

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



*“Behold, you will conceive in your womb  
and bear a son, and you shall name him  
Jesus.”*

*— Luke 1:31*

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December 20, 2020  
Fourth 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.

**Parish Office: 747 Osage** 682-3953  
**Carmelite Priory: 300 N. Broadway** 682-0809  
**Parish Email: icsjparish@icsj.org**  
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 Director of Religious Education—Br. David McGinnis, O.Carm.  
 RCIA Director—Deacon Dean Gilbert  
 Parish Youth Director—Angela Wiley  
**Parish Website- <http://www.icsjparish.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 December 21 through December 25  
 SJ - Patty Fontenot and Pat Rea  
 IC - Karen and Steve Smith

The bulletin cover today features a photo of the Nativity figures in the grotto at St. Joseph Church on a snowy day.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 19

4:00 pm †Maria Spears Bodde (20th Anniversary) (SJ)  
 5:30 pm Our Parishioners (IC)

### Sunday, December 20

8:00 am †Catherine & Aloysius Becker (SJ)  
 10:30 am †Trudy Ponder (11th Anniversary) (IC)

### Monday, December 21

8:30 am †Helen Gallagher (IC)

### Tuesday, December 22

8:30 am †Ted I. Rea (SJ)

### Wednesday, December 23

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the IMAC Class of 1984 (IC)

### Thursday, December 24

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Fontenot & Sullivan Families (SJ)

### Christmas Eve

### Thursday, December 24

4:00 pm †Connie Lord (SJ)  
 5:00 pm †Peter Sowle  
 7:00 pm †George Raach  
 11:00 pm Our Parishioners

### Christmas Day

### Friday, December

10:30 am †Mary Keeley (SJ)

### Saturday, December 26

8:30 am †Daniel Kell (SJ)  
 4:00 pm Our Parishioners (SJ)  
 5:30 pm †Dee Scanlon (IC)

### Sunday, December 27

8:00 am †John, Mary Terese, & Shelbee Heim (SJ)  
 10:30 am †Judy DeMaria (IC)

## Offertory Collection

**Because of the early submission of the December 20 bulletin, no December 13 offertory figures were available. An update will be in next week's bulletin.**

**Please check the back of the church for the 2021 boxes of Offertory Envelopes. If you are unable to locate a box with your name, and you wish to use envelopes, please call the Parish Office, 682-3953.**

**Thank you for your gifts to God and Church!**



## Requesting Our Prayers

### Support Our Troops With Your Prayers!

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	

Please add **Jim Carroll** and **Carl Kreuger** to the list of people whom we need to pray for. Thank you!



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends who recently lost loved ones. Parishioner **Robert Filbert**, passed away on December 9, 2020. His funeral arrangements are pending. **Nancy**

**Oberforcher**, parishioner and sister of Dusty Cook, passed away on December 10, 2020. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held on December 15, 2020 at St. Joseph Church, with Fr. Glenn Snow, O. Carm. presiding. May Bob and Nancy find eternal happiness in the loving arms of the Lord.

## Early Bulletin Dates

The Sunday, January 3 bulletin will be transmitted by noon on Monday, December 28. Please keep this in mind if you have anything to provide for the bulletin.

## Congregational Singing

Archbishop Naumann has given permission to reintroduce limited congregational singing into the Mass. We will now 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.

## #iGiveCatholic

Thank you to those who participated in the December 1 iGiveCatholic day of giving. The \$3,816.00 raised for our parish will go towards upgrading our internet connectivity and the equipment we use to live stream. Your generosity will 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. We are still short on the total amount needed. It is not too late to donate directly to the parish, if you would like to make a donation. Thank you and God Bless.

## From the Desk of Br. David

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACATION

Our Sunday morning Religious Education program will have a three-week Christmas break. Students will be on vacation starting this weekend, December 20, and remain so for December 27 and January 3. Classes will resume on January 10.

### DOOR GREETER/USHERS NEEDED

I am still looking for some additional door greeter/ushers for the 11:00 PM Mass on December 24, and the 10:30 AM Mass on Christmas day. If you would like to help, contact Br. David at 682-3953.

### COVID VOLUNTEERS

When we started our ministry of Door Greeters and Ushers to follow our new COVID protocols last April, I had not envisioned the need would continue as long as it has. I know some of our faithful volunteers would like a break. Consider helping us in this important ministry.

## Knights of Columbus "Global Wheelchair Mission"

The Knights of Columbus has partnered with the Global Wheelchair Mission since 2009 with the goal of providing wheelchairs to all those who lack the freedom of mobility. Changing the lives of people with disabilities in our communities and around worldwide has always been our focus. Anyone in dire need of a wheelchair or wishing to make a wheelchair donation, please contact Immaculata Council #900 or Marty Moreno at (913)702-4168, [martyinacamaro@gmail.com](mailto:martyinacamaro@gmail.com) for assistance. Thank you!

## Annual Christmas Collection

**On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we have two collection envelopes.** Please use the envelope "**Christmas Gift to My Parish**" dated December 25 in your 2020 Offering Envelopes, or the envelope enclosed in the Pastor's Christmas letter, for your Christmas Gift to the Parish.

The second Christmas envelope is for **Catholic Charities**. Our Parish Assessment for Catholic Charities on Christmas is \$4,128.74. Since 1956, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas has provided help and created hope for those who are most vulnerable and most in need throughout the 21 counties of Northeast Kansas. Open your hands and hearts to embrace the poor through a gift on Christmas to support Catholic Charities. This financial gift to Catholic Charities will provide essential programs and services to people throughout the 21 counties of the Archdiocese. On behalf of those who are hungry and homeless, people who are alone and sick, and families that struggle with poverty, thank you for contributing to this appeal.



## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In June of 1982, I left my home state of California, and drove with my parents back to Middletown, New York, to join the Carmelites. Along the way we toured lots of back roads, camped a little, and ate at small-town cafés. When we arrived at the novitiate house, I had expected to be greeted with open arms and a hearty hello. As it turns out, we'd gotten there two days early, and the entire property was bereft of people. Not a person in sight. All the members of the previous novitiate class were away on a final retreat, and the Novice Masters were out of town at a meeting. On the entire 77-acre property, I could find only one person who pointed to a big building and said, "Well, I'm pretty sure the novitiate is on the top floor of that building." I walked up three flights of stairs and sure enough, there was a little sign on the door at the top of the stairs which said "Carmelite Novitiate." And the door was locked. I had worked for a locksmith when I was a kid, so I went down to my suitcase and got out my set of lockpicks, and unlocked the door. As I walked down the dim hallway, I found a bedroom with my name on a piece of masking tape stuck to the door. And so I moved my suitcase in and began my life in Carmel, having picked the lock to get in. I didn't exactly expect fireworks and parades, but my start was a much quieter one than I had foreseen. I spent the entire next day alone, either silently in my room or quietly walking the grounds. It was the low-key beginning of one of the greatest blessings of my life, my entering Carmel.

When Israel was waiting for the Messiah, they expected fireworks. They expected a massive event like the parting of the Red Sea or a great storm on Mount Sinai. What they got was a little baby boy, wrapped in sheets, and born in the small town of Bethlehem. He grew up in an even smaller town called Nazareth, which wasn't even the armpit of the Roman Empire. It was a tiny freckle NEXT to the armpit of the great Roman Empire. It was nowhere.

When Mary had said "yes" to Gabriel, some say it happened at the kitchen table. The Orthodox Christians believe it happened at the town well. A kitchen table... the well... both of these are the most ordinary of places. It is so easy to expect fireworks and miss the kitchen table.

We're living in difficult times, and we might easily get caught up in an expectation of salvation from a new parting of the Red Sea, or a new Exodus. Fireworks. Perhaps instead we should pay attention to the kitchen table.

**May God come to you at the kitchen table during this Advent season!**

--Fr. Glenn



## This Week in our Parish



### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 am Sunday Mass (SJ)  
9:30 am No CCD Classes  
10:30 am Sunday Mass (IC)

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-2, 14a, 16  
**Psalm:** Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
**Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

9 am-10 pm Eucharistic Adoration (IC)  
3:15 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations (IC)  
7:00 pm No RCIA

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 AND 25  
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.**

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:30 am Morning Mass



*Solemnity of the Nativity  
of the Lord*

### CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (SJ)  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (IC)  
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (SJ) **Live Streamed**  
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (IC)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5  
**Psalm:** Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17  
**Second Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17,  
22-25  
**Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25

### CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass (SJ)



*From the Parish Office!*  
**Brother David McGinnis   Angela Wiley   Fr. Glenn Snow**  
**Kathy Roemer   Theresa Vitt   Jani Christoffersen**

**Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph Parish  
Christmas Schedule - 2020**



**Christmas Eve**

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|-----------------|--|
| <b>4:00 PM</b>  | <b>St. Joseph Church (FULL)</b>            |
| <b>5:00 PM</b>  | <b>Immaculate Conception Church (FULL)</b> |
| <b>7:00 PM</b>  | <b>St. Joseph Church</b>                   |
| <b>11:00 PM</b> | <b>Immaculate Conception Church</b>        |

**Christmas Day**

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| <b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>St. Joseph Church</b> |
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