

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday- Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM (IC) Mardell (Anniv), Jacob and Laura Schmitz

5:30 PM (SJ) Jo Snyder

Sunday- Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM (IC) Deceased members of the Norbert & Jean Even (Anniv) Family

10:00 AM (IC) For the People

Monday- Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 AM (IC) Fr. Reuter's Intention

Tuesday- Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 AM (SJ) Leander Frost

Wednesday- Saint John of the Cross, Priest

7:45 AM (IC) Melvin & Norma Schares

Thursday- Advent Weekday *Grades K-1*

8:00 AM (SJ) Germain Decker

Friday- Advent Weekday *Grades 2-12*

7:45 AM (IC) Brenda Fettkether Burnett

Saturday- Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM (IC) Jim Fischels

5:30 PM (SJ) For the People

Sunday- Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM (IC) Mel Fehl

10:00 AM (IC) Ben Rottinghaus (Anniv)



Meetings and Activities

Sunday, December 11

RCIA Class, 8:45-10:00 AM.....I.C. School

Sunday, December 18

RCIA Class, 8:45-10:00 AM.....I.C. School



There is more sweetness in one hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament than in all the world's giddy diversions and social gatherings. (St. Gabriel Possenti) As we make time for the 'diversions' and 'gatherings' of this season, consider an hour with Jesus. Drop-in at

the Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at Columbus HS, or consider a committed hour. Specific needs at this time are Sunday at 8am and Saturday at 2am, 5pm, 6pm & 7pm.

If interested email cvadoration@adorationmanager.com or call William Brandle at 319-939-9000.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others - educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's collection.

St. Joseph Parishioners: 2017 contribution envelopes will be mailed to your home address quarterly. Please remember to notify the parish office when you have a change in address or phone number which is vital to keep parish records up to date.

Daily Readings

Mon Dec 12 Reading - Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Psalm- 85:-ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14
Gospel- Luke 1:38-47

Tues Dec 13 Reading- Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Psalm- 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23
Gospel- Matthew 21:28-32

Wed Dec 14 Reading- Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25
Psalm.- 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14
Gospel- Luke 7:18b-23

Thur Dec 15 Reading- Isaiah 54:1-10
Psalm- 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b
Gospel- Luke 7:24-30

Fri Dec 16 Reading- Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8
Psalm - 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
Gospel - John 5:33-36

Sat Dec 17 Reading- Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Psalm- 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17
Gospel - Matthew 1:1-17

Sun Dec 18 1st Reading- Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm- 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
2nd Reading- Romans 1:1-7
Gospel- Matthew 1:18-24

Your Sacrificial Offering	
Previous Week	
Immaculate Conception Parish	
Budget	\$7,774.00
Youth	\$1.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Offertory	\$461.00
Holy Day	\$30.00
E-tithing	\$1,082.50
TOTAL	\$9,448.50
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00
St. Joseph Parish	
Budget	\$3,985.00
Youth	\$0.00
Offertory	\$140.00
Christmas	\$250.00
Holy Day	\$5.00
E-tithing	\$1,570.00
TOTAL	\$3,063.00
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

Preparation Class for Baptism will be **Sunday, January 22, 2017** at 9:00 AM in the Heritage Room at IC. It is recommended that parents attend the class before the baby is born. Expectant parents or parents of newborns, please call the rectory at 296-1092 between 8:00 and 4:00 weekdays to register. Also expectant parents who have not attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years are required to attend.

Thank You Notes

The family of Al Dittner would like to thank all who touched our lives at his passing. Thank you to all who helped with the meal at the American Legion, Laurie Thome and the Resurrection choir for the music, the American Legion for the grave side service, Fr. Huber and Fr. Reuter for the Mass and Fr. Huber for the visits to the hospital and all his support. Again, Thank you to all, Al Dittner family

St. Joseph parish would like to thank the family of Richard Thome for their generous donation of the new lettering on our church and the lighting of that lettering. It is a beautiful sentiment for a life-long member of our parish.

Clete and I want to thank our family and friends who remembered Clete on his 85th birthday with cards and phone calls. A lot of people asked how Clete is doing - he has a short term memory, confusion and dementia along with his bile duct cancer. We're dealing with it One Day at a Time. We thank you for your thoughts and prayers and may God bless you. Love to all, Clete & Marci Schmit

Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Parishes, On behalf of the Hope Lodge, we would like to thank you for your generous donation in memory of Diane Mangrich. Because of those who contributed to your fundraiser, the Hope Lodge network nationwide has been able to provide more than 265,000 free nights of lodging to patients and their caregivers saving families an estimated \$38 million in hotel expenses. Not having to worry about where to stay and how to pay for lodging allows cancer patients to focus on one thing: Getting well! Sincerely, Lynn Johnson, Manager.

A special thanks to all from Randy and Diane Mangrich

Area Events

Jesup Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast will be **TODAY, December 11** at American Legion in Gilbertville, from 8:00 am - Noon. All you can eat Omelet, hash browns, whole hog sausage, toast, fruit cup and beverage! Free Will Donation/Carry outs available. Proceeds donated to Jesup and Don Bosco scholarship funds.

CDA Court St. Pius X Jesup meeting December 12th at 7:00 PM in the St. A's Parish Center. Please bring items for Care and Share

The COF Soup & Chili Supper will be on **Wednesday, December 14th**, at St. Mary Center, Gilbertville. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM followed by a social, soup/chili and bingo.



COF Youth Christmas Party will be held at St. Mary Center from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on **Sunday, December 18**. Santa will arrive about 5:45PM. Each child will receive a bag of goodies and a chance to visit with Santa.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser- Please join the IA Elite 14U Volleyball team for a fundraiser at the Independence Pizza Ranch on **Monday, Dec 19** from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. The girls will be helping at the Pizza Ranch that night and a portion of the sales along with the tips will be donated to the team. Please come out and support our team. Thank you from team members: Erica Becker, Briona Charipar, Jersey Even,

School News

Bosco Catholic School System
www.boscocatholic.org

Bosco System Music Department Christmas Concert will be **Wednesday, December 14th** at 7:00 PM in the high school gymnasium. The concert will begin with the high school concert choir singing four numbers, followed by the percussion ensemble and then ending with the concert band performing four numbers. Come and enjoy some holiday cheer by listening to the Christmas music that the music department has been working on. There will also be a "free will" donation bake sale so everyone can get their holiday treats to enjoy throughout the season. Please come and support the music department Wednesday and enjoy some seasonal music.

Jon Leonetti is a nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host who conveys a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Through Jon's keynote presentations and parish missions, thousand of Catholics each year discover the freedom Christ offers by way of his life and love. Mr. Leonetti will be speaking at Don Bosco Catholic High School, **Thursday, December 15, 2016** at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The public is invited. There is no admission fee. This program is the courtesy of the Don Bosco Catholic High School Campus Ministry Program.

Discover Don Bosco Catholic High School Night, Friday, December 16 - All current 8th grade students, with their parent/guardian, attending parochial or public school or home schooled students are welcome to attend. Students currently in high school who are interested in transferring are welcome as well. 5:30 p.m. - Meet and Eat - Dinner provided free of charge

6:00 p.m. - Presentation, tour and question/answer

6:30 p.m. - Girl's Basketball game. No admission fee students/parents attending Discover Night

8:00 p.m. - Boy's Basketball game. Dance team will be performing at half-time. No admission fee students/parents attending.

Football Champion Apparel T-shirts and sweatshirts are now available for purchase for the 2016 football championship. The items come in your choice of blue or black. You can see a colored photo by logging on to the Bosco Catholic School system website - www.boscocatholic.org Order forms are located in the back of church and are due on **Friday, December 16th** to the Don Bosco High School office. If you have any questions, please let one of the following Booster Club members know. Sheri Purdy, Jill Even, Nikki Brown, Lisa Reiter

T-shirt fundraiser-The Don Bosco Student Council is selling t-shirts as a fundraiser for the Gilbertville Fire and Police Departments. This is the beginning of several efforts by the Student Council to raise money for the departments and is the kickoff to the Community Rescue Center fundraising. The Gilbertville Fire and Police Departments are hoping to raise enough money to be able to start the center in the near future. Please purchase a t-shirt to show your support for all the men and women who risk their lives everyday for our safety! The order forms are due back to the Don Bosco school office by **Friday, December 16th**. Please make checks out to Don Bosco. Thank you for your support! The order forms are available in the school offices and on the Bosco System website www.boscocatholic.org