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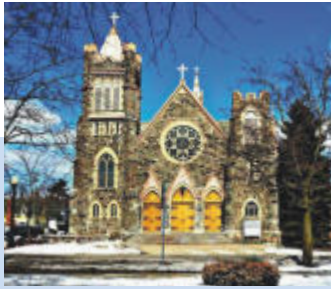
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8AM, 10AM and 12PM (Traditional Latin Mass)
Daily Mass: Mon-Thurs 9AM
(Tues & Thurs- Traditional Latin Mass)
Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM
Holy Days: Please check the bulletin or the parish website.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: following 9AM. Mass
Saturdays: 3-3:45PM .
1st Wednesday of the month: 8PM
For private appointment call the rectory.

BLESSING OF OBJECTS

1st Wednesday of the month at 7PM in the church.

OUR SACRAMENTAL POLICY

Six month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Baptism: Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requests that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic, and the Godparents must be practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If there are two godparents, one must be male, one must be female. If there is one godparent, they may be male or female.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Call the Rectory office. Officiate at the ceremony must be the Parish Pastor, Deacon, or a family member.

Funerals: Officiate must be the Parish Pastor of Immaculate Conception, or a family member

Please note: the services of the Parish Organists are used for all Weddings and Funerals.

For more details regarding our sacramental policies and procedures, please refer to the "Sacraments" tab on our parish website.

PARISH STAFF

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Bulletin articles must be *emailed* in by 5pm Monday.

Flyers 2 weeks prior to bulletin (pending approval of pastor).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WEEKLY OFFERING

12/19/2021 available next week

Total	\$10,852.72
Collection	\$8,622.72
WeShare	\$2,090.00
Direct Deposit	\$140.00

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 26

8:00AM OF-MC Ashley Ivey+

10:00AM OF-MC Max Sierakowski+

12:00 PM EF-MC People of the Parish

The Holy Family (OF)

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (EF)

Monday, December 27

St. John the Apostle (OF & EF)

Tuesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents (OF)

Wednesday, December 29

St. Thomas Beckett (OF)

5th Day in the Octave of Christmas (EF)

Thursday, December 30

6th Day in the Octave of Christmas (EF)

Friday, December 31

St. Sylvester I (OF)

7th Day in the Octave of Christmas (EF)

Saturday, January 1

9:00AM OF-MC Diane Kay+

Mary the Holy Mother of God (OF)

The Circumcision of the Lord (EF)

Sunday, January 2

4:30PM(Vigil) OF-MC Todd Lajewski+

8:00AM OF-MC People of the Parish

10:00AM OF-MC Robbie Battani+

12:00 PM EF-MC Adi Joe Jenkins+

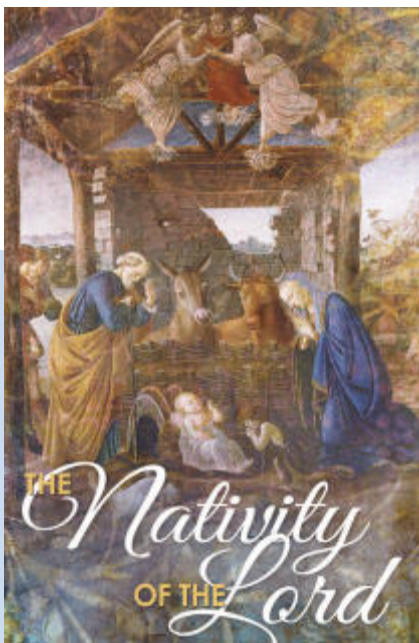
Epiphany of the Lord (OF)

Holy Name of Jesus (EF)

OF - Ordinary Form (New Rite/Novus Ordo)

EF - Extra-ordinary Form (Trad. Latin Mass)

MC - Missa Cantata (Sung) LM - Low Mass



PARISH APOSTOLATES

Ambassadors for Christ

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month BKS Room 303 7 -9PM.

All men 18 years and older are invited.

Harvey Vermeesch (810)358-0943

Angels of Mercy

For elderly and homebound of the parish.

Bea Castenada (810-)813-4069

Food Pantry

Dawn Peskey (586)924-1873

Homeschoolers

Meets for field trips and activities during the school year.

Ashley Gill (248)918-7008

Hospital, Homebound, and Nursing Home Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Joe Hojna (810)969-4082

Knights of Columbus

Meets first Tuesday of the month in the BKCS Community Room.

Phil Francis (810)728-2295

Ladies League

Meets at 6PM on the last Tuesday of the month. All adult ladies of the parish are welcome.

No meeting in Dec.

Dawn Walker (810)664-6946

Mother of Perpetual Help Rosaries

Meets first Wednesday of the month

Jenni Hulway (586)453-4580

Purgatorial Society

Increasing devotion and charity to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Meets 1st Monday of the Month at 7pm in the church.

Andrew Sprinkle (706)840-1568

St. Vincent de Paul

Meets once a month in the rectory.

Youth Group

Lillian Peddemors (937)241-6407

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

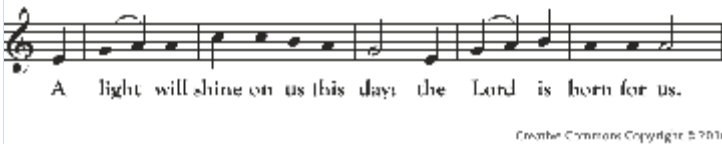
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

PSALM TONES FOR WEEKEND MASSES

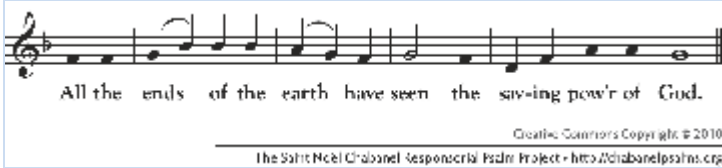
CHRISTMAS EVE



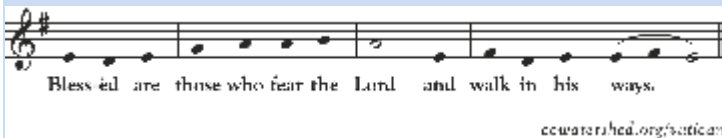
CHRISTMAS MASS AT DAWN



CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY



THE HOLY FAMILY



CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

"This is our present Festival; it is this which we are celebrating today, the Coming of God to Man, that we might go forth, or rather that we might go back to God – that putting off of the old man, we might put on the new; and that as we died in Adam, so we might live in Christ, being born with Christ and crucified with Him and buried with Him and rising with Him.

For I must undergo the beautiful conversion, and as the painful succeeded the more blissful, so must the more blissful come out of the painful.

For where sin abounded grace did much more abound; and if a taste condemned us, how much more does the passion of Christ justify us?

Therefore let us keep the Feast, not after the manner of a heathen festival, but after a godly sort; not after the way of the world, but in a fashion above the world; not as our own, but as belonging to Him who is ours, or rather as our master's; not as of weakness, but as of healing; not as of creation, but of re-creation." St. Gregory of Nazianzus

**Merry Christmas and a blessed
New Year to you and yours
from Fr. Hurley, Deacon
Hulway, Mrs. Barron, and all
the staff of Immaculate
Conception Church and
Bishop Kelley School!**





ST. STEPHEN- DECEMBER 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

GIVING TREES

Thank you to our very generous parishioners here at ICC for the donations to St. Vincent dePaul this Advent season. Please continue to pray for the poor of Lapeer, the poor everywhere in the world, and mostly for the families in the Oxford community. Please know that we are doing our very best to be good stewards of your donations, and your kindness has touched the heart of someone who desperately needs it.

Karen Dupont, Treasurer
St. Vincent dePaul
Immaculate Conception

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday, January 4, at 7PM, join the musicians of our parish for a Christmas Concert in the Church. the Sunday parish choirs, the Bishop Kelley students and additional parish musicians have been hard at work preparing Christmas Pieces, familiar and new, to celebrate the 11th Day of Christmas.



HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will remain closed until January 3rd.

There are no weekday Masses December 27-December 31st.



PARISH GOODS REGISTRY

Looking for a way to give back this Christmas? Check out our Church Goods Registry with Michigan Church Supply! From candles to altar cloths to communion hosts, you can directly purchase the items our parish needs from week to week. A link to the parish registry is on our webpage.

PRAYER LIST

Bill & Bernice Hurley	Dennis, Christine, and Noah
Dave Saelens	Slagle
Joe Castenada	Katie Sellers
Lindsey Summers	Mark Gabryel
Timothy Hojna	Felix Gabryel
Glany Saldanha	Ann Palmer
Patricia Ribai	Skylar Rose
Anita Gayeski	Jim Sobek
June	Janet Ferrari

If you wish to have your loved one put on the prayer list, please call the rectory. The names will remain on the list for four weeks, or you can call the rectory to have their name relisted



KNIGHTS CORNER

The K of C will hold their officers meeting in the Fr. Goentges room on December 28th, at 7:00 PM. Winter and spring activities will be discussed. See you there.

The K of C will hold their general membership meeting on Tuesday January 4, at 7:00 PM in the BKS cafeteria. Winter and Spring activities will be discussed. See you there.



CATHOLIC Q&A

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different?

BISHOP KELLEY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all who supported our recent Christmas Greenery fundraiser! Special thanks to Wojo's Greenhouse, On Pointe School of Dance and Christy Sierakowski for your generosity. Please watch for our spring flower fundraiser.

We wish all of our Bishop Kelley/Immaculate Conception family a blessed and merry Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to resuming classes on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

We invite you to come and enjoy our Christmas Concert, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Church. Our BKS students and parish choirs have planned a beautiful program of Christmas carols



Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith.

Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. And welcome home!



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