

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.

Mark 1:44-45b

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February 14, 2021
Sixth 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 15 through February 20
 SJ - Mary Ezell and Jacki Roemer
 IC - Ann Lord and Sharon Marsch

The bulletin cover today features an image of Jesus preaching and teaching the people.



Saturday, February 13

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)

Monday, February 15

8:30 am †Tom Scanlon (IC)

Tuesday, February 16

8:30 am †JoAnne Russell (10th Anniversary) (SJ)

Ash Wednesday, February 17

6:30 am Kathleen Newman (SJ)
 8:30 am †Robert Coen (IC)
 12:00 pm Ashes Only (SJ)
 7:00 pm Ashes Only (IC)

Thursday, February 18

No Mass

Friday, February 19

8:30 am †Mike Sachse (IC)

Saturday, February 20

8:30 am Mimi Clark's 92nd Birthday (SJ)
 4:00 pm †John E. Jones (SJ)
 5:30 pm †Jane Foris (IC)

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am †Andrew J. Olberding & †Leona Shepherd (SJ)
 10:30 am Our Parishioners (IC)

Offertory Collection

February 7, 2021

Offertory \$11,153.00

Maintenance \$ 1,662.00

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We are happy to welcome into the Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism, **Jude Michael O'Donnell**, son of Justin and Jamie O'Donnell, and his cousin, **Ember Lynn O'Donnell**, daughter of Jeffrey and Makayla O'Donnell. Both

were Baptized on February 7, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Church by Deacon Dean Gilbert. Congratulations to the O'Donnell families!

Reminder – Baptism Preparation Class

The next Baptism Preparation Class with Deacon Dean Gilbert, will be held 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 for more information.



Xavier Catholic School will host a **Kindergarten Experience Night** on Thursday, February 18 from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. All future kindergarten students are invited to visit the school, meet the staff, and

participate in an activity. Please note that COVID screenings will be in place. For more information or to RSVP please contact Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801 or visit our website by using the camera on your smartphone to scan this code.



From the Desk of Br. David

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE. All confirmation Candidates and their sponsors must attend the Confirmation practice on Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. If the sponsor is out-of-town and cannot attend the practice, the candidate may bring a parent to fill in for the sponsor.
RICE BOWLS. The students in our Religious Education Program are participating in Catholic Relief Services' project Rice Bowl. Their Lenten sacrifices and offerings help support the ministry of Catholic Relief Services and their assistance to the poor. There are rice bowls in the back of each church for anyone who would like to participate.
SERVER TRAINING. We are in need of one more candidate to join our Altar Server preparation class. Contact Br. David at 913-682-3953 to sign up.

Come to Confession

We invite you to experience God's pardon and peace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Throughout Lent, confession will be available each **Saturday, 1:00-1:30 PM and each Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church.** Accommodations have been made to ensure social distancing. 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. In order to offer Confessions on Wednesdays, it is necessary to close Adoration at 6:00 PM each Wednesday of Lent.



As we prepare to celebrate "Presidents' Day" holiday, it is important to remember the deep faith of our founding fathers. On October 3, 1789, George Washington gave a Presidential Proclamation to acknowledge God and offer "thanksgiving" to him. The proclamation stated, in part, "...it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor" — and "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God..." And, we are all familiar with the greatness of Abraham Lincoln, whose purpose was to free the slaves and heal a nation. In his second inaugural address on March 4, 1865, he stated, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan..."

Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph Call to Share Campaign



2021 Parish Goal
\$51,995.00

Pledges as of February 10
\$27,426.00

53% of our Parish Goal

Please make your pledge today!
Thank you for your generosity!

Evangelization Meeting

The Evangelization Committee will meet Monday, February 15 at 7:00 PM, in St. Joseph's Kinzler Hall.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Pharisees had prerequisites for talking with God. It was one of the big differences between them and Jesus. For the Pharisees, you had to have followed all the rules, even down to the tiniest rules... which they kept track of... and you had to be pure and squeaky clean to talk with God. If you were a sinner, if you didn't keep yourself absolutely pure, then you had no business talking with God, your prayers would not be heard.

It seems to me that God would be awfully bored then, because I don't know any perfect people. In fact, the only two perfect people I ever even heard of lived two thousand years ago... this guy Jesus and his Mom. If God only listened to the prayers of perfect and pure people, God would have to get pretty lonely and bored.

Jesus, however, disputes that notion with the Pharisees. He does it with his words, and he does it with his actions. For Jesus, the primary motivation for one of us humans to talk with God is precisely BECAUSE we're not perfect. And you know what? God is just fine with that.

Today, Jesus is approached by a leper. The people of Jesus' time and culture were terrified of leprosy. By Jewish law, the sufferer was completely isolated from society. "The leper shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry 'Unclean, unclean!'" The leper had to stay two yards from other people, and if he was upwind, it was fifty yards. There's no way a leper would even approach a Rabbi. But this leper confidently approached Jesus. And Jesus didn't run away. He didn't look aghast and point his finger accusingly. Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. Jesus was not afraid of being tainted by the leper.

Too many people seem to think that we have to be good before we approach the Lord. That's what the Pharisees thought and taught. But there is Jesus, touching a leper. Elsewhere we see Jesus eating with tax collectors and prostitutes, also considered extreme sinners by the Pharisees. On Golgotha, he is crucified between two thieves and speaking with them.

For too many people, the bad news has taken the place of the good news. The bad news is that we would have to be perfect before we can approach God. And it is bad news precisely because it's impossible. That's not the gospel... a word which literally means "good news". The good news is that we can approach the Lord no matter what our condition or situation. Our faith is more than just a set of rules or a philosophy of morality. It is the embrace of a God who reaches out and welcomes sinners while they are still in sin.

A nice reading to lead us into the start of Lent, isn't it?

May God bless you all!

--Fr. Glenn

This Week in our Parish



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14



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

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm: Psalm 32-1-2, 5, 11
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Mark 1-40-45

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Parish Office is Closed
8:30 am Mass (IC)



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

(See page 5 for Mass Schedule)
9 am-10 pm No Eucharistic Adoration
3:15 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations (IC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:25 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations, Cook Room (SJ)
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class, Kinzler Hall (SJ)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SJ)



Lent begins Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday Masses with Distribution of Ashes

6:30 AM	St. Joseph Church
8:30 AM	Immaculate Conception Church

Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes

12:00 Noon	St. Joseph Church
7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Church

This year Ashes will be sprinkled on the head due to COVID safety protocols.



Fast & Abstinence Regulations

On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent: Catholics, age 14 and up, must abstain from eating meat.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Catholics, age 18 to 59 must fast. Church regulations for fasting limit us to eating only one full meal with two smaller meals not equaling the full meal, and no eating in between meals.

Join us for Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 7:00 PM

February 19	St. Joseph Church
February 26	Immaculate Conception Church
March 5	St. Joseph Church
March 12	Immaculate Conception Church
March 19	St. Joseph Church
March 26	Immaculate Conception Church

Lenten Penance Services at our area parishes (no scripture service).

Sunday, March 7, 1:00 PM, Confessions at St. Francis de Sales in Lansing
 Sunday, March 14, 1:00 PM, Confessions at Immaculate Conception in Leavenworth
 Sunday, March 28, 1:00 PM, Confessions at Holy Angels in Basehor

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