep." Sometimes we may find ourselves just going through the motions of our faith. The Church tells us to get going, focus on our faith, prepare ourselves for coming of the Lord and make every effort to keep Christ in Christmas.

As in the first reading, we hear from the prophet Isaiah, "Let us walk in the light of the Lord." It's a new year. Let's make a new year's resolution to come closer to Christ.

*God Bless,
Deacon Neal*

Chicken Dinner

Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart Elsberry

December 8, 2019 the Knights of Columbus at Elsberry will serve Chicken Dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Think of it! You will not have to fix dinner on those Sundays! We will do it for you! Chicken Dinner "All-You-Can-Eat" for \$10. We will serve Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Coleslaw, some Homemade Desserts and drinks. Children 6 to 12 eat for \$4. Carry-outs are available too! Find more information on the Parish website, SacredHeartElsberry.org and the Sacred Heart Facebook page.

Music Ministry The goal of the music ministry at Immaculate Conception is to support liturgical celebrations, to foster "oneness in worship", and to create an environment that inspires sincere prayer and praise through full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. *The ministry is in need of instrumentalists and singers to participate in a variety of choirs, ensembles, cantors and other musical opportunities.*

Children's choirs, teen ensembles, adult ensembles and choirs are all a part of the growing ministry here at Immaculate Conception.

If you are interested please contact Todd Mesler!

Contact: tmesler@icomparish.org

ICOM SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

HASA will be selling gift cards after the 10:00 Mass each weekend until Christmas. They will have some cards on hand to purchase as well as order forms. The order form in the bulletin can be turned in to the school office at any time and we will order the cards for you. You can also purchase gift cards in the school office. Any questions, contact Jennifer Dake @ 636-262-1600.

Immaculate Conception School will be hosting a Cornhole Tournament on January 10-11.

January 10 will be for middle school students and January 11 will be for high school students. More details to come.



Christmas Program
Friday, December 6th @ 6:30
Grades preschool through five



Family Share Night at Blaze's
Pizza in St. Peters on Thursday
December 12th from 4-8 pm

The sixth-grade class at Immaculate Conception School is coordinating the Adopt-a-Family and Brown Bag collection as their service project. Our parish and school community has adopted families from our local St. Vincent DePaul food pantry and those gifts are due by December 10th. There is a collection box in the back of church. In addition, we will have a "brown bag" food collection for Christmas meals for our clients at the food pantry.

The brown bag collection will be open to all parish families. The goal of the brown bag collection is to create approximately 125 boxes to assist local families with their Christmas meals. After Masses December 7-8, ICOM students will hand out brown paper bags in front of church. A list of nonperishable food items will be attached to the brown paper bags. The following weekend, December 14-15, families will return their bags to the food pantry or to church.

OUT AND ABOUT

Volunteers needed to pack & transport donated donuts from Heaven Scent Bakery in O'Fallon to a charitable/non-profit organization on Friday mornings either weekly or monthly. If interested or for more info call Trish at 636-332-6676.

Missouri Right to Life Celebration of Life Banquet at Orlando's Event Center in Maryland Heights, MO on Sunday December 8, 2019. Cocktails at 5pm and dinner at 6pm. Key note speaker is Claire Culwell, abortion survivor. Complimentary, guests will have an opportunity to support our pro-life efforts. Contact 314.434.4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com

Advent Prayer Day Join us for an Advent Day of Prayer, on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 10:00 – 3:00 at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center at 204 North Main, O'Fallon, Mo. (Mass at 9:00 is optional.) Our presenter is Kathleen Geraty Davis, spiritual director and

retreat leader, the cost is \$35.00, lunch included and the deadline for registration is Wednesday, December 11, 2019. For more information contact Sr. Carol Orf at corf@cpps-ofallon.org or 314-560-1028.

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood will hold a monthly open house tour opportunity from 1-4 p.m. on the second Sunday of every month in their beautiful historic chapel and heritage area. No reservation needed. 204 North Main Street. O'Fallon. MO

A Silent Advent Retreat with Joy Clough, RSM Friday, December 6 & Saturday December 7. Mercy Conference and Retreat Center 2039 North Geyer Road 63131. This "Praying with Imagination" Advent retreat invites you to step away and allow yourself the privilege of quiet reflection as you engage with scripture stories using your imagination. For more information, please go to mercycenterstl.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 2

7:45 am *Steven Hoelting*

Tuesday, December 3

7:45 am *Chris Burkemper*

Wednesday, December 4

7:45 am *Dot Gnade*

Thursday, December 5

7:45 am *Randy Burkemper*

Friday, December 6

7:45 am *Patti Wehde Mitchell*

Saturday, December 7

7:45 am *John Hoorman*

5:00 pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am *Dolores Hoelting*

10:00 am *ICOM and SVDP conference
members, clients and families*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 7/8

Lectors

5:00 pm Deb Bauer

8:00 am Mary Ann Freise

10:00 am Charlie Wehde

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 pm Tricia Weber, Joan Brown

Charles Burkemper, Theresa Gerholdt

8:00 am Dennis Folwarczny, Terri Vandiver

Betty Westhoff, Mary Ann Freise

10:00 am Angie Baker, John Baker

Joe Carr, Boone Creech

Servers

Week of December 2nd - 6th 7:45 am

Henry Molitor and Jake Bals

5:00 pm Alec Veness and Cooper Martin

8:00 am Sean Nicholl and Jake Bals

10:00 am Oliver and George Gorski

Ushers

8:00 am Levi Bauer, Volunteer

Tom Hemmer, Mark Reller

10:00 am Vince Kaimann, Wayne Keeteman

David Reller, Jeff Stark

Organists

5:00 pm Paula Vail

8:00 am Katie Boyd

10:00 am Paula Vail

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Robert and Theresa Gerholdt

8:00 am Joanne Hines Family

10:00 am PSR

PREPARE THE WAY
FOR CHRIST

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the 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 are needed for: Tuesdays 2:30-3:30pm, 11:30pm-12:30am, Wednesday mornings 12:30am-1:30am, 6:30-7:30am

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

Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Observances for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

BULLETIN DEADLINE - TUESDAYS 8:00 AM

for the following Sunday | Special holiday dates apply when necessary| Please submit requests to: parish@icomparish.org

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:

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