

The Immacolata Catholic Church

November 26, 2023

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Parish Mass Times

Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:30,
11:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.
8:00 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
(School in session) 8:45 a.m. Wed.

Holy Days: Consult the current Sunday bulletin.

Perpetual Help: Tuesdays following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Contact the rectory to request visitation of the sick, either at home or in the hospital.

Sacraments

Sacrament of Penance: Weekly: Thursday, following 8 a.m. Mass, Saturday 4-4:45 p.m. and anytime by appointment.

Baptism Class: A class is held each month in the Rectory at 6:30 p.m. All first time parents with a child to be baptized should be prepared to attend this class. **Please call the rectory to register for the class (date TBD) (991.5700 x311).**

Baptism: First Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

Marriage: Engaged couples must contact a priest at least six months prior to the anticipated date of Marriage in order to allow sufficient time for preparation.

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Registration

New parishioners, please stop by or call the rectory to register. We look forward to meeting you.

Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday, NOON.
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Dear Friends,

What a great **Dinner Auction** Immacolata Parish had November 11! ***Congratulations and thanks to all who participated!*** It was a wonderful celebration for the parish family, a tremendous community builder, and successful fund raiser for parish and school. We were truly fortunate to have talented, dedicated leaders: Annie Fusz, Katie Marischen, Julie McDonald, Anna Moritz, and Kiki Shelton. ***Special thanks*** to you, ladies, for your leadership in organizing so many volunteers to make the event a tremendous success!

As noted in earlier communications, the Dinner Auction provides important financial support for both parish and school. Additionally, the **“fund-in-need”** at this year’s Auction will enable three important projects to be completed: 1) more bathroom capacity in the parish/school cafeteria; 2) improvements in the athletic field; 3) enhanced security on parish property. Thank you to those of you who supported the fund-in-need. It is also important to remember that of all new monies that come into a parish, e.g., Offertory, donations, bequests, auction, etc., only 7.87% goes to the Archdiocese for support services (HR, legal, insurance, building consult, general operations, etc.) and educational support for Catholic Schools.

This week our second-graders will receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time. All of us, young and old, are truly blessed to have this assurance of Christ’s mercy and forgiveness. Jesus’ words on Easter Sunday night to the Apostles show how He extended the gift of Divine pardon throughout the ages: *“Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.”* (John 20:22-23) When is the last time you went to Confession? An ongoing, humble spirit of conversion from sin is an essential part of our life in Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that a contrite heart is *“moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.”* (#1428) Here at Immacolata the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m., on Thursday mornings immediately after the 8:00 Mass, and any other time upon request. (For more extensive times, check the schedules at our neighboring parishes.)

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of **Advent**, our spiritual preparation for the Christmas celebration of the birth of our Savior. The Scripture readings for the Masses of Advent focus our attention on Christ’s first coming into the world 2,000 years ago, and how He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament’s prophecies about the Messiah. Advent also calls to mind Christ’s future return in glory, the judgment at the end of time. Between these two events, past and future, lies the special time when the Lord comes to us each day if we allow His grace to fill our hearts. Try coming to **daily morning Mass** during Advent; read the **Scripture readings** the night before as part of your prayer. Spend some time in prayer before the **Blessed Sacrament**, either here at Immacolata (open till 3:00 weekdays) or at the beautiful Carmelite monastery nearby (open till 8:00 every night). Through our parish **“ministry of charity”** there are many opportunities to help people in need—works of mercy which imitate the merciful love of the Christ Child to the world. Through repentance from sin, especially in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, we receive Christ’s mercy, forgiveness, and love. A spiritual Advent will bring us a spiritual Christmas.

Msgr. Vernon Gardin



**Mass Intentions for
Monday-Saturday, November 27-December 2, 2023**

MONDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	James & Josephine LaMartina Frank & Jennie Cammarata
TUESDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Paul Shelton Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
WEDNESDAY	6:30 AM 8:45	Jim Huber (Anniv.) Mary Bennace
THURSDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Don Menges Norma Schmittlein (B-Day)
FRIDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Jerry F. Doyle, Sr. Norma Schmittlein
SATURDAY	8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Tony LaMartina Mary Schmittlein (B-Day)

Mass Intentions for Sunday, December 3, 2023

7:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Special Intention (T)
11:30	Hugo & Albertina Biondi
5:00 PM	Irene Puettmann (B-Day)

In your charity, please pray for those in our Parish Family who are sick and for those who have died, but in particular for those dear to us, especially our relatives and friends.



Please join with us in welcoming the following NEW parishioners into our Immacolata Faith community:

Corey & Lauren Then, and their children, Eleanora, Francesca and Leonardo, 7454 Washington Ave., 63130

Claude Torrey, 1734 Del Norte Av., 63117



SHINING ARMOR REPORT

What I am grateful for at Immacolata, is I love all of the students and how kind they are to the new students. The absolute best thing about Immacolata is the energy inside the school. If you are down, someone will always pick you up, and you will feel a part of the school team.

Atticus Kramer ~ 8th grade



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Your Weekly Stewardship - Stewardship Generosity, Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given

Through prayer we recognize that all we have is a gift from God: our time, our talents and our treasure. Our generosity is giving a portion of what we have been given.

**Your Gifts to God & Immacolata Parish ~ November 11-12, 2023
Year to Date**

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 8,560	<i>(includes online giving)</i>	
Offertory Loose	\$ 1,241		
Total Received	\$ 9,801		\$ 235,364
Budget Required	\$ 14,200		\$ 284,000
	\$ - 4,399		\$ - 48,636

Stewardship - The Path of Faith...Prayer, Participation, Generosity

Assignment of Liturgical Roles ~ November 20-26, 2023

Monday-Friday, November 27-December 1, 2023

6:30 am

LECTOR: Jim Kiburz

SERVER: Jim Kiburz

Monday-Saturday, November 27-December 2, 2023

8:00 am

LECTOR: Fred Sauer

SERVERS: Sophie St. Eve-Catherine Stegman

Saturday, December 2, 2023

5:00 pm

LECTOR: Candy Caciolo

SERVERS: Genevieve & Grant Daming

EXTRAORD: Mike Forster-Marie Mathes

Sunday, December 3, 2023

7:30 am

LECTOR: Cherry Kurtz

SERVERS: Jim Rhodes

EXTRAORD: Dave Noce

9:30 am

LECTOR: Joe Jedlicka

SERVER: David Bedesky

EXTRAORD: Kay Rossmann-Ann Wiedl

11:30 am

LECTOR: John Fischer

SERVERS: David Dolan-Liam McGinn

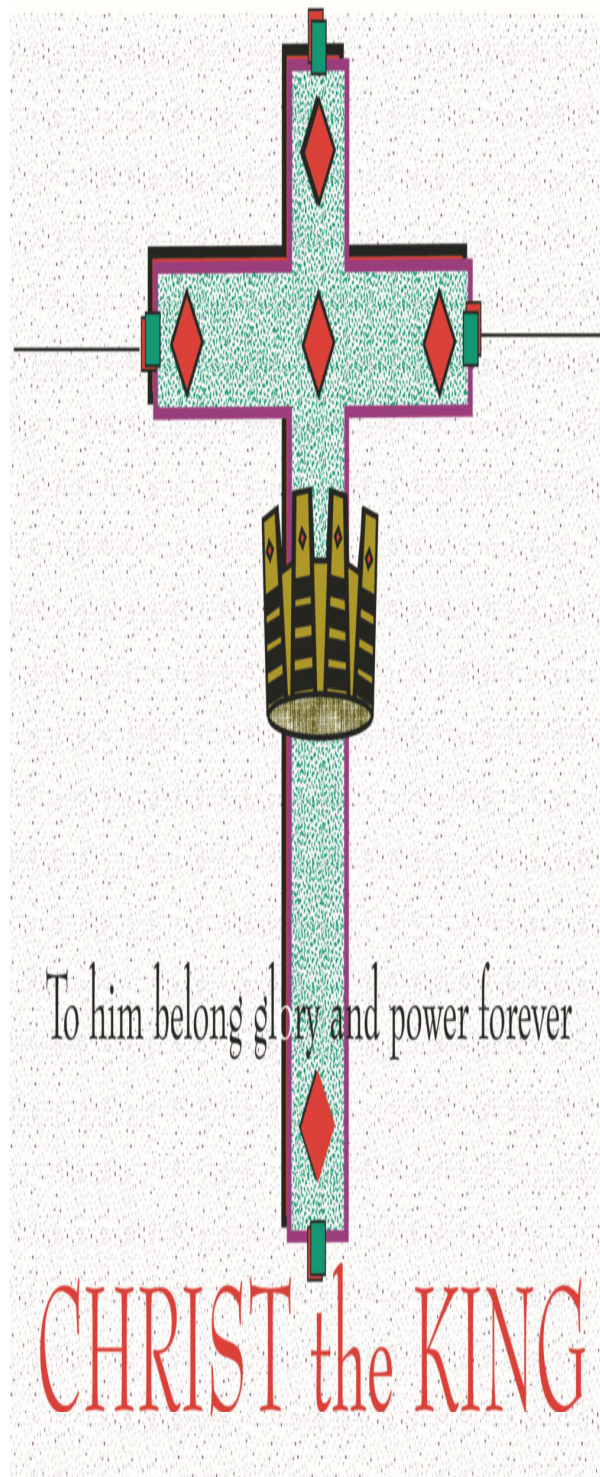
EXTRAORD: Karen Turgeon-Lucy Warmke

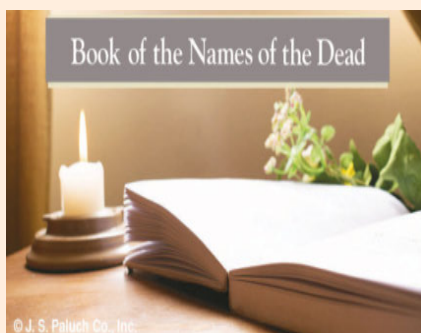
5:00 pm

LECTOR: Regina Jones

SERVERS: Eliza Benninger-Sophia Rowland

EXTRAORD: Patrick Hayes-Margie Murphy





During November, we are encouraged by our Church to pray for those who have died. We will remember your loved ones during this month here at Immacolata. Our '**Book of the Dead**' listing those who have died and were buried from the parish during the past year, (November 1, 2022-November 1, 2023) has been placed in front of the crucifix in the sanctuary of church. **Please do not write in this book.**

Please pray for those buried from Immacolata this year:

Orlando T. Phillips Shirley M. Koenig

Mark J. Hanon Judy Murphy

Urban C. Terry Mary F. Beckmann
James E. Phelps Mary Grace Guyol

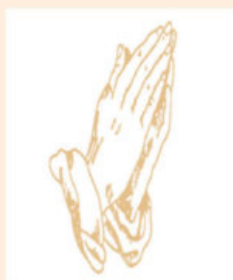
Ann C. Dolan Thaddeus McDonald

James D. Huber Joan B. Harrison
Stephen A. Casserly John H. Boedeker

Cecelia M. Nangle Scott B. Mathes

The '**We Remember**' binder is on the table in the gathering space, for you to write the names of your departed loved ones during the month of November.

'May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace, Amen.'



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,
I will judge between one sheep and another,
between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)

Second Reading:

When everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

Gospel:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."
(Mt 25:31-32)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

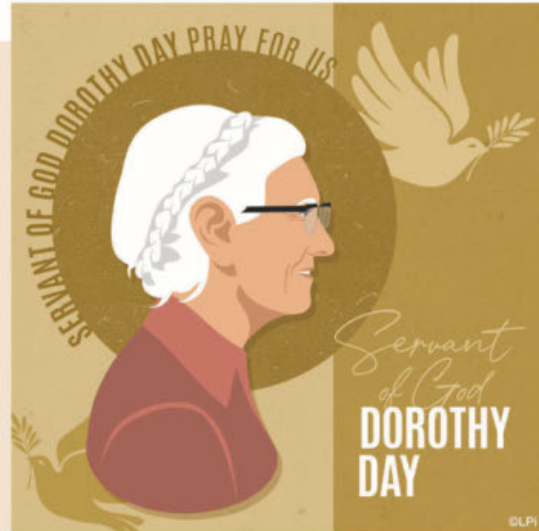
God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is
in every need we encounter and every person we
meet. Never stop seeking His face.

Observances for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Servant of God Dorothy Day was an American journalist, social activist, and Catholic convert who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her work inspired countless others and earned her recognition as one of the most influential Catholic figures of the 20th century.

Prayer

Merciful God, You called your servant Dorothy Day to show us the face of Jesus in the poor and forsaken. By constant practice of the works of mercy, she embraced poverty and witnessed steadfastly to justice and peace. Count her among your saints and lead us all to become friends of the poor ones of the earth, and to recognize you in them. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, bringer of good news to the poor. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://catholicworker.org/prayers-for-the-canonization-of-dorothy-day/>)

St. Patrick's CASSEROLES

Sat., Nov. 25 (4:30-6)

Helen

Sun., Nov. 26 & Mon.,
Nov. 27

(by 11:30 am)

Helen and Michelle Osterholt

Maureen Blazevic

Mary Boyle

Sara Cady

Kathy Carmody

Seana DeLucia

Mary Ann Diehr

Kristen Doherty

Diane Dolan

Claudia Dougherty

Mary Drone

Murph Dwyer

Lori Eby

Kate Eichhorn

Maggie Eisenbeis

Sarah Ewald

Anne Fernandez

Angela Fitzmire

Catherine Genetti

Darla Graham

Mary Gunther

Joan Guyol

Julie Harrison

Althea Johns

Catherine Keefe

Marsha Klinkhamer

Cherry Kurtz

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Pat Leahy

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Julie Longmeyer

Michele Maritz

Diane Martin

Margie Murphy

Kathy Noce

Jeanette Oesterly

Emily O'Hagan

Michelle Osterholt

Suzanne Ott

Kate Raybuck

Mary Rhodes

Margie Scott

Peggy Sly

Angie Spatola

Celia Sutura

Debbie Tonn

Karin Wallace

Cathy Walther

SALADS

On Mon., Nov. 27

(by 11:30 am)

Helen and Michelle

Suzie Beachem

Stacey Cribbin

Kathe Degrand

Joan Doyle

Heather Joyce

Catherine Keefe

Retta Leritz

Chris Nolan

Rosemary Pfeifer

Jeanne Scatizzi

Gina Seibert

Rita Waldman



ANNUAL GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

The church is working to complete the yearly Family Ministry Guide Book and Directory that will be mailed to the parishioners. It will provide information about the church along with the ministries offered. In addition, it will be given to all new parishioners who join the church throughout the year, as well as families new to the area who are looking for a place of spiritual growth and worship.

Guide Book Publishing will develop, publish and mail at **NO COST to the church or members**. **Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book to cover costs**. Brian Grau will be the account manager that will be contacting businesses to see if they want to participate. If you own a business and would like to take part, you can reach **Brian Grau** at (314) 313-4811 or briangrau@att.net

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:30 - 8:30 PM

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Call Mary Corrigan (314-650-8766) or Carol Essma (314-265-0016)

RSVP by November 30

SIGN UP GENIUS REGISTRATION LINK

**If you would like to attend but not host a table, please let us
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**CO-CHAIRS: Mary Corrigan and Carol Essma
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3/15/2024 - 3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO

Advent/ Christmas Events at Pauline Books & Media: Advent Lectio Divina:

Join the **Daughters of St. Paul** at Pauline Books & Media each Tuesday in Advent, 6:30 - 8 pm for a guided experience of praying with the Sacred Scripture. Each session will be led by a sister and will focus on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Drop-ins welcome but registration is encouraged: tinyurl.com/yn8z9v4m or call (314-965-3512).

Baby Jesus Party:

Join the sisters for their annual Baby Jesus Birthday Party for kids and families and prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ! **Christmas Program at 10:30 and 1 pm: "Twas the Day Before Christmas in Bethlehem Town"** based on book by Leslie Diggins. **Picture taking around the nativity (costumes provided) 11:30 - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm. Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Rd in Crestwood.** Call for information (314-965-3512).

Join us for First Friday Devotions and a Reflection as we Prepare for Advent

Bring the whole family to join the Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart on **Friday, December 1, 2023 4:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.** as we honor and offer reparation to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart during Adoration, Reconciliation, and Holy Mass. After mass, enjoy a light Dinner (free-will offering) followed by a Reflection: "The manger" according to the Gospel of Luke - the beauty of the crib! *Activities and games for Children available during Reflection. **Celebrant and Speaker: Fr. Afonso Seixas Nunes, SJ**, Assistant Professor, St. Louis University School of Law. **Location:** St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2618 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144. For more information, visit: www.MostSacredHeart.net.

SEEK24

A five-day conference (January 1-5, 2024) by FOCUS Catholic for people of all ages, taking place at the Dome at America's Center. You can expect talks from world-class speakers like Fr. Mike Schmitz, daily Mass and Adoration with over 25,000 Catholics, a gathering with other Catholics from the St. Louis area including Archbishop Rozanski, and so much more! Please join us! Learn more at archstl.org/seek.

Again this year, the Wednesday, (January 3) evening with Keynote Speakers (Dr. Edward Sri and Fr. Mike Schmitz), followed by Reconciliation and Adoration, will be **free and open to the public.**

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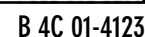
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