



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MONDAY—DECEMBER 7

Sanit Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [People of WFCC] - Mowille
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (II) - Kingsley
6:30 p.m. Eucharist [Thomas D. Cooper+] - Mowille

TUESDAY—DECEMBER 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OFFICES CLOSED

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Robert/Patricia Stratton+] - Kingsley
7:00 p.m. Eucharist [] - Mowille
7:30 p.m. KC8232 Meeting - Mowille

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 9

Second Wednesday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [Farrell W. Wright+] - Mowille
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley
11:00 a.m. Eucharist [People of WFCC] - CharMac
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley
4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-4] - Kingsley
4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-5] - Mowille
5:00-7:00 p.m. SMC Catechist Appreciation - Kingsley
7:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [5-12] - Kingsley
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [6-9] - Mowille
7:00 p.m. SMC Guild Meeting - Kingsley

THURSDAY—DECEMBER 10

Second Thursday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Mowille
8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Robert/Patricia Stratton+] - Kingsley
12:30 p.m. PieceMakers - Mowille
7:00 p.m. PieceMakers - Mowille

FRIDAY—DECEMBER 11

Second Friday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Mowille
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Mowille
5:00 p.m. Eucharist [Living/Deceased Members] - Mowille
6:00 p.m. Baptism (Uhl) - Mowille
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Guild)/Rummage - Mowille

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 13

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley
9:00 a.m. Eucharist [Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Ruba+] - Kingsley

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<http://www.westforkcatholiccommunity.org>
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6 December 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

We know Christmas is close. All the signs are there: decorations, holiday music, Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales, sign-up sheets at work for the Christmas party, plans made with family, etc. It's hard to miss these signs. Everywhere we turn, Christmas is standing right in front of us. Red, white, green. Santa Claus. TV specials. Gift lists. The signs of Christmas' coming are obvious, glaringly obvious. And because we celebrate Christmas' imminent arrival, we push Advent aside, forgetting that Advent is a season of expectancy for BOTH Christmas and the Second Coming, Christ's return to judge the living and the dead.

If I were the Devil, I wouldn't change a thing regarding our current treatment of the post-Thanksgiving/pre-Christmas season. I wouldn't shed one tear for poor little Advent's terrible plight. Why? Because while God's children are focused almost exclusively on celebrating the Holiday, they aren't getting ready for the Holy Day, much less Jesus' Second Coming. Occupied with gift exchanges, parties, and decorating, we are doing little if anything to genuinely prepare to celebrate the arrival of our Savior, much less occupy any time with thoughts regarding our final judgment and eternal disposition.

Now, lest I sound like some crazy priest who hates Christmas, let me say: I'm not suggesting that we turn Advent into a Lent-like dirge of weeping and gnashing of teeth. Advent is about preparing for the joys of Christmas! BUT it is also about preparing ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ. And if you think about it, this makes sense. He comes at Christmas as a child to save us from sin and death. He will come again at the end of time to sit in judgment of our faithfulness. Our salvation deserves celebration, and our judgment requires preparation. We know how to celebrate, but do we know how to prepare?

I cannot urge you strongly enough to dedicate some time in your day, every day to talk with God, asking him what he wants you to do. Please look past the crass commercialism and hedonistic ways of our culture as it prepares for Christmas and instead ask God to enter your heart and change you from within. Remember, Jesus isn't just the reason for the season, he's the very source and reason for our lives. Have a blessed week!

Fr. Brad Pelzel

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PROJECT ANDREW EVENT Sunday, January 17, TBD at St. Mary-Storm Lake. Hosted by Bishop Nickless and the Vocations Office. Promising young men interested in going please contact Fr. Brad before January 13.

CHRISTMAS ACRES 2015 the largest country Christmas display. Lights, displays, inflatables and music starting November 21-December 31, 5:00-10:00 p.m. All donations go to the Christian Needs Center. 18481 Impala Ave, LeMars. Weather permitting if raining/heavy snow display will not be on.



MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 8:00 A.M.

Communion: Karen Malm, Alice Seuntjens, Volunteer

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13 9:00 A.M.

Altar Servers: Jeana Hamman, Anna Schmid, Madison Wurth

Reader(s): Trent Lammers, Rita Conry

Cantor: Angie Haggin

Organist: Volunteer

Gifts: LeMont Schmid Family

Communion: Jerry Seuntjens, John Galles, Karen Malm

KNH: Alice Seuntjens

Greeters: Tim & Lisa Carlson

Ushers: Dan Mockler, Dan Murray

Collection

Counters: Barb Sitzmann, Becky Sitzmann

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes\$1,130.00 (32 Envelopes)

Youth Envelopes*\$45.00 (16 Envelopes)

Loose\$326.00

Campaign for Human Dev.....\$155.00 (4 Envelopes)

Farm Ground Income\$3,056.86

Flower Fund.....\$25.00 (1 Envelope)

Grain Donation\$1,083.46

Interest Income\$4.95

Rent.....\$40.00

Total Income\$5,866.27

Needed Each Week.....\$2,877.89

Total Expenses\$4,531.32

*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: none

BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016

Income needed by 30 June 2016: \$143,090.78

Income needed each week: \$2,751.75

Income received since 1 July 2015: \$55,517.13

12/4/2015

SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 6-12] burns for Florian Kummer+ at the request of Ricki, Susie & Nikki Ahlquist.

Weeks available until December 31.

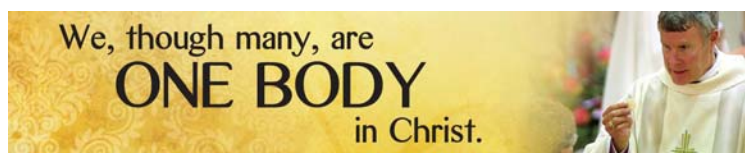
LADIES GUILD will hold their December meeting at Doosky's December 9 at 6:30 p.m. for evening meal and meeting. We would love to have everyone! Reminder that guild dues for 2015 is due.

SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER: when KP has a late start or cancels classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays due to severe weather, morning Mass is automatically cancelled. Weekend Masses will be cancelled in the event of severe weather with notification be posted on Facebook and www.westforkcatholiccommunity.org.

FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:

- Love Tree gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 6th.
- Communal confessions will be held at St. Michael on Wed. Dec. 9th at 4 pm and 7 pm. 3rd and 4th grade students will attend in the afternoon and all middle school and high school students will attend in the evening. Any parishioners are invited to attend either session.
- Catechist appreciation gathering will be held at my home on Wed. Dec. 9th from 5-7 pm. Please RSVP to Barb Crabb or I before Friday, Dec. 4th.
- The Nativity Pageant presented by Alice Seuntjens will be held Saturday, Dec. 19th at 7pm at the church. There will be cake served in the church hall afterwards. All parishioners are invited to attend.
- January 6th starting at 6:30 pm with a family potluck in the church hall, Phil Hamman, a Siouxland author will be speaking to the middle school, high school students and interested parents. There will be more information to follow.
- Thursday, January 7th, 2nd grade students and their parents will have Reconciliation Stations at the FF Center from 4-7 pm. Please plan to attend.
- Steubenville style Adoration has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 13th at 7 pm in the church.
- January 20th will be the 1st Basic Catechist Certification class from 5:30-6:30 pm at the FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided.
- Sunday, January 24th will be First Reconciliation for 2nd graders and their parents at 4 pm at the church. Please plan to attend.
- Wednesday, January 27th will be the First Communion meeting for 2nd grade parents at 7 pm at IC in Merville. Please plan to attend.
- Contact info: St. Michael FF Center 378-2021, Barb's cell 712-251-8567, home phone 378-2052, work phone 378-2861. Emails- FF stmikedre@gmail.com, home barbsitzmann@yahoo.com, work bsitzmann@k-pcsd.org.

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	2014	2015
\$ Goal:	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$9,009.00	\$6,525.00
\$ Given:	\$9,009.00	\$5,738.75
Pledges Goal:	168	166
Participants:	103	74
Participant Rate:	63%	45%



MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY DECEMBER 7 6:30 P.M.

Altar Servers: Ryan Putze, Sarah Putze, Suzanne Putze
Reader(s): Anthony Baird
Cantor: Volunteer
Organist: Laura Krajceck
Gifts: Volunteer
Communion: Shelly Byers, Chris Hoelker, Chuck Hoelker

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12 5:00 P.M.

Altar Servers: Michelle Putze, Ryan Putze, Noah O'Mara
Reader(s): Allison Bailey, Jason O'Mara
Cantor: Sally Schultz
Organist: Laura Krajceck
Gifts: Wally Kuntz Family
Communion: Chuck Hoelker, Chris Hoelker, Amy Bailey
CharMac: Elaine Ketelsen
Ushers: Alicia Jenness, Jim Gries
Collection
Counters: Julia Brockhaus, Pam Cooper

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes \$1,075.00 (39 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes*\$30.00 (12 Envelopes)
Loose \$224.00
Campaign for Human Dev..... \$41.00 (2 Envelopes)
Candles \$32.24
Catholic Charities.....\$5.00 (1 Envelope)
Total Income \$1,407.24
 Needed Each Week.....\$2,859.23
Total Parish Expenses..... \$5,293.26

***Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes:** "helped mom and dad outside", "I helped my little sister", "I clend my room."

BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016

Income needed by 30 June 2016: \$148,679.57
Income needed each week: \$2,859.23
Income received since 1 July 2015: \$62,539.07

12/4/2015

WANTED:

- Volunteer to wash, starch and iron the pacificators for the altar. Please contact office if interested in helping out.

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS! Are you looking for help with errands, outdoor work, etc? ICC Confirmation candidates are looking to help out. If you are in need of help, please contact the Parish Office and make a request.

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS SWAP as a fundraiser the ladies of the guild have decided to have a Christmas Decoration Swap to be held on Saturday, December 12. Please bring any new or gently used Christmas decorations that you no longer want to the church by Wednesday, November 11 so that they can be priced and ready to be sold on Saturday night. All items will be stored in the Reconciliation room off the Day Chapel.

With your help we are hoping that this will be a success and we hope to have a second Swap on December 12. This event will help you get rid of any unwanted items and can help replace the Sunday coffee, juice & rolls income needed to operate the Ladies Guild.

FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:

- Thank you Catechist for your time and dedication to the Faith Formation students.
- **Classrooms are off limits** to children outside of Wednesday Faith Formation classes.
- Confirmation candidates, are you looking for **community service hours**? Sign up to assist community members with errands, outdoor work, etc. How will this work? Community members will call the parish asking for help. I will then contact Confirmation candidates and their parents, who are on the list to see if they can help out. How do you and your child get on the list? Call the parish office and request your name be added. Your service to those in need will be greatly appreciated.
- December 9 Saint reports due for **Confirmation** candidates.
- December 16 **Advent Program** for PS-5 grades beginning at 4:30 p.m. followed by cookie decorating sponsored by Youth Ministry team. All families are invited to both the Advent program and cookie decorating.
- Tuesday, January 5th, 2nd grade students and their parents will have **Reconciliation Stations** at IC Parish Hall from 6:30-8:00pm. Please plan to attend.
- The next **CICC classes** are scheduled for January 6 and January 20.
- Sunday, January 17 is **First Reconciliation** for 2nd graders and their parents at 4:00 pm at IC church. Please plan to attend.
- Wednesday, January 27th is the **First Communion Parent meeting** for 2nd grade parents at 7:00 pm at IC Church. Please plan to attend.

THANK YOU to those who helped me at the Thanksgiving Mass. Your help and kindness is much appreciated. God Bless You – Julia Brockhaus

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ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 6-12] burns for **Tracy & Matthew Moodie** the request of **Becky Moodie**.

Weeks available after December 27.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ella Bahmer, Leonard Beaver, Juanita Beaubien, Jim Berens, Rose Brown, Tom/Donna Clark, Virginia Connelly, Hulda Dragoo, Mary Drevs, Pauline Dugan, Kara Funk, Charlotte Honkomp, Virginia & Walt Kabisch, Millie Kisting, Harold Kloewer, Joan McCain, Max/Jo McConnell, Patricia McConnell, Kay Miller, Shirley Neustrom, Beverly Petekavich, Bob/Patricia Rogers, Judy Schroeder, Sylvesta Slota, Dan Strachan, Bernice Timmins, Marcella Thomas, Jeune Vondrak, Gerry Weinriech, Emmet Woltman, Chuck Wilcox, Millie Wycoff, and the men and women serving in the military and police.

PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

Geraldine “Jerri” I. Mozer, mother to Pamela (John) Burbach, grandmother to Benjamin and Henry Burbach, who passed away December 1; **Dorothy E. Goodwin**, mother-in-law to Kathy Goodwin, who passed away December 2.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 15, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Parish Council Meeting [K]
- December 16, 4:30 p.m.: ICC Advent Program [M]
- December 19, 10:00 a.m.: Community Basket Distribution [Moville]
- December 22, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC Parish Life Team Meeting [M]
- December 23: No Faith Formation Classes
- December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE
- December 24: OFFICES CLOSED
- December 24, 4:30 p.m.: Eucharist [K]
- December 24, 10:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY
- December 25: OFFICES CLOSED
- December 25, 9:00 a.m.: Eucharist [K]
- December 30: No Faith Formation Classes
- December 31: OFFICES CLOSED
- December 31, 5:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- January 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY
- January 1: OFFICES CLOSED
- January 1, 9:00 a.m.: Eucharist [K]
- January 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: ICC First Reconciliation Learning Center [M]
- January 5, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Guild Meeting [M]
- January 7, 4:00-7:00 p.m.: SMC First Reconciliation Stations [K]
- January 9, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (Guild) [M]
- January 11, TBA: Southwest Deanery Gathering [M]
- January 12, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- January 12, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- January 13, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Guild Meeting [K]
- January 16, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.: Call to the Wedding Fest [K]
- January 17, 4:00 p.m.: ICC First Reconciliation [M]
- January 19, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Pastoral Council Meeting [M]
- January 23, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (KC8232) [M]
- January 24, 4:00 p.m.: SMC First Reconciliation [K]
- January 26, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC Finance Council Meeting [M]
- January 27, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- January 27, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC First Eucharist Parent Meeting [M]
- February 10: ASH WEDNESDAY
- February 10, 4:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- February 10, 7:00 p.m.: Prayer Service [M]
- March 9, 4:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]

WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Jolene Spooner / **Custodian-FF Center:** Sonya Hamman

Groundskeeper: Jerome Gollhofer

WFCC [MOVILLE] OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:15 a.m.-noon, 1:00-4:15 p.m.

Wed. 8:15 a.m.-noon, 1:00-5:30 p.m., 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Other times by appointment

EUCCHARIST:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.-Moville

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.-Kingsley

Monday, Wednesday: 7:30 a.m.-Moville

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-Kingsley

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.-Moville

Sunday: 8:00-8:45 a.m.-Kingsley

Other times by appointment

MORNING PRAYER:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Moville

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Kingsley

BAPTISM is to be arranged with the pastor in order to prepare for the child’s baptism after completion of Baptism Class held quarterly (March, June, September, December).

MARRIAGE preparation is to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations can be completed in time for the wedding and marriage.

Remember, a wedding is just a day, a marriage is a LIFETIME!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: By appointment; last Sunday of October during Sunday Masses.

PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], should contact the pastor to begin the process known as RCIA at anytime of the year.