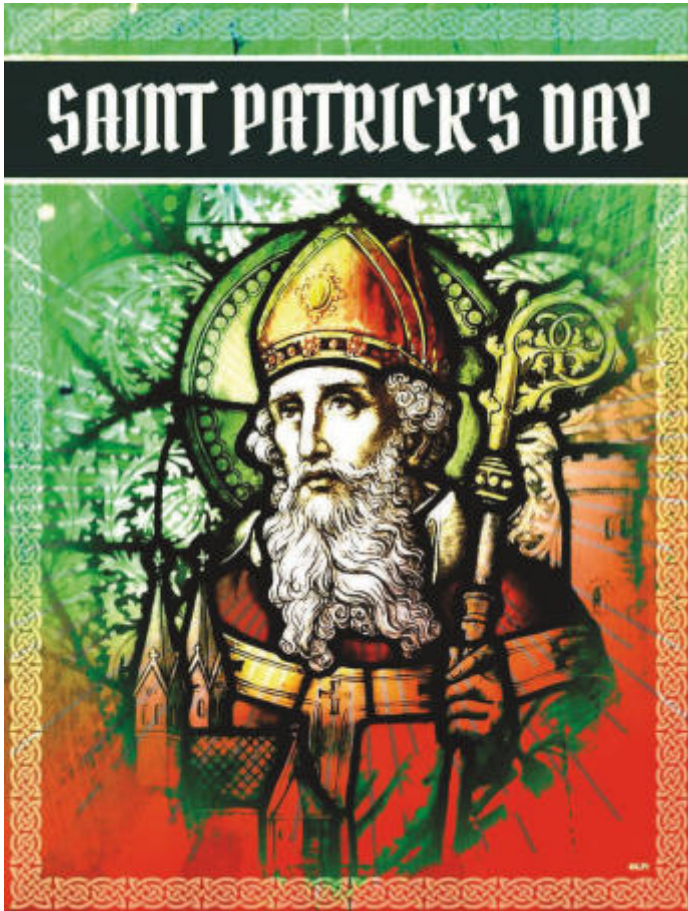


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works and might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

- John 3:20-21

Immaculate Conception

711 North Fifth Street
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Saint Joseph

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THE CARMELITES
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Deacon Dean Gilbert
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Bro. David McGinnis, O.Carm.

March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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
Xavier Elementary School 682-3135
 Parish Secretary—Jani Christoffersen
 Bookkeeper—Kathy Roemer
 Music Coordinator—Theresa Vitt
 Director of Religious Education—Br. David McGinnis, O.Carm.
 RCIA Director—Deacon Dean Gilbert
 Parish Youth Director—Angela Wiley
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—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 March 15 to March 20
 SJ - Pat Schuler and Judy Arnold
 IC - Karen and Steve Smith



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 13

4:00 pm Our Parishioners (SJ)
 5:30 pm †Johnathan Graham (IC)

Sunday, March 14

8:00 am †Max & Irene Roemer (SJ)
 10:30 am †John T. Williams (22nd Anniversary) (IC)

Monday, March 15

8:30 am †James Derell, Sr. (IC)

Tuesday, March 16

8:30 am †Michele Brungardt (SJ)

Wednesday, March 17, Feast of St. Patrick

9:00 am For all Living & Deceased
 St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshals (IC)

Thursday, March 18

No Mass

Friday, March 19

8:30 am †Mary Ann Kennedy (IC)

Saturday, March 20

8:30 am †Sharon Meade Winsor (SJ)
 4:00 pm Our Parishioners (SJ)
 5:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the
 Donald Murray Family (IC)

Sunday, March 21

8:00 am †Charles Phillips (SJ)
 10:30 am †Kenny Wallace (2nd Anniversary) (IC)

Offertory Collection

March 7, 2021

Offering \$9,032.00

Maintenance \$2,208.00

Thank you for your gifts to God and Church!



The "Year of St. Joseph"

**St. Joseph, model of
 artisans and workers...
 pray for us.**

**St. Joseph's Feast Day
 March 19, 2021**



The bulletin cover today features an image of St. Patrick, whose Feast Day is this Wednesday, March 17.

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 Parishioner Jeanie Lawrence, in the loss of her brother **Joseph Harnish**, who passed away on March 5, 2021. His Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 19, 2021, at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Church, with Fr. Glenn Snow, O.Carm., officiating. May Joseph find eternal happiness in the loving arms of the Lord.

COVID-19 Vaccination

The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the U.S. was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.' However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

Thank You

Catholic Charities thanks you for your donation of 44 pounds of food, which helped us to serve 1,146 individuals last month. Again, we appreciate your generous donation to the food pantry.

Sincerely Jackie Masoner, Manager CCFSC

Elijah's Supper

Many, many thanks to those who responded to our request for tortilla chips, fruit and cookies as we really needed these items on this busy day. Unlike last month, we had a steady stream of individuals requesting meals. In the first half hour, we provided almost 200 meals, and by the end of the day, 282 meals had been given to 89 individuals. What caused this change? Well, it was a spring like day, perhaps Covid -19 exhaustion, and more daylight hours. Whatever the reason, we kept handing out meals until we ran out of food. God has provided us the opportunity to carry out our mission to reach out to the less fortunate. May we keep this in mind during this Easter season that we are here to serve, not to be served. *Mitzie Frietchen*

Upcoming Penance Services



Sunday, March 14, 1:00 PM
Immaculate Conception Church
&

Sunday, March 28, 1:00 PM
Holy Angels, Basehor

Confessions every Wednesday during Lent,
6-7:00 PM,

Immaculate Conception Church
&

Weekly Saturday Confessions,
1-1:30 PM, Immaculate Conception Church



Xavier Catholic School's Ignite the Green and White 2021 is going virtual! We are bringing our biggest night of the year to you. Ignite the Green and White 2021 will be live-streamed on March 27, 2021. This year we are honoring four outstanding educators - Shannon Holcomb, Cristy Quinn, Cindi Thiele, and Janet Meyer. For more information or to purchase raffle tickets for the Stuff the Purse or 50/50 Raffle, sponsor a child, register for the silent auction, or purchase a meal to go from the Suburban or custom-made Xavier charcuterie board please contact Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801.

40 Cans for Lent

The Knights of Columbus Council, from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday, are asking for a one-can-per-day donation to help fight hunger. With your donation we will help restock parish food pantries, food banks, soup kitchens and Catholic Charities of Leavenworth. This donation is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. Donation boxes are placed at both Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Churches, to include the Knight's of Columbus Hall. Check donations are accepted. For more information please contact Marty Moreno at martyinacamaro@gmail.com or 913-702-4168. We appreciate your support and thank you!

Retreat

On Saturday, March 20, at Prairie Star Ranch, you are invited to encounter the overflowing love of the Father's heart as you reflect on the life of Saint Joseph. Take a day to enter into the Year of St. Joseph. With options for both in-person retreatants as well as live-stream participation, we hope that all - men and women, young and old - can take advantage of this one-day guided retreat. Includes a vigil Mass, meditations offered by the Holy Family School of Faith, nearly 300 acres of beautiful property to roam, and perhaps most importantly, time for greater prayer. To find out more, register, and review our COVID-19 precautions, visit our website at archkck.org/ranch.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. In Latin, the word *laetare* means "rejoice." So today is "Joy Sunday". You may notice that it's not called "Happiness Sunday". Happiness and joy are two different things. Our own Declaration of Independence speaks of unalienable human rights, and one of those is "the pursuit of Happiness". Well... we do indeed have the right to pursue happiness. But it does not say that we have the unalienable right to BE happy. In fact, happiness comes and goes in our life, depending on our circumstances, our relationships, and our activities. It is my observation (in my own life and the lives of others I deal with every day), that happiness is like a big fun dog that, when we are walking a path of meaning, comes bouncing up alongside us and walks with us for a while. Occasionally it will run off in search of a rabbit somewhere, but as long as we keep walking a path of meaning, it will eventually sidle up again and keep us company for a while. It is meaning that we need to be pursuing, and happiness will hang around us (more or less) as we walk.

Joy, however, is not the same thing. **Joy is the feeling which comes when we recognize the strength of our connection with God.** Joy does not dart away and then come bounding back. Joy remains, precisely because it is not so closely dependent on circumstances. Indeed, joy can be present regardless of our circumstances.

Many years ago, when I was just a kid, I had a book called "The Lives of the Saints". There is a similar book called "The Golden Legend", which I have now in paperback (in two volumes) on my office bookshelf. It was written in the Middle Ages and was, at one time, the second-most read book in the world, after the Bible. Now, in true Middle Ages style, the author/compiler never let the truth get in the way of a good story, but I found it (and still find it) fascinating, as it describes all kinds of stories (factual and "exaggerated") about a whole host of Saints and Saints throughout history. One of the things which is notable about these stories is that they are filled with all kinds of difficulties, trials, tortures, martyrdoms, and anguish... and that they are also filled with expressions of joy. Not happiness. Joy. The very point of these stories is that the depth and strength of these people's connection with God was so great, that even in the midst of unspeakable pain, they were filled with joy.

Joy is the feeling which comes when we recognize the strength of our connection with God. Let us take some time today, this week, this year, to recognize that connection, which is initiated and maintained by God. And let us rejoice in it!

May God bless you all!

--Fr. Glenn

This Week in our Parish



SATURDAY, March 13

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

SUNDAY, March 14

8:00 am Sunday Mass (SJ)
9:00 am Religious Education Class
10:30 am Sunday Mass (IC)
11:00 am- St. Patrick's Irish Stew Dinner, Take Out,
2:00 pm Miego Hall (IC) See Page 5
1:00 pm Lenten Penance Service (IC)

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalm: Psalm 137:16

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

TUESDAY, March 16

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)

WEDNESDAY, March 17

Feast of St. Patrick
Parish Office Closed

9:00 am **St. Patrick's Day Mass (IC)**
9 am-6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (IC)
10:30 am Finance Council, Kinzler Hall (SJ)
3:15 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations (IC)
6-7:00 pm Confessions (IC)

THURSDAY, March 18

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

4:30-6:30 pm Lenten Fish Fry, Take Out,
Kinzler Hall (SJ) See Page 5
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SJ)





**Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph Parish 21st Annual “Abbreviated”
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner**

**If you pre-ordered dinners—don’t forget to pick them up this weekend,
Sunday, March 14, 2021, 11:00 - 2:00 PM
Immaculate Conception Church,
Miege Hall**

**Carry Out Dinner Only
Irish Stew, Soda Bread & Cookie - \$7.00**



Thank you for your help & participation!



**Please join us on
St. Patrick’s Day, Wednesday,
March 17, 2021, 9:00 AM, for
A Special Feast Day Mass at
Immaculate Conception Church.**

**A Collection will be taken for the
St. Vincent Clinic.**

**Non-perishable food items will be
collected for the 40 Cans for Lent,
Knights of Columbus Drive.**

**St. Patrick’s Day Parade will start in
downtown Leavenworth at Noon.**

**We congratulate our parishioners,
Ed and Anne Keeley,
2021 Parade Grand Marshals**



**Mark Your Calendar for the
St. Joseph’s Benevolent
Society Lenten Fish Fry**

**Friday March 19
4:30-6:30 PM**

**Carry Out ONLY
Cod, Shrimp, Cole Slaw, and
French Fries**

**Adults - \$9.00
Children Under Age 8 - \$5.00**

**We will take your order and
deliver it to your car.**

**See you at the St. Joseph Church
Parking Lot, 306 North Broadway!**

