

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

— Matthew 13:44

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July 26, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immaculate Conception – St. Joseph Parish welcomes you!

Thank you for coming today! Whether you are just visiting or have recently moved to our area, we are happy that you joined us! Newcomers are invited to register at the Parish Office during regular business hours, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am to Noon; 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Parish Office: 747 Osage 682-3953
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 RCIA Director—Deacon Dean Gilbert
 Parish Youth Director—Angela Wiley
Parish Website- <http://www.icsj.org>

Sunday Masses

Sat. Vigil 4:00 pm St. Joseph
 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception
 Sunday 8:00 am St. Joseph
 10:30 am Immaculate Conception

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception
 Tuesday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph
 Wednesday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception
 Thursday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph
 Friday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception
 Saturday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph

Confessions 1:00-1:30 PM every Saturday at St. Joseph Church.

Baptisms Please call the Parish Office for the time and place of class.

Weddings Before setting a wedding date, contact Fr. Glenn at least 6 months in advance.

Bulletin Notices Must be submitted in writing to the Parish Office by Tuesday at 11:30 am.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: 1:00-1:30 PM

For Saturday Confessions at St. Joseph Church, one person will be admitted to the church at a time for the purposes of safety and confidentiality. Please come to the northwest door of the church. A confession usher will give you directions.

Altar Angels

For the week of July 27 through 1 August
 SJ - Patty Fontenot and Pat Rea
 IC - Kathryn Wills

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 25

4:00 pm †Eleanor Forge (SJ)
 5:30 pm †Mildred Fink (7th Anniversary) (IC)

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am Our Parishioners (SJ)
 10:30 am †Bobby Bannerman (IC)

Monday, July 27

8:30 am †George Raach (IC)

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 am †Eugene Kramer (SJ)

Wednesday, July 29

8:30 am †Elsie Archer (IC)

Thursday, July 30

8:30 am †Maurice Schmidling (35th Anniversary) (SJ)

Friday, July 31

8:30 am †Jim Navinsky (IC)

Saturday, August 1

8:30 am †Ian Kowalewski (SJ)
 4:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the IMAC Class of 1984 (SJ)
 5:30 pm Edward T. Byrns 92nd Birthday (IC)

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Tom & Kathy Roemer Families (SJ)
 10:30 am Our Parishioners (IC)

Offertory Collection

July 19, 2020

Offertory \$3,924.00

Maintenance \$ 898.10

Thank you for your gifts to God and Church!

Fr. David's New Address

Fr. David's new home and email addresses are provided below:

Fr. David McEvoy, O.Carm.
 1501 Winterberry Lane
 Darien, IL 60561-5393

dmcevoy@Carmelnet.org

The bulletin cover today features a photo of the statue of St. Therese at the entrance of St. Joseph's Kinzler Hall.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a "treasure buried in a field" and a "pearl of great price" that those who find them, are willing to joyfully take whatever steps they need in order to acquire them. And Paul reminds us that "...all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." If you are seeking a way to respond to God's call in your life and are not yet Catholic, we invite you to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process which will begin in late August. Come and explore the Catholic faith in a non-threatening environment. If you have questions, call the Parish Office or email Deacon Dean at dgilbert@archkck.org.



We extend our prayers and deepest sympathies to the family and friends of long time parishioner **Mary Ann Kennedy**, wife of Howard Kennedy, who passed away on July 13, 2020. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at St. Joseph Church with Fr. David McEvoy, O.Carm. presiding. May Mary Ann find eternal happiness in the loving arms of the Lord.

Xavier Catholic School

Enrollment is now open for preschool-8th grade. It is our plan to return to on-campus learning. Check our website for more information. Kindergarten Experience Night is Wednesday, July 29, 6:00-6:30 PM. Xavier Catholic School invites all future kindergarten students to visit the school and meet the teacher and principal. Please note that COVID restrictions will be in place. Please RSVP by calling 913-682-7801. We are looking for substitute teachers for the fall semester. If you are interested in working with exceptional children and talented staff, please contact the school office. We are also looking for a part-time Spanish/Art teacher to assist with grades K, 1, 2. If you have a gift in this area and are interested in working with children 10 hours a week, please contact Janelle Hartegan at Janelle.hartegan@leavenworthcatholicschools.org or call 913-682-3135.

Elijah's Supper for August

As we continue our ministry under the "new normal", some things do not change, the need for specific food items parishioners have provided when asked. Our Elijah's Supper needs for August are large bags of tortilla chips, zip lock sandwich bags, and fresh fruit. We do not need any deserts. We will be providing taco salads in a "carry out only" status. We have had the opportunity to brag about the generosity of our parishioners to others around the country, and they are amazed at what you have done. A gazillion thanks to all who have responded to this ministry.

Mitzie Frietchen

From the Desk of Br. David

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

Parents with children to enroll in our Religious Education Program for grades K-8 are asked to turn in their child's application by July 31, so we can order the correct number of books and other materials we need in time for classes. Classes begin on Sunday, September 13. We are also looking for a few new catechists – perhaps there might be some parents willing to help? Call Br. David at 682-3953.

CHILDREN'S SIZE MASKS

A number of people in the parish have been generously making and donating masks for us to have at the church doors. I am thinking it might be helpful if someone would be willing to make a few children's size masks for the students in our religious education program who may forget to bring their own to class.

Support Our Troops With Your Prayers!

PFC Samuel Corona	PVT Ronny Jarred
PFC Grace C. LeClerc	PFC Thomas W. LeClerc
CPT John A. Lednicki	MAJ Emily Pollard
CPT Gregory W. Ponder	A1C William H. Sample
SGT Michael Wall	PO Matthew D. Young



The results of the Germanfest Raffle were announced after the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mass, held on July 16 at St. Joseph Church. Fr. Glenn selected the winning tickets. Congratulations to the winners!

1st Prize	Germanfest Quilt	Charles McGinn
2nd Prize	Stained Glass	Cathy Forge
3rd Prize	Stained Glass	Matt Valencia

The sales for the Raffle Tickets brought in \$2,803.00! Thank you Sharon Winkelbauer for donating the quilt, Don Bearden for the Stained Glass pieces, all those who bought and sold tickets, and the Germanfest Chairpersons Duane and Betty Olberding. Although we could not celebrate the Germanfest, one of our annual fund raisers, we were able to recoup some of the lost funds through your generosity.



From the Pastor's Desk

Last week, as I looked at the faces of my two grand-nephews on my little tablet computer iPad FaceTime thingy, I got a painful feeling. When will I get to see them in real-life again? Will I be able to hug them? When will I be able to pick them up and hold them like I used to? When will I get to hug my father again? My sister Jeannette has a hug that I think God's hug would feel like. When will I be able to feel that again? To offer that hug again?

There is a certain mix of nostalgia and hope that has often come upon many, or even most of us in these pandemic days. We say things like "when all of this is over..." or "when things get back to normal..." But we don't know what that normal will look like, and even what exactly we're supposed to be hoping for.

In today's first reading, we hear God ask Solomon what he wishes for. And Solomon asks for "an understanding heart to judge your people, and to distinguish right from wrong." He didn't pray for a specific outcome. Solomon put his trust in God to give him what he would need when the time would come to act as a king was supposed to act, when he had to do king things.

This challenges me to think what I would ask for if God granted me the same opportunity. Would I ask for this or that specific event to take place? Would I wish for things to go back to the way they were, so that I didn't have to change anything about the way I used to operate and so I could continue to take for granted in the future the things I always took for granted in the past? How might the future look if, instead, I ask God to help me see ways I can build a deeper connection with others rather than wishing for a specific outcome to happen?

In Paul's Letter to the Romans, he says "We know that all things work together to the good for those who love God." Rather than be nostalgic for the days before the pandemic, Paul invites me to let go. To let go of all those things that I supposedly "need". To let go of all those outcomes which I really Really REALLY want to have happen, in EXACTLY the way I have planned out. Paul invites me to let go of my need to control, to direct, to play God. Paul invites me to trust that God has a plan, even when (and especially when) God's plan is not obvious to me. Paul invites me to trust that God's plan is even better than anything I can imagine. Paul invites me to let go, and to let God be God.

May God bless you all.

--Fr. Glenn



This Week in our Parish



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, JULY 25

4:00 pm Vigil Mass (SJ)
5:30 pm Vigil Mass (IC) **Live Streamed**

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:00 am Sunday Mass (SJ)
10:30 am Sunday Mass (IC)

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77
127-130

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

TUESDAY, JULY 28

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

9 am-10 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Mary Chapel (IC)
3:15 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations (IC)

THURSDAY, JULY 30

6:25 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations,
Cook Room (SJ)

Schedule for Live Streaming our August Masses on our Facebook Page

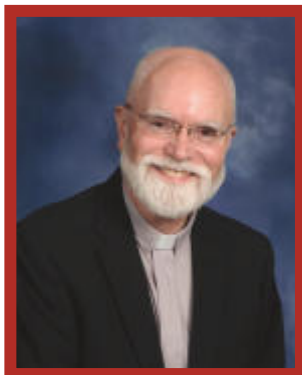
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August 2	8:00 am	St. Joseph
August 9	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception
August 15	4:00 pm	St. Joseph
August 22	5:30 pm	Immaculate Conception
August 30	8:00 am	St. Joseph



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Friends and Fellow Parishioners, We are writing to tell you about some changes in our lives. Like many septuagenarians, Ellen and I have begun to count the stairs we climb every day. We realized that we needed to find a home on a single floor. We also wanted to locate closer to our daughter's family, our only grandchildren. We began to look for a new home and put ours on the market. Despite all the restrictions caused by the pandemic, our home sold quickly and we needed to prepare to move. We found what we were looking for in Holy Spirit parish in Overland Park. We did not have the opportunity to talk to many parishioners as we were going through this transition mostly because of the unique situation caused by the pandemic—first no public Masses, and then limited access to the church, and masked people hurrying to their cars after Mass.

I want to thank the parishioners of Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph Parish for all the love and support you have provided for Ellen and me the last 14 years. We have enjoyed living and working here very much and look upon so many of you as those special friends that are hard to find in life. I have especially enjoyed all the opportunities to work with Adult Bible Study and adult education. Ellen has treasured her time in the Religious Education classrooms.

We now go on to another chapter in life. We wish you every wonderful blessing God has to give. You can contact me at tmcevoy@archkck.org or at 913-306-1347.

Yours in Christ,
Tim McEvoy, Deacon

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