

The Spirit of St. Joseph Parish

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Immaculate Conception Parish

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Looking Our Best for Each Other

By Father Terrance Klein, Pastor



This is a piece that I've been meaning to write for some time, but there was always another more pressing. Besides, I typically write these when I am reminded that they are past due. This one is about how we dress for church.

One of the many things that I've always loved about Catholicism is that it doesn't belong to one particular group of people: all races, cultures, education and income levels are represented. We aren't a Church that can be identified with the country club or the trailer park. Though, like Pope Francis, I do worry about what we should be doing to reach out to people on the margins in our communities. Would they feel welcome among us? Have we done anything to invite them?

Because we are diverse, so too is what we wear to Sunday Mass. And that's how it should be. No one should come to Mass, trying to look better than others. Yet I think that everyone should come to Mass trying to look his or her best. In these modern times, we sometimes forget that manners, demeanor, and clothing aren't essentially things that we do for ourselves. They are our way of showing respect to those around us. Dressing up a bit and showing

manners is our way of saying that the people around us matter to us.

In some ways of life, that means a jacket and tie, or a dress or woman's suit. For others, it may be one's best jeans and a nicely pressed cowboy shirt. I know that I am getting old, but I'm often surprised when people come to weddings and to funerals in T-shirts and shorts. Of course, these tend to be folk who don't regularly go to church, and the last thing that we want to do is make them feel uncomfortable while they are here. At least half of being a leader is learning to grin and to bear!

And shouldn't the church be happy that we show up? Of course, which is why you shouldn't think twice of running over from a sports event, still in your uniform. The issue isn't what we wear on any single day. It's the attitude of respect that we consistently show to those who share a life of faith with us.

Bottom line. Because the Catholic Church is the most diverse of gardens, we'll see a lot of variety. The key, for each one of us, is to make an effort to look our best, whatever that is for us.

Faith
makes all things Possible
not Easy



Candlelight Service was held at Sts. Peter & Paul on December 10, 2017 at 2p.m. Kathy Hines welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for coming to this event. Joyce Haberman played the organ and Emily Ney from Claflin was vocalist. We sang "Amazing Grace"; "In the Garden" and "Silent Night".

During 2017, the board added three new members: Richard Doll, Darren Dauber and Ron Straub. Jenny Kasselman and Kim Dobratz joined the board in 2012. Norman Johanning came on when Joe Hickel was here.

We have been asked how do we decide who to put on the list of loved ones who have passed. That is not an easy job. Minnis has been following in Kimple's footsteps giving the names of the people that Minnis serves. Others are added by watching the paper and anyone connected with Ellinwood, Odin, Olmitz, Claflin, Bushton area or any connection to Sts. Peter and Paul. We try to call or talk to ones who were decided on. Some family members have called and asked if their loved one could be added and we do add them on.

We felt if we could get 40 to 50 to honor, their families would come and light a candle. If they cannot be there, Ryan Minnis lights a candle for them. This year after the candles were lit family members could take remaining candles home.

We thank you and appreciate each and everyone who came and helped us on Sunday, December 10th.

After the service we went for cookies, coffee and cider in the newly remodeled basement.

If you know of anyone who would like to have a loved one included for 2018, please let us know.

Ryan & Bridgette celebrate their Wedding Day



Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Komarek

Brigette Hitschmann and Ryan Komarek were united in marriage on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin, Kansas. Father Terrance Klein officiated. Parents of the couple are Mick & Carla Hitschmann of Odin, and Jamie Komarek and Chris Komarek of Ellinwood.

Grandparents are Everette Hitschmann of Odin, Pat and Jenny Kasselmann, Jerry and Judy Komarek all of Ellinwood.

Maid of Honor was Brigette's sister, Heather Panning. Bridesmaids were Annie Weber, Alicia McKenna and Brittany VanScyoc, friends of the bride. Flower girl was Avery Panning, niece of the bride. Best Man was Alex Birney, a friend of Ryan's since fourth grade. Groomsmen were Nic. Roth, and Derek Brady, friends of the groom, and Ryan's brother Josh Komarek. Ring Bearer was Micah Sieker, Godson of the groom.

The new bride graduated from Hoisington High School in 2005. Brigette went on to Barton Community College where she took her general education classes and played softball. After Barton she went to Fort Hays State graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. Brigette has taught Kindergarten at Ellinwood Grade School for the past four years.

The groom graduated from Ellinwood High School in 2010. He continued his education at Barton Community College, graduating with an Associates Degree in Ag Business. Ryan works for Sieker Ag.

Father mentioned in his homily that he had asked both Ryan and Brigette to write something about each other. Brigette wrote: "I love

how Ryan brings out the best in me. We are both strong in our faith and always have each other to turn to. Ryan always sees the best in everything and helps me to believe in myself. We have gone through a rough year when Ryan found out he had cancer, but we grew stronger in our relationship and found we always have each other through the good times and the bad."

Ryan wrote: "Brigette is someone I know will always be by my side. Recently diagnosed with cancer, the one thing I remember Brigette saying was 'I will be right here with you through everything.' I knew I could have someone to lean on through anything."

Ryan and Brigette met two years ago at a wedding dance at St. Joseph Parish Center. They enjoy camping at Lake Wilson, fishing, and walking their dogs, Fergus, Diesel and Dot. The couple will make their home in Ellinwood.



Addilyn Lewis Baptism

Addilyn Kim Lewis, born on September 26, 2017 was baptized at St. Joseph Church on October 22, 2017 by Father Terrance Klein. Addilyn is the daughter of Jesse and Audrey Lewis of our parish. She is welcomed in the family by her three brothers, Braden 11, Keaton 8 and Jaxon 3.

Pictured are sponsors, Chad Braun and Kim Heinz, Jesse, Audrey with baby Addilyn, Fr. Klein. Front: Keaton, Jaxon and Braden Lewis.

Congratulations to the Lewis Family!



Welcome Carrie & Craig Merritt



Craig, Carrie, Coit and Carson Merritt.

Please welcome Craig and Carrie Merritt and their sons, Coit and Cason, who have recently joined St. Joseph Parish.

Ever since Craig was a young boy coming back to visit his grandparents, Clyde and Clara Merritt, and his Aunt Janice and Uncle Don Knop, he has wanted to live in Ellinwood. A few

months ago, Craig and Carrie decided they would try to sell their house in Texas and make his dream of living in Ellinwood a reality. Much to the couple's surprise, the family's home in Texas sold very quickly, and they were packing their belongings and heading to Kansas!

The family has four dogs, two are



Great Pyrenees, one named Kansas and the other named Daisy, a Dutch Shepherd named Liezel, and a Shepherd named Buck who also made the move to Kansas with them.

Craig works at Great Bend Regional Hospital as a nurse. He appreciates this job because it allows him to spend more time with his family. Craig also recently joined the Ellinwood EMS. Carrie is a stay at home mom and home schools their two boys, Coit is an eighth grader and Cason is a fifth grader.

When asked what they liked about Kansas the family all agreed they like the weather, wind and all! The boys are hoping to see snow for Christmas. Coit and Cason also said they enjoy the freedom that comes with living in a small town.

Say hello to the Merritt family when you see them at Church!

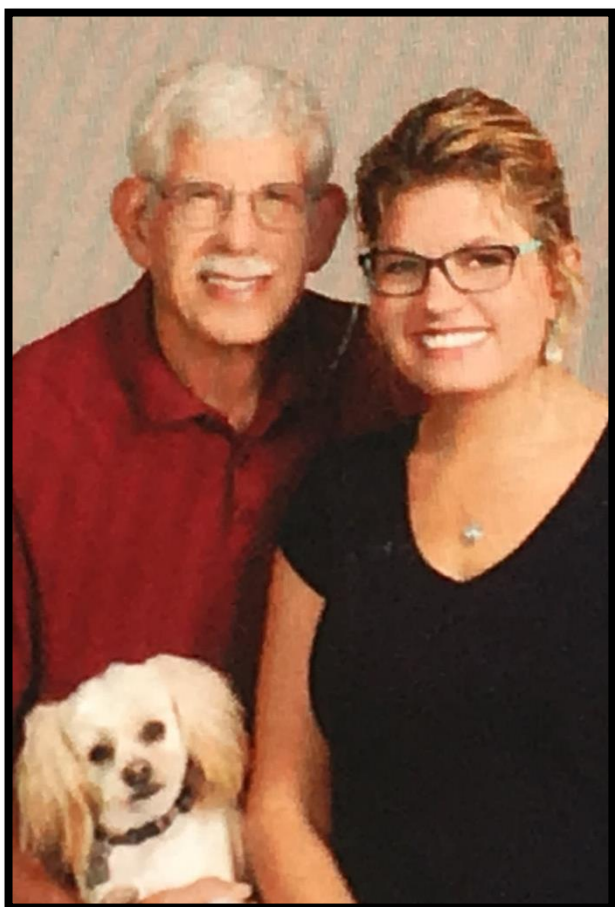


Thank You

A big thank you goes out to the St. Joseph High School PSR students, who, under the supervision of Sean O'Neill, helped prepare the annual St. Joseph School Endowment letters for mailing. What a great service project for these students.

Ryder Alan *White*

Ryder Alan White was baptized at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday November 26, 2017 with Father Klein officiating. He is the son of Isaac and Brogan White. Ryder's Baptism sponsors are Norel Kirmer, sister to Brogan and Nathan White, brother to Isaac. Grandparents on Brogan's side are Alan and Kathy Kirmer. Grandparents on Isaac's side are Joel and Debbie Hosman and Brian White. Congratulations to the White family!



Welcome, Joe Jordan!

Immaculate Conception Church would like to welcome Joe Jordan to our parish. Joe calls Claflin his hometown, and had moved to O'Fallon, MO in 1992 due to a job change. While in Missouri, he was a member of Assumption Catholic Church of O'Fallon. He has since retired from his manufacturing job and moved back home to Claflin in May of 2015 to the land that was homesteaded by his great grandparents.

Joe's wife, Dorothy ("Dottie") passed away on May 21, 2014, after a battle with cancer. She is buried at Claflin. His family also includes his children and grandchildren: John & Dawn Jordan, and their children, Jackson and Christian of Overland Park, KS; Joleen Overton. And her children, Cody, Michael and Holly...Joleen and Holly live with Joe, while Cody and Michael live in O'Fallon, MO; Jennifer & John Pairrett, and their children, Mathew, Troy, Sam and Emily, of Winfield, MO; Jason & Stacey Jordan, and their children, Joshia & Jasper, of Holyrood, KS.

Joe served 2 ½ years active duty in the Army Airborne, Special Forces and 20 years in the Army Reserves. He enjoys hunting and spending time with his grandkids. Joe is also serving as a Eucharistic minister at Immaculate Conception Church. Welcome home, Joe!

BIRTHRIGHT

Giving Tree

Immaculate Conception members once again supported Birthright of Great Bend this year by donating items that were listed on tags on the Giving Tree during December. The items most requested by Birthright included baby lotion, Newborn and Size 2 diapers, hooded towels, burp cloths, crib sheets, sleepers and cash donations. Once again ICC members were generous with their donations and not only gave the items that were requested, but also added baby wipes, baby outfits, homemade fleece blankets, quilted throws and much more. The Birthright office is located at 1420 Wilson Street, Great Bend, KS 67530. Items can be donated at any time during the year, and monetary donations can also be mailed to that address. Thank you to everyone who has supported this pro-life ministry through their donations. Many women and babies have been blessed through your generous giving!



Angel Tree



The Angel Tree for St. Francis foster care children was at Immaculate Conception during November. Twenty names appeared on snowflake ornaments on the tree. As volunteers took names off of the tree, they signed their name in a notebook so that we knew that all of the names had been claimed. All twenty names were chosen, and the gifts were turned in by the deadline of November 26! The gifts were then taken to the St. Francis Community Services office in Great Bend on November 27 so that the social workers would be able to deliver the gifts to the children before Christmas. Thank you, and God Bless everyone who purchased gifts for the children. You made their holiday brighter. As one St. Francis worker said, "We could not do everything that we do for the children without the support and help of our community!"

NCYC†

By: Sheri Holmes

NCYC has been an amazing experience for all of our youth who have attended from our parishes, and 2017 was no different. To begin preparing for our trip to Indianapolis, we have to fund raise and request donations to raise \$600 for each person attending. For this we are very grateful to our parishes for all of their support! Beginning in October, we get together to pray, prepare, and do team building activities to ready ourselves for the pilgrimage. Our youth decide on shirts and plan trades. They choose their breakout sessions and plan when they may be able to go to Confession and Adoration. We want to thank Fr. Klein for the blessing and Steve and Kathy for the care packages that are always special in our preparation as well! As for our NCYC experience that was held November 16th-18th this year, this is what our youth had to say was their favorite part:

Anthony Oberle said, "Seeing all of the people in the stadium."

Rachel Lamatsch said, "At the end when everyone started doing the (Catholic) dance."

Jerred Bieberle said, "The Mass was my favorite part."

Kylie Lamatsch said, "My favorite part was Adoration and just seeing everyone in the stadium in silence."

Emily Hitschmann said, "My favorite part was Adoration, because it was crazy how quiet the entire stadium got with so many people in it."

Tyler Holmes said, "My favorite part was talking to Austin and getting to know what it's like being a seminarian."

Lee Letourneau said, "My favorite part was Mass."

Delaney Rugan said, "My favorite part was when everyone had their flashlights on and we lit up the whole stadium after Mass. Especially since Bishop was doing it with us."

Hannah Beran said, "My favorite part was walking around by the stage and meeting different people."

Jacob Oberle said, "The first night at the stadium, listening to all the speakers' stories."

Addison Crites said, "The first night at the stadium, because I didn't know what to expect and it was amazing."

Brianna Hickel said, "My favorite part was at the end of Mass when everyone just lit up the whole place and I thought it was amazing how everyone came together to create that."



Our chaperones had this to say...

Toby Holmes said, "I liked Chris Stefanick, Sr. Mariam Heidland, Joe Melendrez, and Matt Maher; and spending time with our kids. Special memories."

Sonya Lamatsch said, "I liked Chris Stefanick and Mariam Heidland, what great speakers! It was awesome to see our kids in this type of atmosphere, great kids and great memories."

Janel Rugan said, "I was very moved by the speakers and the Mass on our final night at NCYC. However, the best part of the experience was witnessing over 20,000 youth coming together in friendship and faith to celebrate our Catholic faith in such an amazing way. In a world where we often focus on negativity, it was moving to see that God is so alive within our youth!!"

Sheri Holmes said, "On this trip, we had the privilege of having Austin, one of our Diocesan Seminarians, hang out with our group. When I asked what he thought of his first year at NCYC, he said he got more from the witness of faith from all of our youth than he did from any speaker on the stage. WOW! Every year, several of our youth attend Reconciliation and Adoration instead of going to a breakout session, which is amazing! This was the first time in all the years that I have been to NCYC that I had time to attend Reconciliation and the small chapel Adoration, and I appreciate our chaperones for their leadership!"

Kristi Beran said, "The whole experience was amazing and better than I had imagined. I loved Matt Maher and Sr Miriam. Adoration was extremely moving and spiritual, a major miracle given there were 25,000 people in a football stadium....Jesus was definitely present. It was reassuring to me to see all the kids so alive in their faith and live for Jesus ...the future of the Catholic Church is in good hands."



January 2018
Daily Eucharistic Ministers

3 - Joy S., JoAnn Roth
5 - Gerry Menges, Sharla Thill
10 - Kirk Bressler, Angie Hammeke
12 - Glenda Heinz, Joy S.
17 - JoAnn Roth, Sharla Thill
19 - Angie Hammeke, Kirk Bressler
24 - JoAnn Roth, Glenda Heinz
26 - Sharla Thill, Joy S.
31 - Angie Hammeke, Kirk Bressler



SATURDAY, 5:00PM MASS

Jan. 6 - Paul Huschka, Heather & Jason Schlochtermeier Family

Jan. 13 - Glen & Kathy Hertel, Josh Komarek, Jamie Komarek, Connie Potts, Colton Potts

Jan. 20 - Jeff & Gwen Klepper Family, Larry & Joan Drees

Jan. 27 - Joni & Louie Pivonka, Amy & Steve Oelke Family

SUNDAY, 10:30AM MASS

Jan. 7 - John & Marlene Clayton, Tony & Cheryl Klepper, Ron & Rosemary McCrary

Jan. 14 - Monte & Robin Doll Family, Tom & Jolene Snell

Jan. 21 - Kelly & Kristen Wondra Family, Leon & Marilyn Reichuber

Jan. 28 - SJS Students

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec 31 - Logan Panning, Emma Nienke

Jan. 6 & 7

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Rosie Joiner

Ellen Shanteau

10:30am Sun.

John Sturn

Mary Tudor

EM

Joe Schulte

Yvonne Strecker

Steve Oelke

Amy Oelke

Sharon Gatton

Marcella Birzer

Kirk Bressler

Kent Roth

Joy Schlochtermeier

Paul Schlochtermeier

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

A. J. Bowyer

Jonathon Mason

David Hammeke

Kayanna Hammeke

Sacristan

Rosemary Robl

Kelly & Kristen Wondra

Weekday Servers: Week of Jan. 7- Caylee Rowan, Haley Rugan

Jan. 13 & 14

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Jerome Huslig

Charlie Joslin

10:30am Sun.

Dennis Habiger

Mary Waite

EM

Millie Menges

Lori Billinger

Curtis Wolf

John Clayton

Jean Klepper

Ed Schlochtermeier

Mel Waite

Rick Thomas

Lori Thomas

Lori Hammeke

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Drew Heinz

Colby Heinz

Haley Troyer

Kiley Troyer

Sacristan

Karen Kramp

JoAnn Roth

Weekday Servers: Week of Jan. 14 - Britton Dutton, Karson Harrington

Jan. 20 & 21

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Yvonne Strecker

Stephanie Joiner

10:30am Sun.

Catherine Strecker

Heather Panning

EM

Rosie Joiner

Angie Hammeke

Melanie Zink

Glenda Heinz

Joe Schulte

Mike Moeder

Mary Tudor

Jalayne Ewing

LeRoy Thill

Sharla Thill

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Brayden Williams

Madisyn Schlochtermeier

Sarah Hammeke

Erin Hammeke

Sacristan

Millie Menges

Tammy Troyer

Weekday Servers: Week of Jan. 21 - Daniel Hammeke, Shaun Weber

Jan. 27 & 28

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Steve Billinger

Sharon Gatton

10:30am Sun.

SJS Student

SJS Student

EM

Jerome Huslig

Ellen Shanteau

Lori Hammeke

Joy Schlochtermeier

Paul Schlochtermeier

Jason Schlochtermeier

Rod Weber

Danielle Weber

Kim Heinz

Jean Klepper

Accomp/Cantor

Servers:

Luke Wondra

Mason Doll

SJS Students

Sacristan

Marilyn Schartz

Kirk Bressler

Immaculate Conception Ministry Schedule

January 2018

Sunday January 7, 2018

- Lectors: Laura Schlessiger, Kent Praeger
- Eucharistic Ministers: Francis Soukup, Nancy Liebl, Fred Beck, Karlynn Beck, Joan Miller
- Gift Bearers: Rick and Dawnya Hickel
- Greeters: Jon and Jane Oeser Family
- Servers: Isaac Heredia, Lexie Oeser
- Sacristan: Joan Miller

Sunday January 14, 2018

- Lectors: Lori Koester, Richard Rugan
- Eucharistic Ministers: Toby Holmes, Sheri Holmes, Cindy Stueder, Rita Stueder, Dawnya Hickel
- Gift Bearers: John and Laura Schlessiger Family
- Greeters: Leon and Judy Oberle
- Servers: Tagen Davis, Tyler Holmes
- Sacristan: Dee Krier

Sunday January 21, 2018

- Lectors: Darah Harrison, Don Zink
- Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Jordan, Carmen Johnson, Barbara Musgrove, Bill Thomas, Laurie Feist
- Gift Bearers: Lee and Jamie Bieberle
- Greeters: Chris and Tammy Steiner Family
- Servers: Peyton Dody, Devin Ryan
- Sacristan: Judy Oberle

Sunday January 28, 2018

- Lectors: Toby Holmes, Nancy Liebl
- Eucharistic Ministers: Peggy Feist, Doris Feist, Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Jim Oberle
- Gift Bearers: Janie Haxton and Dee Krier
- Greeters: Jim and Lisa Ryan Family
- Servers: Maryssa Menges, Brett Liebl
- Sacristan: Joy Hertach

If unable to fulfill your ministry duties,
Please find a replacement or
call the Sacristan.

WEEKDAY Schedule

Tuesday January 2

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Joan Miller, Jim Oberle

Thursday January 4

- Lector: Nancy Steinert
- EM: Bill Thomas, Joan Miller

Friday January 5

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Carla Liebl, Bill Thomas

Tuesday January 9

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Jim Oberle, Carla Liebl

Thursday January 11

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Bill Thomas, Joan Miller

Tuesday January 16

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Carla Liebl, Jim Oberle

Thursday January 18

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Bill Thomas, Joan Miller

Tuesday January 23

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Carla Liebl, Jim Oberle

Thursday January 25

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Jim Oberle, Carla Liebl

Tuesday January 30

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Joan Miller, Bill Thomas

Thursday February 1

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Jim Oberle, Carla Liebl

Birthdays & Anniversaries – January 2018

Immaculate Conception Church

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Axtell
- 1 Douglas Hubbard
- 4 Janet Hitschmann
- 6 Blaine Hickel
- 7 Corey Stiles
- 8 Bryce Moran
- 8 Tony Thomas
- 12 Carol Beck
- 13 Patricia Schmidt
- 15 Maryssa Menges
- 15 Raymond Oberle
- 15 Lisa Ryan
- 16 Herb Hoff
- 17 Brian Praeger
- 18 Justin Rupe
- 19 Roberta Haley
- 20 Holter Kirmer
- 21 Timothy Hertach
- 21 Lauren Kirmer
- 23 Jacob Garrett
- 26 Pete Krier
- 28 Kevin Liebl
- 29 McKenna Schmidt
- 30 Morgan Hekele
- 31 Isaac Heredia

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Colby & Nicole Miller
- 8 Jason & Tamara Dody
- 9 Jeff & Stacey Beck
- 12 Richard & Margaret Frisbie
- 12 Howard & Carmen Johnson
- 21 Kirby & Kathleen Krier
- 26 N.R. & Dana Weber

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Jo Cunningham
- 1 Christy Nemnich
- 2 Marguerite Feist
- 2 Rosemary Robl
- 4 Catherine Strecker
- 4 Marjorie Thomas
- 6 Laken Blair
- 7 Eric Tyson
- 9 Brenda Birzer
- 9 Cassie Micek
- 12 Mark Roth
- 13 Corrine Batchman
- 13 Kayanna Hammeke
- 13 Adrian Sanchez
- 14 Arthur Huslig
- 14 James Lyman
- 14 Mark Menges
- 14 Tyler Wirtz
- 15 Goldie Elsen
- 15 Kelsey Menges
- 18 Gwen Klepper
- 19 Harold Miller
- 19 Caden Rowan
- 21 Jeanine Gowdy
- 21 Dennis Habiger
- 21 Sharon Reichuber
- 21 Marilyn Schartz
- 21 Mike Thill
- 22 Tony Klepper
- 22 Daniel Thomas
- 23 Sean O'Neill
- 24 Jessica Willams
- 25 Judy Komarek
- 25 Isabel Mai
- 26 Ashlynn Gray
- 26 Ethan Linden
- 26 Darrell Shanteau
- 26 Shaun Weber
- 27 Mark Batchman
- 28 Mary Ann Brungardt
- 28 Sharla Thill
- 29 Vicki Batchman
- 30 Terri Siefers
- 31 Raymond Robl

St. Joseph Church

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Justin & Meredith Joiner
- 14 Michael & Casey Batchman
- 17 James & Darcy Lyman
- 22 Tom & Jolene Snell
- 23 Pat & Jenny Kasselman
- 29 Robert & Marjorie Thomas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2018 						
	1 Sol. Of Mary Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	2 Mass 8:15am [C]	3 Mass 8:15am [E] No PSR [C]	4 Mass 8:15am [C]	5 First Friday Mass 8:15am [E] Mass 10:00am [C]	6 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
7 Epiphany Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	8 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	9 Mass 8:15am [C]	10 Mass 8:15am [E] PSR 7:00pm [C]	11 Mass 8:15am [C]	12 Mass 8:15am [E]	13 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
14 2nd Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	15 Mass 9:30am Hospital	16 Mass 8:15am [C]	17 Mass 8:15am [E] PSR 7:00pm [C]	18 Mass 8:15am [C]	19 Mass 8:15am [E]	20 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
21 3rd Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	22 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	23 Mass 8:15am [C]	24 Mass 8:15am [E] PSR 7:00pm [C] First Reconciliation for 2 nd Grade [C]	25 Mass 8:15am [C] EAC Community Soup Supper 5-7pm [E]	26 Mass 8:15am [E]	27 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
28 4th Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E] K of C Soup Sampler 11am [E]	29 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	30 Mass 8:15am [C]	31 Mass 8:15am [E] PSR 7:00pm [C]	 Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018 January 28 – February 3 #CSW18		

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Altar Society News

The Immaculate Conception Altar Society held a Christmas party and meeting on Tuesday, November 28th, 2017 with 20 members present. The minutes and by-laws were read by secretary Cathy Miller along with thank you notes from Kylee Kasselmann and Kylie Holmes. Changes to the by-laws were discussed, and will be further discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

Alvita Cates presented the treasurer's report. Expenses included: Donation to NCYC, candles, postage and paper supplies, bingo, and fall supper expenses. Income included: votive candles, dues, donations from funerals, and raffle prize donations.

In Old Business, they discussed changing the price of the fall dinner, using donation items for bingo prizes, and the need to update the members contact list. A couple in our parish may take on the duty of Welcome Committee, and they will let them know at the next meeting. In New Business, there was a discussion about putting a cap on donation money, not to exceed \$250. This was voted on and passed. The assembly also voted to give monetary gifts to Father Klein, Nancy Schartz, Kathy Krier and Eric Frieb (seminarian), and a gift certificate to Steve Schachle.

Door prizes were awarded to Janie Haxton, Rose Ann Wondra, Patty Schmidt, Sarah Stueder, and Lauren Kirmer.

The officers met on December 6th to make Christmas baskets and cards for elderly parish members.

New officers for 2018 include: Dee Krier-President, Kathy Kirmer-Vice President, Gracie Demel-Secretary, and Joan Miller-Treasurer. **The next meeting is scheduled for January 7th after the Sunday mass.** The new officers will be installed at that meeting.