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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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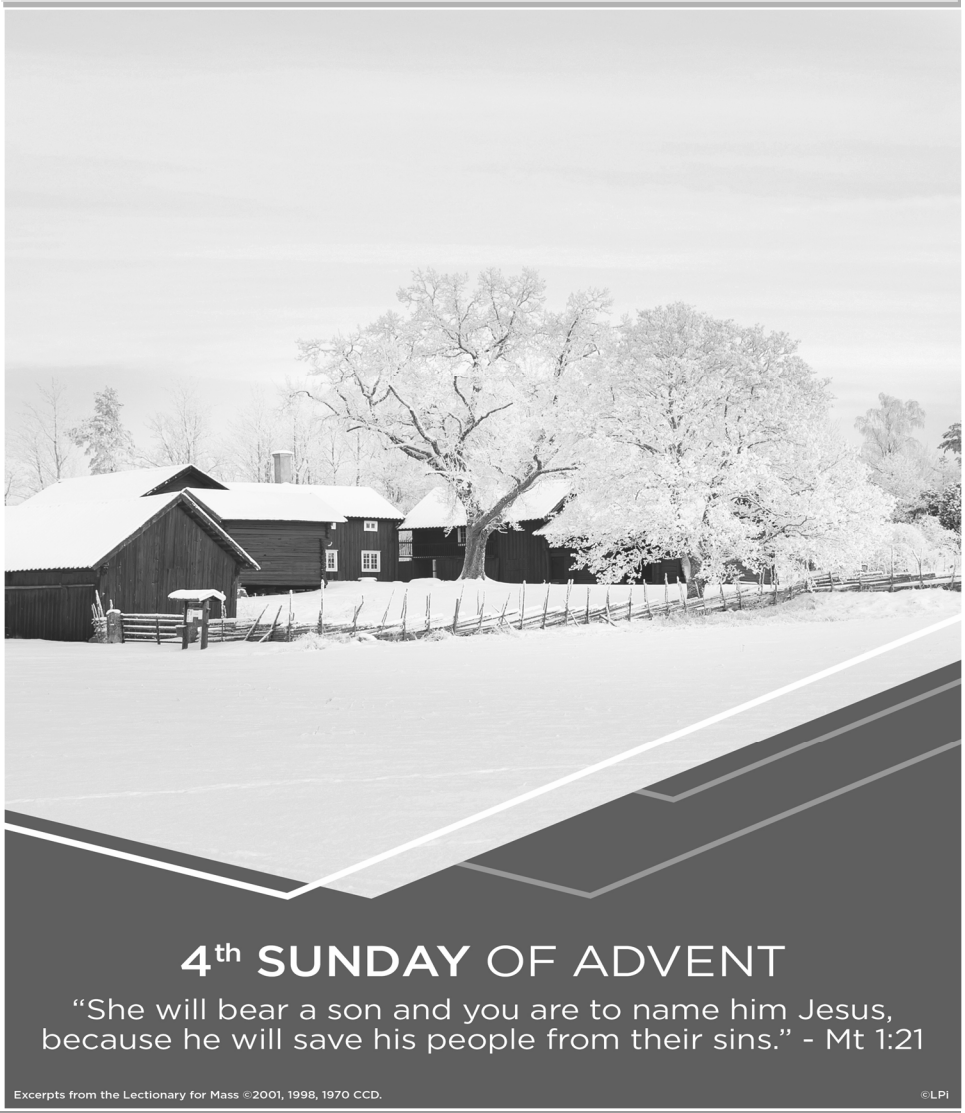
Thank you for your generous support!

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



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH

It seems that Advent just started and now we are just 3 days away from celebrating the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Just a reminder of the Mass schedule for Christmas is 5 Pm on Christmas Eve, Midnight and 9 Am on Christmas day. Due to Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve being on Tuesday, there will not be Eucharistic Adoration on those days. I wish to thank Mike Vaccaro and his crew for cleaning up the leaves and the landscape around the grounds. Since this is the last bulletin before Christmas, I wish to extend to you on behalf of Deacon Neal, the parish staff and myself, a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

God Bless,
Father Rich

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Please see December 29th Bulleting for weeks ending December 15th and December 22nd.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Reminder from Father Rich. Mr. Rudolph is coming out on Jan. 8th at 6:30 PM to present the program for Active Shooters. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. The meeting will be held in the computer lab of school.

Christmas TV and Online Mass for the Homebound

Will someone you love be unable to join us at church this Christmas? Heart of the Nation will celebrate Christmas Mass on TV and online. TV Mass on December 25-KPLR ch. 11 (CW) at 10:00 a.m. Online Christmas Mass Christmas Mass will also be online throughout the day at www.HeartoftheNation.org

The Knights of Columbus meeting and Christmas party

December 26th. Doors open at 5:30. Eating at 7:00. A $10 donation would be appreciated to offset the cost.
All men of the parish are invited. You don't have to be a Knight.

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

Christmas Mass - Liturgical Minister Schedule
Dec 24th 5:00 pm; Dec 25th 12 midnight & 9:00am
~there are some ministries that need volunteers, please prayerfully consider volunteering where needed.

Lectors

5:00 pm	Charlie Wehde
12:00 Midnight	Joan Brown
9:00 am	Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 pm	Leann Rosenmiller, Volunteers
12:00 Midnight	Debbie Penrod, Joan Brown Volunteers
9:00 am	Ron Hakenewerth, Bonnie Hakenewerth Christina Gnade, Volunteer

Servers

5:00 pm	Marlie Karsten, Vincent Dattilo Brady Cappel, Volunteer
12:00 Midnight	McKenzie Hunter, Collin Westhoff Addy Cassinger, Avery Cassinger, Jake Bals
9:00 am	Harper Gnade, Campbell Gnade Parker Szarwinski, Wyatt Eggering

Organists

5:00 pm	Children's Choir
12:00 Midnight	Adult Choir
9:00 am	TBD

Ushers

5:00 pm	volunteers
12:00 midnight	volunteers
9:00 am	volunteers

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm	Volunteer
12:00 Midnight	Volunteer
9:00 am	Dave and Christina Gnade

DEACON NEAL'S REFLECTION CORNER

Often this time of year, we hear the phrase, "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas". But did you know that the phrase happy holidays is very Catholic?

In times past, the 12 days of Christmas, from December 25th to January 6th were considered "holy days". It was the Christmas Season and every day during the season was holy. People would say "Happy Holy Days" meaning that they wish the entire Christmas Season was a blessing to you.. The word "holiday" was derived from "holy days".

So when people tell you, "Happy Holidays", think about the real meaning of that phrase and be happy. They are wishing you a wonderful Christmas Season.

God bless you all. Merry Christmas and Happy Holy Days!!!!

God Bless,
Deacon Neal

Quincy Cursillo - Do you need a Christmas gift for your spouse? Would they like to make a Cursillo? Have you thought about attending this weekend? Upcoming dates are Jan 23-26 Men, Feb 20-23 Women, March 26-29 Men and April 23-26 Women Please see literature in back of church or contact Deacon Neal, Jill Gregory or Jeanette Robertson for an application or information

PRAYERS FOR LIFE

We ask for your special prayers for the cause of life during these special feasts of Mary, the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn. The Archdiocesan Pro Life banner and Our Lady of Guadalupe portrait will be displayed to help remind you to pray to Mary for her intercession to restore the sanctity of Life.

If you put flowers in the cemetery recently, the strong winds have blown a lot of them around. Many of the flowers were put into Father's garage. So if your flowers are missing, check there.

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**

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!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are in need of additional participants for Eucharistic Adoration. The hours most needed are on
Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm, ll:30 -12:30pm,
Wednesday 12:30am-1:30am, 3:30-4:30am
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.

ICOM SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Christmas break is from Dec. 23rd until January 3rd! Classes resume on January 6th!

Upcoming Family Share Nights:

January 10th Dickies Smokehouse in Winfield, from 12-6 pm
February 11th Trax in Winfield from 4-8 pm.

OUT AND ABOUT

Troy Knights of Columbus Council #6525 is having a Fried Chicken and Catfish Dinner on the 2nd Friday of every month. They are featuring Catfish and Fried Chicken with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy along with Slaw, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese along with a Drink and Dessert. They are serving 4:30 to 7:00 at the K of C Hall 500 Hwy J Troy MO

Chicken & Dumpling Dinner, The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Chicken & Dumpling Dinner the 1st Thursday of every month from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at our meeting hall, 7897 Berry Road, Bonne Terre, MO. Everyone is welcome. The menu includes: Chicken & Dumplings, Seasoned Green Beans, our famous Cole Slaw, Cinnamon Applesauce, and a selection of various desserts. All you can eat in the hall or carry outs are available. Adults: $7.00, Children: $3.50 (5 to 10 years).

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Join Christians from many traditions and from around the St. Louis region in prayer for unity in our faith. A light reception will follow the prayer. Archbishop Robert Carlson will preside and Fr. James Mason, Rector of Kenrick Seminary, will offer the reflection on "Showing Unusual Kindness. . ." Act 28:2. St. Monica, 12140 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141, Sun Jan 26, 2020 @ 7pm, For more information contact James at 314-792-7177 or jamescomninellis@archstl.org.

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is having their Annual Trivia Night – Saturday, January 18th at Chaminade College Prep School (425 S. Lindbergh). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost is $25 per person and $200 for a table of eight. For more information or to register, visit www.ourladysinn.org or call Katrina at 314-736-1544.

Have you or someone you've known been touched by adoption? Adoption, even though nonprofit agencies, can be very expensive. The Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Fund was created to help build families through this loving choice. There are two ways you can help - buy a raffle ticket for yourself or as a gift for 10 seats at a 2020 Cardinals Game in Suite 33 bit.ly/adoptiongrantraffle ... or just make a donation at https://giving.archstl.org/Product/office-of-natural-family-planning-archbishop-robert-s-carlson-adoption-fund . Help build families this Season of Our Savior's Birth. For more information, contact the melissabarnason@archstl.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 23
7:45 am *Keith Burkemper*

Tuesday, December 24
7:45 am *Caroline Burkemper*
7:45 am *Special Intentions*
Midnight *Robb C. Brown*

Wednesday, December 25
7:45 am *People of the Parish*

Thursday, December 26
7:45 am *John Hoorman*

Friday, December 27
7:45 am *Jr. Kersting*

Saturday, December 28
5:00 pm *Harriet Bauer*

Sunday, December 29
8:00 am *People of the Parish*
10:00 am *Ronnie Brown*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
December 28/29

Lectors
5:00 pm Angie Stetson
8:00 am Terri Vandiver
10:00 am JD Rolfes

Extraordinary Ministers
5:00 pm Tricia Weber, Angie Baker
John Baker, Charles Burkemper
8:00 am Joan Brown, Betty Westhoff
Terri Vandiver, Mary Ann Freise
10:00 am Joe Carr, Boone Creech
Dennis Folwarczny, Theresa Gerholdt

Servers
Week of December 23rd - 27th 7:45 am
Wade Boschert, Layla Westhoff
5:00 pm Brady Cappel, Vincent Dattilo
8:00 am Jake Bals, Abigail Heppermann
10:00 am Justin Kaimann, Parker Szarwinski

Ushers
8:00 am Knight of Columbus
10:00 am Volunteers

Organists
5:00 pm Todd Mesler
8:00 am Allison Rupp
10:00 am Todd Mesler

Gift Bearers
5:00 pm Doug & Carole Burkemper
8:00 am Rose Ann Heitman
10:00 am Vince and Michelle Kaimann

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

EUCHARISTIC 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, 11:30-12:30pm, Wednesdays 12:30am-1:30am, 3:30-4:30am

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 22, 2019

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Observances for the week of December 22, 2019

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Tuesday: Christmas Eve
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
Thursday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Friday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
Saturday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Next Sunday: The Holy Family

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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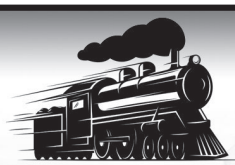
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