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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



*“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the
peoples.”*

— Luke 2:30-31

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December 27, 2020

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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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 28 through January 2
 SJ - Mary Ezell and Jackie Roemer
 IC - Kathryn Wills

The 2021 boxes of Offertory Envelopes are now at the Parish Office. If you would like to use offering envelopes but do not have a box, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you for your gifts to God and Church!



Saturday, December 26

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)

Monday, December 28

8:30 am †Mary Ann Kennedy (IC)

Tuesday, December 29

8:30 am †Carrie & Joseph Schmidt (SJ)

Wednesday, December 30

8:30 am †Georgeann Kreutzer (IC)

Thursday, December 31

8:30 am †Rita Heim (SJ)

New Years Eve

Thursday, December 31

4:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the IMAC Class of 1984 (SJ)
 5:30 pm †Jane Foris (IC)

New Years Day

Friday, January 1

8:00 am †Edmund Theis (SJ)
 10:30 am †Gloria Milbourn (IC)

Saturday, January 2

8:30 am †Living & Deceased Members of the Frank H. Wagner Family (SJ)
 4:00 pm †Ray Miller (SJ)
 5:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Christoffersen & Graf Families (IC)

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am †Joann Kowalewski (SJ)
 10:30 am Our Parishioners (IC)

Offertory Collection

December 13, 2020

Offertory **\$10,396.00**

Maintenance **\$ 795.00**

Because of the early submission of the December 27 bulletin, no December 20 or December 25 offertory figures were available. An update will be in next week's bulletin.

Faith Direct eGiving

The following QR Codes will take you directly to the Faith Direct website, where you have the opportunity to support our parish with a one time or recurring gift.



One Time



Recurring

Requesting Our Prayers

Support Our Troops With Your Prayers!

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



We extend our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of parishioner **Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Leitzen**, who passed away on December 13, 2020. Her funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at Davis Funeral Chapel, with Fr. Glenn Snow, O.Carm. presiding. May Betty find eternal happiness in the loving arms of the Lord.

Elijah's Supper

Because of the tremendous response to our request for cookies and brownies last month, we are only asking for fresh fruit for the January 7 meal. We are now beginning our eighth year of providing meals once a month. Thanks for making this possible. **Mitzie Fritchen**



Food Collection

We will be collecting **non-perishable food items** next weekend at both church sites for Catholic Charities. Your donations help ensure those needy in our community will have food on their tables. Thank you for your contributions!

Change of Address

Have you recently moved and have change of address? Have you contacted the Parish Office? The 2020 giving statements will be mailed next month. Please make sure you have provided us any changes in your mailing address. Call the Parish Office at 682-3953.



Knights of Columbus "Pro-Life Baby Shower"

The Immaculata Council #900 will be conducting their **22nd Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower** during the month of January 2021. Baskets will be placed at church entrances for your convenience. We are asking for donations of new/used clothing, diapers, blankets, baby wipes and formula. Monetary donations are graciously accepted and directly benefit Pro-Life activities. For additional information, please contact Marty Moreno at (913) 702-4168. Thank you!

From the Desk of Br. David

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.

Tax Provisions

Reminder, as we reach the end of the calendar year, any charitable contributions credited towards the 2020 calendar year must be received no later than December 31, 2020. For your end of year tax planning, congress enacted two tax provisions to encourage charitable donations before the end of 2020. These include: 1) **Increase in tax deduction for cash gifts:** For donors that itemize their tax return, before the new legislation, the annual income limit was capped at 60% for cash gifts. The new legislation allows for charitable donations up to 100% of a donor's annual income. 2) **New deduction:** If you do not itemize when filing your tax return, to reduce your tax liability, you will be allowed to take a special tax deduction of up to \$300 for charitable donations. Visit the Archdiocesan planned giving website, CatholicPlannedGiving.com to learn more ways to maximize your financial resources to benefit your family, charitable giving, and make a grateful response to God for the abundant gifts in your life. As always, contact an attorney or tax advisor to learn what is best for your life.



Xavier School Positions

Xavier Catholic School is looking for substitute teachers and part-time teachers in extended care. If you are interested in working with talented children and staff at our Xavier K-8 campus or at our extended care program, please contact the school office at 913-682-3135.

Mass Reservations for Next Weekend

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1. Please call the Parish Office, 682-3953, on Monday or Tuesday, December 28 and 29, to make your weekend Mass reservations for Saturday, January 2, and Sunday, January 3.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, lots of little kids got lots of toys to play with. But unless they learn to share those toys, they will always play alone. And sharing means letting go. Without letting go, there is no growth. It's a lesson that starts early and continues at greater and greater depths as we get older. We learn how to let go.

As those children get older, they have to let go of their safe, comfortable environment at home and go to school, where there are many more people, and not all of those people are as caring as Mom and Dad. But if they don't let go of home, they don't grow. So once again they learn, at a deeper level, to let go.

The lesson continues through life. I was talking the other day with a young man who graduated from college last May. He's got a job...it's not his dream job, but he had to let go of that so that he can eat and pay rent. He is no longer directed by parents and teachers and professors telling him what to do and when to have it done. There's a security there that he also had to let go of.

Our family was once up skiing. As the time got later, we were all meeting down at the bottom of the hill, near the ski lodge. But my nephew wasn't there. It started to snow and get really cold, near zero, and he was an hour late. I became so worried that I didn't know what to do. I prayed and looked and prayed and looked, and nearly lost my mind. Ryan's mom and dad were much better at it than I was. They were much calmer and more reasonable. I was ready to call out the army and helicopters and rescue dogs. Finally, Ryan showed up. He had been on the other side of the mountain when the ski-lifts closed, so he had to take a shuttle bus to the lodge where we were waiting. Ryan's parents are far better at having learned that lesson than I am, even as just the uncle.

As their kids leave home, couples have to learn to let go of their primary identification as Mom and Dad and re-learn how to be husband and wife...just the two of them. That's also a letting go. As people get to retirement age, there is a letting go...of identifying themselves by what their job is, identifying themselves by what they do, instead of who they are. Yet another letting go.

Letting go, which is a part of what we learn from today's reading, is a lesson we learn early and re-learn at different depths all throughout our lives. Wherever we are right now on that particular journey, let us spend some time asking God for the grace to learn that lesson yet a little bit more today.

May God bless you!

--Fr. Glenn



This Week in our Parish



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 8-9
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 AND
JANUARY 1, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FOR THE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY**

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass (SJ) **Live Streamed**
5:30 pm New Year's Eve Mass (IC)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 am New Year's Day Mass (SJ)
10:30 am New Year's Day Mass (IC)

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

*Happy
New
Year*

*May God's love
light your way
and lead you
into a new year
that shines with
His special joy.*





***New Year's Day
Vigil and Holy Day Masses***

***Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation***

Thursday - December 31, 2020

4:00 pm - New Year's Eve - St. Joseph

5:30 pm - New Year's Eve - Immaculate Conception

Friday - January 1, 2021

8:00 am - New Year's Day - St. Joseph

10:30 am - New Year's Day - Immaculate Conception

Mass Reservations are not required.

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