

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday- Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM (IC) For the People

5:30 PM (SJ) Germain Decker

Sunday- Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM (IC) Eugene & Margaret Klein

10:00 AM (IC) Mike Driscoll

Monday- Late Advent Weekday

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

Tuesday- Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM (SJ) Bob Schmitt (Anniv)

Wednesday - Late Advent Weekday

7:45 AM (IC) Deceased members of the
Norbert & Jean Even family

Thursday- Late Advent Weekday *Grades K & 1*

8:00 AM (SJ) Mike Driscoll

Friday- Late Advent Weekday

7:45 AM (IC) Robert, Catherine and Donald Becker

Saturday- Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM (IC) For the People

5:30 PM (SJ) Nate Springer

Sunday- Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM (IC) Clete Schmit

10:00 AM (IC) Jack Mayer

Sunday- Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

5:00 PM (IC) Arnold & Rosemary Frost

5:00 PM (SJ) Dick Thome

9:00 PM (IC) Leander and Augusta (Anniv) Thoma

Monday- The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM (IC) For the People

10:00 AM (IC) Jim, Marge, Peg and Dick Youngblut



Meetings and Activities

Sunday, December 17

RCIA Class, 8:45 -10:00 AM.....I.C. School
Confirmation Class 11 AMSt. Mary Center

Sunday, December 24

NO RCIA Class



"He who has God finds he lacks nothing: God alone suffices." (St. Teresa of Avila) Have Everything! Visit the Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at Columbus HS. Consider becoming a committed adorer. Specific needs at this time are Wednesdays at 1 am and

Mondays at 12 pm (temporary). If interested email cvadoration@gmail.com or call Mike Strei at [801-920-9130](tel:801-920-9130).

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, "Wf1en we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection

Daily Readings

Mon Dec 18 Reading - Jeremiah 23:5-8

Psalm- 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Gospel- Matthew 1:18-25

Tues Dec 19 Reading- Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a

Psalm- 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Gospel- Luke 1:5-25

Wed Dec 20 Reading- Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm - 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Gospel- Luke 1:26-38

Thur Dec 21 Reading- Song of Songs 2:8-14

Psalm- 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Gospel- Luke 1:39-45

Fri Dec 22 Reading- 1 Samuel 1:24-28

Resp.- 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Gospel - Luke 1:46-56

Sat Dec 23 Reading- Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

Psalm- 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14

Gospel- Luke 1:57-66

Sun Dec 24 1st Reading- 2Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm- 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

2nd Reading- Romans 16:25-27

Gospel- Luke 1:26-38

Your Sacrificial Offering
Previous Week
Immaculate Conception Parish

Budget	\$12,653.00
Youth	\$2.00
Offertory	\$703.00
Holy Day	\$375.00
Christmas	\$350.00
E-tithing	\$1,397.50
TOTAL	\$15,480.50
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

St. Joseph Parish

Budget	\$5,130.02
Offertory	\$71.00
Holy Day	\$110.00
E-tithing	\$540.00
TOTAL	\$5,851.02
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

The parishes' office will be closed December 19 & 20 and December 26 & 27.

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Christmas decorating at St. Joseph's Church will be Saturday, December 23rd following the 5:30 Mass. Any help would be appreciated.

**Preparation Class for Baptism** will be Sunday, **January 14, 2018**, 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.

**As we near the end of this calendar year this is a friendly reminder that donations received by December 31, 2017 can be recognized as a possible 2017 tax deduction for our parishioners. Any donations received after December 31, 2017 must be recognized in 2018 unless postmarked December 31, 2017.**

### *Thank You Notes*

The Knights of Columbus Council #8227 and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Pius #1714 would like to thank everyone for the great turnout last Sunday at the omelet breakfast and bake sale they hosted at the American Legion.

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

Thank you to all those who purchased gifts for the St. Joseph Giving Tree and the trees at Immaculate Conception. Because of your wonderful generosity St. Joseph parish was able to help 10 families in the area and Immaculate Conception helped 9 families and collected many more items for the School's Shoe Box Project. Your kindness helped make a Merrier Christmas for many. May God bless you for your kindness!

A **BIG** Thank you goes out to Jeanette Heintz. Jeanette has, for numerous years, generously donated her time and talent scheduling Mass servers for Immaculate Conception parish - going out of her way to make sure everyone was accommodated through busy holy day obligations and summer vacations. We appreciate her dedication to her parish. Jeanette has decided to step down and Dawn Lutgen has graciously accepted this "position". Please give Dawn your every courtesy. Dawn can be reached at 319-404-3751.

Our parishes' strive to have the best Mass servers anywhere! This excellence requires their dedication, special training, and diligence. They assist the sacristans before and after the Mass; they lead the liturgical processions; they accompany and assist the priests during the Mass and serve at the altar. Why not take a moment and thank your Mass servers for a job well done!



Singers welcome! All singers are welcome to sing with our Christmas Eve Choir at St. Joseph parish on December 24. Mass is at 5:00 so singers should be there around 4:30. If you enjoy singing Christmas music, we would love to have you join us!

## School News

**Bosco Catholic School System**

[www.boscocatholic.org](http://www.boscocatholic.org)

**HELP KIDS IN NEED** - If you can sew and have some free time your help is needed to sew a few pillowcases to be donated to the Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City. Please have donations done before Jan.1, 2018. I can pick up your completed pillowcases.

For more information Contact Megan Naughton at [319-883-1490](tel:319-883-1490) or [megannaughton@boscocatholic.org](mailto:megannaughton@boscocatholic.org)

## Area Events

**The Catholic Order of Foresters youth members** Christmas party will be held TODAY, Sunday **December 17** at the St. Mary Center from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Santa will arrive around 6:10. Each child will receive a bag of goodies and can visit with Santa.

The Waterloo Knights of Columbus Council 700 is sponsoring an overnight casino bus trip to Treasure Island in Red Wing, MN. On January 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 if you are interested in joining us and for more information, please contact Bill [319-239-2303](tel:319-239-2303) or Bruce [319-236-2210](tel:319-236-2210).

**Italy 2018** - We still have space available for our upcoming trip to Rome, Capri, Sorrento & Pompeii! Join us April 19-29 for an unforgettable journey to the Eternal City and beyond. Superior hotels, bilingual host and amazing tours are all included. A Wednesday audience with Pope Francis and a tour of the Vatican Museum - including the Sistine Chapel - is also part of our itinerary! Contact Kim & John Huff at [ConnectTheMap@gmail.com](mailto:ConnectTheMap@gmail.com), visit us on Facebook at MapConnections, or go to [www.ConnectTheMap.com](http://www.ConnectTheMap.com) for the full itinerary. Also, we are still registering people for our trip to Ireland and Scotland in July!

**For Rent:** 1 bedroom apartment in Gilbertville in Marion Housing units. Ground level, income based rent, W/S/G included. Stove and Fridge furnished. 62 yrs or over, handicapped or disabled regardless of age. Contact Kartay Apartment Management 319-334-7110.

**CEW Retreat-** This years CEW has a new look. We are moving off the gym floor and into the American Martyrs Retreat House. A beautiful facility with private rooms and comfortable beds. We are also changing to a co-ed format. this year's CEW will be **February 2-4, 2018**. The retreat begins Friday with registration at 7:15 and concludes Sunday at 4:00 PM.

CEW or Christian Experience Weekend is a renewal weekend for adults designed to enable them to more deeply "experience" themselves and their relationship to God and Christian community. The core of the CEW is in the process which occurs as the weekend unfolds. Personal involvement of each participant is essential as the content of the weekend progresses from the awareness of self-worth, to relationship with God and others, and then to Christian mission. The weekend involves large and small group processes, and individual reflection. For additional information you may contact Mike Dudley [mdudjci@mchsi.com](mailto:mdudjci@mchsi.com) 319-296-1192 or Carolyn Pffiffer [kesscari@msn.com](mailto:kesscari@msn.com) 319-238-2105.