

We remember in prayer:

Lori Arp, Christine Atterbury, Anne Boone, Paul Buchanan, Rodney Butterfield, Fred Carpenter, Fallon Carter, John Casey, Mary Casey, Sandy Cross, Donna Davis, Marjorie Ellison, Kathy Enderle, Andy Fowler, Bridget Gillespie, Holly Gladbach, Belinda Goff, Rosanne Hamilton, Julie Hamann, Lynn Ellen Haugh, Emmett Hertal, Charlie Higinbothom, Sarah Jackson, Keeley LeBleu, Jeremy Loder, Steve Lupcho, Emma & Larry Ludwig, Fallon Milford, Mike Morris, Linda Owens, Ron Paalhar, Bobby Parker, Jewell Phillips, Olivia Robinson, Jim Schrader, Carl Schreiner, Sybil Schreiner, Ron Sears, Bob Sims, Rick Smith, Margi Speichinger, Regan Tate, Jim Timmons. People of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel.



All affected by natural disasters For all care givers.

We know that our prayer for others help!!! If you know of people who need our prayer, let us know. We will be happy to include them on our list. There are many needs to pray for: peace in many places around the world, everyone we promised to pray for.....

Note: If you asked us to put someone on the prayer list.. .. please let us know when they can be taken off the list.

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.

The next class for OCIA is Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 5:15 in the rectory. Please join us if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church.



Please take time to complete the **CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL** form. Consider the ways that you can share your **TIME** and **TALENT** with your parish community, the **CHURCH**. Check the list, maybe you will be inspired to add a new ministry to your list of volunteer roles.

In case you can't find your copy.....There are **extra Stewardship packets** on the desk in Church.

If you have not turned in your form.....does that mean you don't want to do the same ministries as last year? Do we schedule you this year????

Server Training: In January we will do a **REVIEW** of serving with all of our younger servers. Then, we will train all students from grade 3 and up who are new to serving.

Immaculate Conception Church

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Cemetery website: <https://www.cemify.com/cem/immaculate-conception-church>

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OUR MISSION:
TO PROCLAIM CHRIST...TO BE COMMUNITY...
TO SERVE...
TO CELEBRATE

Parochial Administrator-
Rev. Fr. C. Paschal Ihediohanna
Pastoral Associate-Sister Mary Rost SSND

Sacraments: Contact Sr. Mary for preparation

New Parishioners: We are happy to welcome you to our parish. Contact Fr. Pascal, Sister Mary or fill out the registration paper on the desk in Church

Pastoral Council Members

Meets 1st Wed. of month

- Catherine Black
- Brian Brockman
- Emily Gordon
- Roger Hulett
- Bryant O'Kane
- John Kremer
- Bill Paalhar
- Kathy Seckington
- Jane Walgren

Finance Council Members

Meets every other month

- Chair- Roger Hulett 816-616-5034
- Susie Abeln 660-412-2010
- Tyler Gordon 660-734-1278
- Clydene Loyd 600-258-9000
- Pat O'Kane 660-895-5440

December 14, 2025



Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday represents JOY or the mid-point of Advent.

The prophet Isaiah and the New Testament prophet, John the Baptist each prepared the people for God's transformational presence. With eyes of faith, may we glory in his presence in God's word, in the Eucharist, and in others.

Mass Times

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Rosary at 8:25

***Reconciliation*: Sundays 8:30-8:55

The Wednesday Mass is at 8:30

Mass Intentions

Dec 14 Virginia McCurry

Dec 17 Boone Family

Dec 21 Billy Yaeger

Dec 24 Bill Paalhar, Sr. & John Paalhar **Mass at 6:00 pm**

Dec 28 Nelson Cattet

Church Attendance

Dec 7 160

Dec 8 105

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12-16 Rose Paalhar

12-17 Belinda Goff

12-17 Norma Clark

12-17 Michelle Lewis

12-19 Paul Sikorski

12-20 Louise Gladbach

12-20 Debbie Hoyt

**Have you turned in your Stewardship Form?????*

We have 49 and counting! PLEASE RETURN SOON!



Thank you to everyone who took time to ring the Salvation Army Bell! During our days of Ringing the Bell, \$1506.59 was donated

Please mark your calendars

Church Schedule till January 1

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. St. Bonaventure

6:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Hurricane Branch

10:00 a.m. St. Bonaventure

New Year's Eve

4:00 p.m. St. Bonaventure

6:00 p.m. St. Raphael

New Year's Day

9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception

10:45 a.m. St. Bonaventure



We have 15 names for Christmas Baskets . Join with another family or two and provide part of the meal. The baskets need to be delivered on Saturday, Dec. 20. You can deliver to the family you choose OR bring your items to Church on the morning of Dec. 20 for parishioners to deliver. Each family on our list would struggle to provide a nice meal for their family on Christmas.

Diocesan Christmas Assessment is \$1,322. Please give what you can.

Stewardship of Treasure

Needed for Dec. . . . \$13,468

Dec 7 \$4,589

Dec 14 \$

Dec 21. \$

Dec28 \$

Still Needed for Dec \$8,879

Improvement Fund.....\$167

Cemetery.....\$95

Vocations/Priest.....\$250

Looking Ahead:

***The PSR students will help with the ministries at Mass and will do their program for everyone after Mass on Sunday.*

***The Ladies Auxiliary will have a Cookie Sale on December 14. after Mass in the school multipurpose room. Cookies, fudge, etc will be \$5.00 a pound. Take home a variety of delicious cookies, etc. for your holiday guests.*

Please sign up for Ministries for Christmas Eve (6:00 pm) and New Year's Day (9:00 a.m.)

Emmaus Dinner for all young men 15-25 years old Sunday, December 28 at Fr. Buhman Center in Shelbina. Holy Hour at 5:00 followed by dinner and Q & A with F. Paul Clark, F. Joseph, F. Huffmon, & Seminarians See flyers in Church to RSVP



Why Catholic: Dec 14

4. A Mass is invalid

a. If fewer than half the people present hold hands during the Our Father.

a. Wrong. If you chose this answer you should think seriously about enrolling in a first-grade religion class. The seven-year-olds probably will be able to teach you something.

b. If the priest omits the opening sign of the cross and the Nicene Creed.

b. Wrong, even though it is illicit for a priest to omit the opening sign of the cross or, when specified by the rubrics, the creed, such omission does not make the Mass invalid.

c. If the priest celebrates Mass while he is in the state of mortal sin.

c. Wrong, because the efficacy of any sacrament does not depend on the holiness of the minister. If so, we never could tell if absolution "took" in the confessional or if a Mass were validly said, since we can't see inside the priest's soul. Sacraments work through their own power, given by Christ, not through the virtuousness of the priest.

d. If the priest ad libs any part of the canon.

d. Wrong, but close. If the priest ad libs the words of consecration, he likely will end up with an invalid Mass. If he ad libs other parts of the canon, he acts illicitly and perhaps sinfully, but the Mass does not become invalid.

e. None of the above.

e. Correct, because all the other possible answers are wrong.