

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



*“Watch, therefore; you do not know when
the Lord of the house is coming, whether in
the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or in the morning.”*

— Mark 13:35

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November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

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.

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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 Immaculate Conception 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 Immaculate Conception Church. Enter through the main front doors and wait in the church foyer for your turn. A confession usher will give you directions. Confessions are heard in the Mary Chapel. Please wear a mask and follow the social distance guidelines.

Altar Angels

For the week of November 30 through December 5
 SJ - Mary Ann Harsch and Judy Arnold
 IC - Karen and Steve Smith



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| Saturday, November 28 | | |
| 4:00 pm | Our Parishioners | (SJ) |
| 5:30 pm | †Paula Gilbert | (IC) |
| Sunday, November 29 | | |
| 8:00 am | †Matthew & Jolene Reifenrath | (SJ) |
| 10:30 am | †Patricia Zink | (IC) |
| Monday, November 30 | | |
| 8:30 am | †Timothy Howard | (IC) |
| Tuesday, December 1 | | |
| 8:30 am | †Jill Carroll | (SJ) |
| Wednesday, December 2 | | |
| 8:30 am | †Louella “Fern” Sinder | (IC) |
| Thursday, December 3 | | |
| 8:30 am | †Edmund Theis | (SJ) |
| Friday, December 4 | | |
| 8:30 am | Living & Deceased Members of the Frank H. Wagner Family | (IC) |
| Saturday, December 5 | | |
| 8:30 am | †Daniel Kell | (SJ) |
| 4:00 pm | †Michael Rayser | (SJ) |
| 5:30 pm | Our Parishioners | (IC) |
| Sunday, December 6 | | |
| 8:00 am | †Sharon Chmidling | (SJ) |
| 10:30 am | Tony & Katie Poppe (25th Wedding Anniversary) | (IC) |

Offertory Collection

November 15, 2020

Because of the early submission of the November 29 bulletin (Friday, November 20), no November 22 offertory figures were available. An update will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your gifts to God and Church!

Masses Available

There are Masses available for intentions in the month of January and February at Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



The bulletin cover today features a photo of one of the Advent banners at Immaculate Conception Church.

Requesting Our Prayers

Support Our Troops With Your Prayers!

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| PFC Samuel Corona | PVT Ronny Jarred |
| PFC Grace C. LeClerc | PFC Thomas W. LeClerc |
| LTJG Stuart McDaniel | MAJ Emily Pollard |
| A1C William H. Sample | SGT Michael Wall |
| PO Matthew D. Young | |

Value them Both Petition

We will pray weekly for the passage of the Value Them Both amendment with a petition during the Prayer of the Faithful. What is VALUE THEM BOTH? VTB is the proposed state constitutional amendment for life supported by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. The Kansas Supreme Court recently created a nearly unlimited "right" to abortion in our state. This means all of our existing pro-life laws including bans on taxpayer-funded and late-term abortions, and parental consent requirements will be considered unconstitutional once challenged. The VALUE THEM BOTH amendment will reverse the Supreme Court ruling and once again allow Kansans, through their elected representatives, to pass laws that will help protect mothers and their unborn babies from the abortion industry. Please pray for passage of VALUE THEM BOTH.

Xavier Prayer

The Xavier community is praying for our parish families during these uncertain times. We appreciate the continued support and prayers from our local parishes as we put our trust in God's will.

Food Collection



We will be collecting non-perishable food items next weekend at both church sites for Catholic Charities. Food collected in December will help ensure those needy in our community will have food for the holidays. Thank you for your contributions!



Knights of Columbus Quarterly Awards

The Knights of Columbus Immaculata Council #900 Leavenworth, announces the following awards for the third quarter:

Month of July 2020
Knight of the Month - Craig Chmidling
Family of the Month - Mike & Shelia Thibault

Month of August 2020
Knight of the Month - Bill Mathia
Family of the Month - Ed & Anne Keeley

Month of September 2020
Knight of the Month - Alan Christoffersen
Family of the Month - Bill and Margaret McNamee

From the Desk of Br. David

ADVENT BOOKLETS

Welcome to the special season of Advent, a time to prepare and wait for the Lord at Christmas and at his second coming. An assortment of Advent reflection booklets are available in the back of the church to assist you in your Advent journey.

2021 CATHOLIC CALENDARS

Please take a Catholic calendar for the 2021 year. They are available in the back of the church.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

We are always looking for volunteers to greet and assist people in finding a seat before Mass. Contact Br. David at 682-3953 if you would like to help.

Congregational Singing

Archbishop Naumann has given permission to reintroduce limited congregational singing into the Mass. Beginning with Advent we will sing the Responsorial Psalm, Alleluia, Holy, Mystery of Faith, Great Amen, and Lamb of God. To limit the spread of aerosol particles, please sing softly with your mask on.

Adoration Cancellation

The policy regarding the cancellation of Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays at Immaculate Conception Church is, if the Leavenworth Public Schools are cancelled because of bad weather, Eucharistic Adoration will also be cancelled. Of course this could change if the local schools are teaching remotely due to COVID-19, and do not have snow days. If you still have doubts, please don't hesitate to call the Parish Office at 913-682-3953.



Immaculate Conception Altar Angels

Immaculate Conception Church is in need of Altar Angels. On a rotating basis, Altar Angels have one week, usually with a partner, to dust, vacuum carpets, replace candles, tidy up the vestibule, and other such duties. If you are interested in spending some quality quiet time in the Lord's house, please call the Parish Office at (913) 682-3953.

Elijah's Supper

For our December 3 Elijah's Supper we once again ask for donations of individual bags of chips, fruit, brownies and cookies. Thanks always for your tremendous support. It is so rewarding for so many parishioners responding to this ministry. Your participation does make a difference in the lives of many.

Mitzie Fritchen



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Did you know that there is a history of Advent? It isn't something that's just outlined in the New Testament and we're told to celebrate this season. In fact, in the Roman sphere of influence, Advent didn't even come into being until the middle 500's. And until the 700's, Christmas itself was a secondary feast. The big Feast was (and still is) Easter. In its earliest years, Advent was even treated like a "Little Lent", with fasting and penance. Pope Gregory the Great reduced the time of Advent from six Sundays down to four, and lightened up on the fasting, in order not to confuse it with Lent.

From then on, Advent came to have a two-part (and later, a three-part) focus. Yes, it was a preparation to celebrate the coming of the baby Jesus in history. But doesn't that seem just a little odd? I mean, Jesus already came. He was already born a long time ago. When you're 40 years old, do you "prepare" to celebrate your 5th birthday? So while we CELEBRATE lots of birthdays and anniversaries, it seems a little odd to "prepare" to celebrate something which already happened a long time ago. Certainly, part of the season of Advent was to celebrate the first coming of Jesus. But that's neither the whole story, nor the end of it.

As the history of Advent progressed, there was an emphasis on the second meaning of Advent, and that was to prepare for the second coming of Jesus at the end of time. Ahhh... that's something which makes more sense when we talk about "preparation." It is a fundamental part of our faith that Jesus will come again. It's in our Creed! We should see Advent as a time to prepare for the SECOND coming of Jesus. In that respect, a lot of the readings we hear during our Advent liturgies are a reflection of this preparation. "Make straight his paths" is a foundational statement of preparation for the return of Jesus at the end of time.

But just how do we do this? That's where the third meaning of Advent comes in. It is a celebration and a putting into action the third coming of Jesus, which is that he comes into our lives right here and right now. Jesus the baby came into the world 2000 years ago. Christ the King will come into our world at the end of the age. But Jesus also comes into our world every single day. Remember that for the Catholic Church, the Eucharist is the center and the energy of our daily life, even if we're not daily Mass-goers. By taking part in the Mass, and receiving the Eucharist, Jesus comes into our lives right here and right now.

So Advent is the celebration of preparing for the three comings of Jesus: 1) in history; 2) at the end of time; and 3) in our everyday life.

Happy Advent!

--Fr. Glenn



This Week in our Parish



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 am Sunday Mass (SJ)
9:30 am **No Religious Education Classes**
10:30 am Sunday Mass (IC)

First Reading: Isaiah 63:19b
Psalm: Psalm: 80
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

#iGiveCatholic Day

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

9 am-10 pm Eucharistic Adoration (IC)
3:15 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations (IC)
7:00 pm RCIA, Kinzler Hall (SJ)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

4-5:30 pm Elijah's Supper, Kinzler Hall (SJ)
6:25 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations,
Cook Room (SJ)



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.





Reminder!

Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph Parish is participating in the iGiveCatholic fund raiser, this Tuesday, December 1. We are asking for funds to upgrade our internet connectivity and the equipment we use to live stream. Please help us reach out to those in our community who are unable to join us due to age, disability, health issues, or the desire to remain safely distanced due to the COVID 19 atmosphere. We want all of our parishioners to be able to participate in our weekend Mass celebrations as well as funerals and other special occasions, and in any parish sponsored educational opportunities for our youth and adults. Advance giving starts November 16 and runs through November 30. To donate, go online to the link at kansascity.igivecatholic.org and search for Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph Parish, or if you prefer to donate by check, envelopes are available at the entrances to both churches.

Thanksgiving – Sharing Life's Gifts

You have spent this challenging year persevering with faith to provide for your family, parish, and neighbors in need. The Office of Stewardship and Development is grateful for the abundant gifts you have returned to your parish and the Archdiocese during this year of uncertainty. You have put the "Catholic" in stewardship and planned giving. Visit the Archdiocesan website, CatholicPlannedGiving.com.

A Recipe for Success...

...is a grateful reponse to God for His abundant gifts in your life. This Thanksgiving, during Covid-19, we are thankful for the Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving", because during this time we have hungered for this life giving Feast of Christ's Body, Soul, and Divinity that is the font of the life of grace.

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