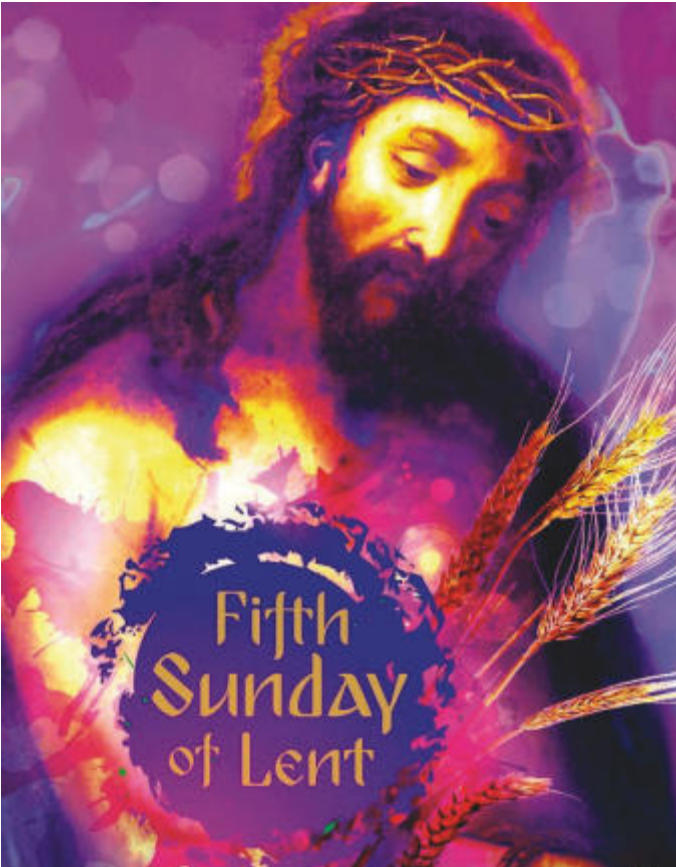


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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

—John 12:24

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March 21, 2021
Fifth 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**
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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.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 22 to March 26
 SJ - Mary Ann Harsch and Mary Uphaus
 IC - Ann Lord and Sharon Marsch



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 20

4:00 pm Our Parishioners (SJ)
 5:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Murray Family (IC)

Sunday, March 21

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

Monday, March 22

8:30 am †Luman Rhines (IC)

Tuesday, March 23

8:30 am †Vincent D. McEvoy (SJ)

Wednesday, March 24

8:30 am †Robert Coen (IC)

Thursday, March 25

No Mass

Friday, March 26

8:30 am †Jane Foris (IC)

Saturday, March 27

8:30 am †Living & Deceased Members of the Frank H. Wagner Family (SJ)
 4:00 pm †Robert Winterscheidt (2nd Ann) (SJ)
 5:30 pm †Deborah Wood (IC)

Sunday, March 28

8:00 am †Rachel Jackson (SJ)
 10:30 am Our Parishioners (IC)

Offertory Collection

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March 7, 2021

Offertory **\$ 7,689.10**

Catholic Relief Services **\$ 1,390.00**

Thank you for your gifts to God and Church!



The "Year of St. Joseph"

St. Joseph, pillar of families...pray for us

The bulletin cover today features an image of Jesus on this 5th Sunday of Lent.

Citywide Spring Cleanup

Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 10. Volunteers are appreciated! T-shirts, gloves, and trash bags provided. Call Mike Simonis at (913)240-1181 to sign up. We will meet in St. Joseph's Kinzler Hall at 9:15 AM, or after 8:30 AM Mass. Thank you!

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 of **Richard Gallagher**, who passed away on March 5, 2021. His Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, March 15, 2021, at Immaculate Conception Church, with Fr. Glenn Snow, O.Carm., officiating. May Richard find eternal happiness in the loving arms of the Lord.



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 scan the QR Code provided with your smartphone camera, or contact Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801.



Annunciation Vigil Mass

Expectant parents are invited to receive a special blessing for their unborn children in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation, commemorating the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, to inform her that she was to be the mother of our Savior. It calls us to reflect on the blessing of new life and how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child. Mass with Archbishop Naumann is Wednesday, March 24th, 7:00 PM, at Prince of Peace Church, 16000 W 143rd St., Olathe. All are invited! The Annunciation Vigil Mass will be Live Streamed on the Prince of Peace Facebook page, or by going to their parish website at www.popolathe.org and clicking on the Facebook icon.

40 Cans for Lent

Reminder - the Knights of Columbus Council, from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday, are asking for a one-can-per-day donation to help fight hunger. Donation boxes are placed at both Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Churches. Check donations are accepted. For more information please contact Marty Moreno at tyinacamaro@gmail.com or 913-702-4168. We appreciate your support and thank you!

From the Desk of Br. David

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACATION

Students in our K-8 Religious Education program will be on vacation March 28 and April 4. Classes will resume on April 11. If any of our students forgot to turn in their Rice Bowls this weekend, they may bring them to class on April 11.

PICK UP STICKS

We are looking for volunteers to pick up sticks at both church locations, to prepare for mowing season. Contact Br. David at 682-3953.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We will be having training sessions for new altar servers (grades 5-12) beginning after Easter. We will also be having a training session immediately after Easter for those who have served before, and would like to come back and continue serving. For more information, contact Br. David at 682-3953.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We wish to remind the parents of our second graders that the First Holy Communion Mass will be Sunday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.

EASTER HELP NEEDED

We are looking for additional help to serve as Greeters/Ushers for both the 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM Easter Mass. Please contact Br. David at 913-682-3953



Irish Stew Dinner

I want to thank everyone that helped make our St Patrick's Day Stew Dinner successful. Most of all, I appreciate everyone that purchased a meal. Even though we had some growing bumps due to these uncertain times. I want to personally thank Van Nine, Jim and Patty Dyson, Mike Ammel, Mike Stockman, Mark Brown, Jim Chmidling, and Ron Parr for working in the kitchen. Judith Shreder, Ann Lord, Vita Brown and Pauline Nichols for baking the Soda Bread. Susan Aaron, St. Joseph's Altar Society, and Immaculate Conception's Altar Society for the cookies. Marilyn Douglas and Andrew Leon for preparing the Carry Out bags. Mary Filley, Patty Fontenot, Ashley Fink, Ellie Bannerman and Addie Pietsch for filling the orders and getting them out. John and Theresa Williams, Kathy Sheehan, and Betty and Duane Olberding for taking the money. We would not have been able to have the dinner without this group. I am honored to have worked with such a talented team.

Thank you all again! Leo Fink

I would also like to offer an apology to all of those people that did not get your Irish Stew dinner on Sunday, March 14. I would like to personally provide an Irish Stew meal to you, if you would like. Please contact me at 913-547-6284 or by email Leo.fink@sbcglobal.net I will let you know in the next few weeks when it will happen. I know some of you were upset and I ask for your forgiveness. **Leo Fink**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. I am a Carmelite priest. I came here in July, one of many moves I've had to make as a Carmelite. I think one of the toughest moves I had was when I had to leave California. I grew up in Southern California, and when I joined the Carmelites, I had to move from Los Angeles to Middletown New York. When I arrived in Middletown with all my worldly goods in a few boxes, I had to stop and ask directions to my new home. When I got there, I was the only one in the place for two days. I don't think I ever experienced loneliness quite like that before. I wanted to leave so bad, it was all I could do not to just run to a phone and make the arrangements. There was a whole part of me that died those two days. And yet, if I hadn't done that, I would not be here today. If I hadn't moved to Middletown, I would have never been able to move to any of the eight other places I've lived.

A couple of years ago, I ran into a woman who came up to me in the vestibule of a church where I was officiating at the wedding of one of my former students. We were both there for the wedding. I had taught her too, and she graduated 23 years before this encounter. She had been facing a lot of problems back in those days when she was a high school student. And we spent many hours talking. She came up to me in the vestibule and pulled me aside and said, "Thank you. I wouldn't be alive if it wasn't for you." Then kissed me on the cheek and walked off down the hallway. She had been one of the best kids I ever taught, and she'd grown into a wonderful adult. And if I had never gone to Middletown, I would never have met her. If I hadn't left California, then the two of us would not have been in the same place so many years later.

But instead of reading my stories, I invite you to spend some time thinking about your own story and stories. Look at the moments in your own life where you let go. Look at the moments in your own life where a part of you had to die. The season of Lent is about letting go. But it's also the season where we recognize that new life comes only after we've let go. Every real story of our lives, by the grace of God, has a happy ending. If it's not happy, then it's not the end. *Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

May God bless you this Lent!

--Fr. Glenn



This Week in our Parish



SATURDAY, MARCH 20

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm: Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-15
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

9 am-6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (IC)
6-7:00 pm Confessions (IC)
3:15 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations (IC)

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

4:30-7:00 pm Lenten Fish Fry, Take Out Only,
Kinzler Hall (SJ)
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (IC)



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

Friday March 26, 4:30-7:00 PM

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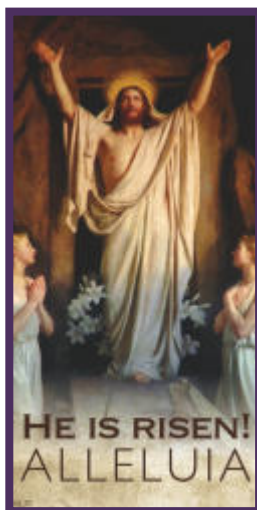
See you at the St. Joseph Church
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***Please join us at
Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph Parish
for our Celebrations of the Sacred Paschal Triduum***



**Holy Thursday
April 1
Evening Mass of the
Lord's Supper
St. Joseph Church
7:00 PM
Live Streamed**

**Good Friday
April 2
Celebration of the Lord's
Passion
St. Joseph Church
3:00 PM
Live Streamed
Immaculate Conception
Church
7:00 PM**



**Holy Saturday
April 3
Easter Vigil
St. Joseph Church
8:00 PM
Live Streamed**
**At this great Paschal Vigil,
our new members will be
confirmed and receive the
Holy Eucharist with us for the
first time.**

**Christ the Lord is
Risen Today!
April 4
Easter Sunday Masses
St. Joseph Church
8:00 AM
Live Streamed
Immaculate Conception Church
10:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

**Mass reservations for the Easter Triduum will open on March 24.
Everything held at St. Joseph Church will be live streamed.**

**Please note: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, March 31;
no morning Masses Thursday through Saturday, April 1-3; no Confessions on
Saturday, April 3. Also, Good Friday, April 2, is a day of Fast and Abstinence.**

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