

Mass Schedule and Intentions**Saturday Vigil: First Sunday of Advent****4:00 PM** (IC) Deceased members of the Gloria Even family**5:30 PM** (SJ) For the People**Sunday- First Sunday of Advent****8:00 AM** (IC) Clete Schmit**10:00 AM** (IC) Dan Huck**Monday - Weekday****8:30 AM** (IC) Fr. Reuter's Intention**Tuesday - Advent Weekday****8:00 AM** (SJ) Martin "Jr." Odneal**Wednesday - Advent Weekday****7:45 AM** (IC) Deceased members of the
Ed & Rose Weber family**Thursday - Advent Weekday****8:00 AM** (SJ) Dick Hazel (Anniv) *Grades K-1***First Friday- Saint Ambrose, Bishop****7:45 AM** (IC) Hattie & Harold Schmitz
Following Mass, Exposition & Adoration**11:30 AM** (IC) Benediction**Saturday-Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent****4:00 PM** (IC) Mary Vogel (Anniv)**5:30 PM** (SJ) Connie McMahon**Sunday- Second Sunday of Advent****8:00 AM** (IC) For the People**10:00 AM** (IC) Elma Mangrich**Monday - Advent Weekday****8:30 AM** (IC) Fr. Reuter's Intention**Tuesday - Advent Weekday****8:00 AM** (SJ) Ralph Weber**Wednesday - Our Lady of Guadalupe****7:45 AM** (IC) Butch McBride**Thursday - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr****8:00 AM** (SJ) Gary Tedore (Anniv) *Grades K-1***Friday- Saint John of the Cross****7:45 AM** (IC) Joseph and Margaret Frost *Grades 2-12***Saturday-Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent****4:00 PM** (IC) Mick Weber (Anniv)**5:30 PM** (SJ) Germain Decker**Sunday- Third Sunday of Advent****8:00 AM** (IC) For the People**10:00 AM** (IC) Elma Mangrich

(IC) Immaculate Conception (SJ) St. Joseph (FRH) Fr. Reuter's House

Meetings and Activities**Sunday, December 2**

RCIA, 8:45.....IC School

Thursday, December 6

Final Adult Faith Formation, 6:30 PM.....Heritage Room

Sunday, December 9

RCIA, 8:45 AM.....IC School

Confirmation Class 11:00 AM.....St. Mary Center

Communal Penance, 4:00 PM.....IC Church

Sunday, December 16

RCIA, 8:45 AM.....IC School

Daily Readings

Mon Dec 3	Reading - Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm - 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Gospel- Matthew 8:5-11
Tues Dec 4	Reading- Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm- 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Gospel- Luke 10:21-24
Wed Dec 5	Reading- Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm- 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Gospel- Matthew 15:29-37
Thur Dec 6	Reading- Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm- 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Gospel- Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri Dec 7	Reading- Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm- 27:1, 4, 13-14 Gospel - Matthew 9:27-31
Sat Dec 8	1st Reading- Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm- 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 2nd Reading- Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Gospel- Luke 1:26-38
Sun Dec 9	1st Reading- Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm- 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 2nd Reading- Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Gospel- Luke 3:1-6
Mon Dec 10	Reading - Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm - 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14 Gospel- Luke 5:17-26
Tues Dec 11	Reading- Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm- 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13 Gospel- Matthew 18:12-14
Wed Dec 12	Reading- Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Resp. - Judith 13:18bcde, 19 Gospel- Luke 1:39-47
Thur Dec 13	Reading- Isaiah 41:13-20 Psalm- 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Gospel- Matthew 11:11-15
Fri Dec 14	Reading- Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm- 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Gospel - Matthew 11:16-19
Sat Dec 15	Reading- Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalm- 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Gospel- Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sun Dec 16	1st Reading- Zephaniah 3:14-18a Resp.- Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 2nd Reading- Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel- Luke 3:10-18

We will have Communal Penance for our parishes on Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church.

There will be Communal Penance at St. Athanasius at 2:00 PM on December 9.

Take time to review the Examination of Conscience included in this bulletin.

November memorial candles - If you would like the memorial candle and card that was displayed during the month of November you are welcome to take that home with you. At IC church the cards and candles have been placed in the East sacristy. At St. Joseph church the cards and candles have been placed in the sacristy.

Your Sacrificial Offering
Previous Week
Immaculate Conception Parish

Budget	\$8,651.00
Youth	\$2.00
Offertory	\$540.00
Holy Day	\$25.00
E-tithing	\$6,187.17
TOTAL	\$15,404.17
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

St. Joseph Parish

Budget	\$5,509.98
Offertory	\$115.00
E-tithing	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$5,924.98
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00



**The parishes' office
will be closed
Monday - Thursday,
December 3 - 6**

Due to the office being closed the week of December 3 - 6 this bulletin contains the Mass schedule and Daily Readings for the week of **December 2 and the Week of December 9**. Please keep this bulletin for the 2 week time frame as there will NOT be a bulletin printed next week.

AREA EVENTS

The Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast will be **Sunday, December 9** serving from 8:00 AM until noon at the American Legion Hall in Gilbertville. Free will donations. Proceeds donated to Jesup and Don Bosco scholarship funds and other projects.

“The COF Soup & Chili Supper will be **Wednesday, December 12th** at St. Mary Center, Gilbertville. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM followed by a social, soup/chili and bingo.”



Immaculate Conception Giving Tree

Please take an ornament and return the wrapped gift with the ornament attached no later than December 8/9. All gifts **must** be returned by this date to be delivered on time. Thank you if advance for your generosity.

St. Joseph Giving Tree

Once again our parish will be sponsoring local families in need through our giving tree. You may pick up a gift tag with the requested gift(s) before or after Mass. All gifts must be wrapped and returned to St. Joseph Church with the tag attached no later than Saturday, December 8th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thank You Notes

Words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude for the community support during and after our home fire. Thank you to the Gilbertville, Raymond, La Porte City and Evansdale Fire Departments for risking their lives trying to save our home. Thanks to everyone that donated their time, talents, and treasures helping us. The food, clothes, gifts cards, help, cars, homes and emotional support were greatly appreciated. God Bless you.

Vince and Paula McFadden Family

Immaculate Conception Parish would like to express our sympathy to the family of LeRoy Schmit. We thank them for remembering Immaculate Conception with their generous donation to our parish. May God bless you

School News

Bosco Catholic School System

www.boscocatholic.org

On December 17th, post prom will be raffling off a red cedar coffee table at the home basketball game. Tickets are \$2 each or buy 5 tickets get one free/buy 10 tickets get 2 free - we will draw for a winner that night - do not have to be present to win.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious . Please be generous.



Our Children's Religion Program for children ages 3 to 6 will be held next Sunday, **December 9th** at St. Mary Center in Gilbertville. Children may be dropped off

at the Center 15 minutes before the 10:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. In the month of November the Children's Religion Program read the story of the Generous Woman, who gave from her heart. As a service project the children are bringing a lightly used toy or stuffed animal to donate to an organization. So any child who plans to attend the December program can bring a lightly used toy or stuffed animal if they would like to participate in our service project. Thank you. Any questions please call Becky at 296-3007.

Did your child just turn 3 years old, or do you have children between the ages of 3 to 6? Please come and join us at our Children's Religion Program held the 2nd Sunday of every month during the 10:00 Mass. It is held in St. Mary Center. Through activities the children are taught the basics of the Catholic faith based on the Sunday Gospel reading.

Rosaries for Chinandega: Some of us have rosaries that we can no longer use because the chain has separated or something else has happened to them and we can no longer use them. If they are repaired we can send them to the children in Chinandega, Nicaragua. We include them in their boxes each year. Parishioner Tom Schoellen, has offered to fix these rosaries and prepare them to be sent to the children. There is a basket in the back of Immaculate Conception church for you to drop rosaries in for Tom to fix. Thank Tom when you see him.

Please note that Guiding Star of Cedar Valley is a nonprofit organization that helps women with fertility and childbirth health care. We specialize in Natural Family Planning and infertility care. Web site: www.GuidingStarCedarValley.org Please refer to the flyer for great Christmas present ideas and support GSCV. Thank you. Nancy Brannon 319 231 0911