

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Mark 1:32-34

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February 7, 2021
Fifth 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.

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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—NO MASS
 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 February 8 to February 13
 SJ - Patty Fontenot and Pat Rea
 IC - Kathryn Wills



Saturday, February 6
 4:00 pm †Rev. Msgr. James E. Mortimer (SJ)
 5:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Ganacias Family (IC)

Sunday, February 7
 8:00 am †Beverly Varzecka (SJ)
 10:30 am Our Parishioners (IC)

Monday, February 8
 8:30 am Helen Schmidling (IC)

Tuesday, February 9
 8:30 am †Helen Gallagher (1st Anniversary) (SJ)

Wednesday, February 10
 8:30 am †James F. Davoren, Jr. (IC)

Thursday, February 11
 No Mass

Friday, February 12
 8:30 am †Bert Page (2nd Anniversary) (IC)

Saturday, February 13
 8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Frank George Budke Family (SJ)
 4:00 pm †Jean Cooney (SJ)
 5:30 pm †Ron Erzen (IC)

Sunday, February 14
 8:00 am †Bernard Mandeville (SJ)
 10:30 am Our Parishioners (IC)

Offertory Collection

January 31, 2021

Offertory **\$10,577.00**

Catholic Education **\$ 762.00**

Thank you for your gifts to God and Church!



The “Year of St. Joseph”

St. Joseph, head of the Holy Family... Pray for us.



GO



The bulletin cover today features an image of Jesus curing the sick and driving out demons.

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	



We extend our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of parishioner **Ana M. Rodriguez**, who passed away on January 26, 2021. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, February 1, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Church, with Fr. Glenn Snow, O.Carm. presiding. May Ana find eternal happiness in the loving arms of the Lord.



Baptism Preparation Class

The next Baptism Preparation Class with Deacon Dean Gilbert, will be held on Thursday, February 18, at 7:00 PM, in St. Joseph's Kinzler Hall.

Please call the Parish Office at 913-682-3953 to register for the class or if you need information.

Mass Reservation Reminder

Don't forget to confirm your reservation at our weekend Masses. Please call the Parish Office at 913-682-3953 **after 1:00 PM on Wednesday's and prior to 3:00 PM on Fridays** for that weekend Mass. We have had a large number of walk-ins at our Masses, which affects our seating for those who have signed up. Thank you!



The Knights of Columbus Immaculata Council #900, would like to thank all of those who made donations to the January 2021 Pro-Life Baby Shower. The donations of baby items, cash, handmade bags and blankets, and new and used clothing was generous. The response was overwhelming. The Leavenworth Birthright will be the recipient of your donations. Thanks again, and may God bless you.

Artists Wanted

We invite young artists in our parish to draw pictures or to make cards for our homebound parishioners. Bring the artwork to the Parish Office. We will distribute it to a parishioner who is homebound. Some themes and ideas for drawings include: Valentine's Day, Lent, The Year of St. Joseph, or simply something happy. Be creative and share your gifts!



Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet this Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in St. Joseph's Kinzler Hall.



Save the date for Xavier Catholic Schools premier scholarship event, Ignite the Green and White: A Night of Faith and Hope.

March 27, 2021 - 6:00 PM. Xavier Catholic School's biggest night of the year is going virtual. More information coming soon. Honoring: SHANNON HOLCOMB, JANET MEYER, CHRISTY QUINN & CINDY THIELE. — The Difference is You! All proceeds fund scholarships for Xavier Catholic School Students. For more information visit: LeavenworthCatholicSchools.org/give/ignite-the-green-and-white or call Lisa Forge at 913.682.7801



This past week Xavier celebrated Catholic Schools Week which is our unique opportunity to showcase how we integrate academics and faith as children build their individual relationship with Christ. Xavier Catholic School has a mission to "Keep Christ at the center of our daily lives as we care for one another in a loving and safe learning environment." Each and every day our staff guides children to live in a relationship with Christ as they prepare for the world around them. We would love to share more details with you about the benefits of Catholic education. Contact our school office at 913-682-3135 or visit our website by using the camera on your smartphone to scan this code.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever felt crushed by a crowd? With all the social distancing that we practice now, it may be hard to remember, but cast your mind back just a year or two to those sales in big stores on the Friday after Thanksgiving. A crowd forms outside, and the press of other people on all sides can feel smothering. I have always avoided such crowds, but occasionally I've gotten stuck in a crowd at a concert or just in a subway station. One of the things that happens then is that the crowd itself becomes what you focus on. It's very easy to lose focus on the individual and focus only on the crowd.

If you watch famous people in crowds, you can see how difficult it is for them. Some of them adjust by simply focusing two people down the line. They aren't looking at the person whose hand they're shaking, but at someone further on, and that's how they manage dealing with a big crowd.

Jesus, in today's Gospel passage and in others, doesn't seem to get caught up in that. In every crowd situation, he focuses on the individual, not the whole crowd. If you recall the story where the woman with the hemorrhage touches his cloak, that was a huge pressing crowd, and yet he stops and focuses on her. In the past, I've wondered how he managed to keep that focus on the individual, and not get lost in the mob. Over the years, I think I've figured it out, or at least part of it. And today's Gospel reading gives us a great clue.

What did Jesus do when the crowds mobbed around him and pressed on him? How did he keep his balance and not succumb to either the panic of being crushed or the lure of being idolized? The Gospel today says that "early in the morning, when it was still dark, he went out to a deserted place and prayed." He physically got away, and went and spent time with his Father. Nobody else was around, nobody was pressing on him, and he just spent time in prayer.

That's a good lesson for us too, I think. I'm an audio person, not so much a visual person. One way that I get away is that I have pairs of jackhammer-proof ear-muffs everywhere. There's one in my bedroom, one in my office, even a travel-sized one in my computer bag for airplane flights. I put them on when I need to get away and pray. You'd be amazed that (for audio-people) how much of a "desert" it creates and how much stress it takes away.

Perhaps you're not an audio-person and that "desert" wouldn't work for you. Okay... find something that does work for you. Find a way, in the midst of your own crowded world, to get away and pray! It's good for you!

May God bless you all!

--Fr. Glenn

This Week in our Parish



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 am Sunday Mass (SJ)
9:30 am Religious Education Class (SJ)
10:30 am Sunday Mass (IC)

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalms: Psalm 147

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting, Kinzler Hall (SJ)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

Lent

Lent starts Wednesday, February 17. Due to COVID restrictions, Ashes will be sprinkled on the head instead of a cross on the forehead. Masses will be held on Wednesday morning, 6:30 am at St. Joseph Church and 8:30 am at Immaculate Conception Church. Ashes only will be distributed at Noon at St. Joseph Church and at 7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church.



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.



It's Super Bowl Sunday! The amount of money that this day takes in and gives out is unbelievable. Players on the winning team receive an additional \$118,000 and losing players receive \$59,000...for the game. Retailers make \$14.8 billion, however, some will pay as much as \$5.25 million for a 30-second ad. Fans are paying \$4,000 – \$6,000 per ticket to attend. And this does not count the gambling and other ancillary activities that surround the game.

So what? A day like today should help to remind us where we get all the money to spend on this one, fun day. When we plan ahead to have people over, run to the store for more chips and dip, and decorate the table to look like a football field, let's remember that without God and all He gives us and all the blessings we have, we need to thank him. A lot. So remember, when the game is on the line and you need this touchdown or last-second field-goal, and you're praying to God that they make it, thank him for ALL your blessings too.

And thank you for your participation in the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal. It's the Super Bowl of the Archbishop's mission to serve his flock.

**Immaculate Conception -
St. Joseph Parish
Call to Share Campaign**



**2021 Parish Goal
\$51,995.00**

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22% of our Parish Goal

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