



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MONDAY—DECEMBER 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville

TUESDAY—DECEMBER 4

First Tuesday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Edward Heutinck+] - Merville

6:30 p.m. SJC Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting
- Anthon

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 5

First Wednesday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [John J. Emge+] - Anthon

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley

4:00 p.m. Faith Formation (PS-4) - Kingsley

5:00 p.m. SMC Catechist Appreciation - Kingsley

6:00 p.m. CDA Dinner/Meeting - Fireside

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation - Anthon

7:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation (5-12) - Kingsley

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation (5-8) - Merville

THURSDAY—DECEMBER 6

First Thursday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Karen Schmid+] - Kingsley

FRIDAY—DECEMBER 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville

10:00 p.m. Eucharist [Rita Plendl+] - KNH

4:00 p.m. Eucharist [People of WFCC] - Anthon

5:30 p.m. Eucharist [People of WFCC] - Merville

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Margaret Kirkholm+] - Kingsley

4:30-4:45 p.m. Reconciliation - Anthon

4:35 p.m. Rosary - Anthon

5:00 p.m. Eucharist [People of WFCC] - Anthon

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00-8:15 a.m. Reconciliation - Merville

8:00 a.m. Rosary - Merville

8:30 a.m. Eucharist [People of WFCC] - Merville

9:30 a.m. Coffee/Juice/Rolls (KC8232) - Merville

9:30-9:45 a.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley

9:35 a.m. Rosary - Kingsley

10:00 a.m. Eucharist [Glen Schlotman+] - Kingsley

Please visit the WFCC website to find more information about our parishes, to read and/or download this weekly bulletin, to read the latest news, and to learn more about our faith.

<http://www.westforkcatholiccommunity.org>

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First Sunday of Advent

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT RECONCILIATION:

- Wednesday, December 5, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael-Kingsley
- Wednesday, December 12, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception-Merville,
- Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph-Anthon,

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAY:

- December 7, 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph-Anthon
- December 7, 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception-Merville
- December 8, 8:00 a.m. at St. Michael-Kingsley

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

- December 24, 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph-Anthon
- December 24, 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception-Merville
- December 24, 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael-Kingsley
- December 25, 9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception-Merville

CATHOLIC GLOBE Watch your mailboxes for a “gentle” reminder about submitting your \$26 renewal for The Catholic Globe, if you haven’t already sent your remittance in. Not technologically-impaired? You can renew on our website catholicglobe.org. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next edition of The Catholic Globe will be December 6.

PROGRAM OF SEASONAL & SACRED MUSIC, you are cordially invited to a program of seasonal and sacred music showcasing the newly renovated Holy Name-Marcus organ. Sunday, December 2, at 2:00 p.m. Featuring Steve Smith and vocal soloists. The music will be performed in the Church proper with refreshments to follow in the Church Hall.

END OF YEAR GIVING... all donations [cash, grain, etc.] for 2018 are to be received in the collection basket, parish office or postmarked by December 31. All donations received after December 31 will be designated for 2019. If you need information regarding the financial contributions you have made up to this point, please contact Alicia or Charlene.

PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], should contact the Barb Sitzmann to begin the

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SMC’S KC4968 LIFE SKILLS BENEFIT

The St. Michael Knights of Columbus #4968, supported by the KCAC’s, will be holding a benefit breakfast to raise funds for those with disabilities on Sunday, December 9 from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Kingsley-Pierson High School.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the breakfast will be donated locally to Life Skills Training Center, Inc., a non-profit vocational training facility, located in Le Mars, Iowa. This facility provides vocational/employment training for approximately 70 individuals with disabilities. Funds are used to support their programs and services.

If you have any questions, please call Jamie Sitzmann at 712-251-2126

PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

Milo Clarence Krogman, father to Nancy Bainbridge, grandfather to Cristy (Neal) Rolling and Amanda (Troy) Bainbridge, who passed away November 23.

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

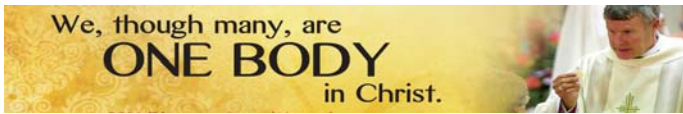
St. Joseph Church - Anthon

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes	\$855.00
Loose	\$77.00
Bat Control Project.....	\$50.00
Campaign for Human Dev.....	\$40.00
Cemetery Income.....	\$25.00
Total Income	\$1,047.00

BUDGET REPORT 2018-2019

Income needed by 30 June 2019:	\$85,185.00
Income needed each week:	\$1,640.00
Income received since 1 July 2018:	\$28,754.34



2018	
\$ Goal:	\$6,974.00
\$ Pledged:	\$2,938.00
\$ Given:	\$2,183.00
Pledges Goal:	110
Participants:	30
Participant Rate:	27.3%

A BIG THANK YOU to all who attended the open house for my birthday and for all the cards and gifts I received. A special thanks for my family for doing this for me and for Kim's help. It was wonderful. Thanks again. ~ Cec Karhoff

SJC PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING RESCHEDULED, Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. in the church basement

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS DINNER, Wednesday, December 5 at Fireside Steakhouse

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, Wednesday, December 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m. We hope that you will come and spend some time in prayer... "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening".

ANGEL TREE Heritage Bank will once again have their Angel Tree. The tree is decorated with beautiful Angels. When you bring a gift for a less fortunate child in our community, you will receive an Angel from the tree. If you wish to participate, please choose a tag from the tree. Then, return the gift and tag by Friday, December 14th. Bring a Gift... Be an Angel!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE at St. Joseph's, Wednesday, December 19, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DFF:

- Wednesday, December 12, Eucharistic Adoration, 6:30 p.m.; parents, please plan to attend with your child(ren) and share this time of prayer with them.
- Note: Wednesday, December 19, is the Advent Penance Service; students will attend, but classes will follow if time permits.

SJC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 2-8]

burns for the *People of WFCC*.

Immaculate Conception Church - Merville (Est. 1892)

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

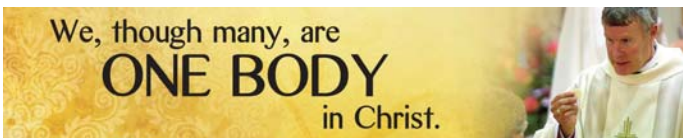
Adult Envelopes	\$1,523.00 (34 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes*	\$13.00 (5 Envelopes)
Loose	\$49.00
Campaign for Human Dev.....	\$127.00 (12 Envelopes)
Flower Fund.....	\$20.00 (1 Envelope)
Total Income	\$1,732.00
Needed Each Week.....	\$3,407.96
Total Parish Expenses.....	\$3,531.39

BUDGET REPORT 2018-2019

Income needed by 30 June 2019:	\$177,213.76
Income needed each week:	\$3,407.96
Income received since 1 July 2018:	\$53,166.53

ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 2-8]

burns for the *People of WFCC*.



2018	
\$ Goal:	\$12,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$8,684.00
\$ Given:	\$7,315.00
Pledges Goal:	164
Participants:	73
Participant Rate:	44.5%

CONGRADULATIONS to Chris Jenness, Tyler Manker and Matt Jenness who received their First Eucharist and were Confirmed in the Catholic Church on Sunday, November 25.

FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:

- **December 5** Faith Formation for 5-8 only at 7:00 p.m. This is the postponed date for Halloween.
- **December 12** Penance Service at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. Fr. Brad Pelzel will be cooking a pasta dinner for the 5-12th grade classes and their families. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. The pasta dinner will take the place of the family potluck. A letter will be mailed out to the 5-12th grade families in regards to what each family is asked to bring to the dinner in order to make it a huge success. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in advance.
- **December 19** Advent Program will be presented by PK-4th grade Faith Formation students beginning at 4:30 p.m. at IC Church. Cookie decorating will follow the program. All are invited to participate in the Advent Fun. There will be a **free will donation basket** to show our gratitude towards the individual who donated all the cookies and frosting.

Msgr. Duchaine's Christmas Gift Wish List

Immaculate Conception

Carpet for the Hall and Gathering Area
3' Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for Reconciliation Room

St. Michael Church - Kingsley (Est. 1888)

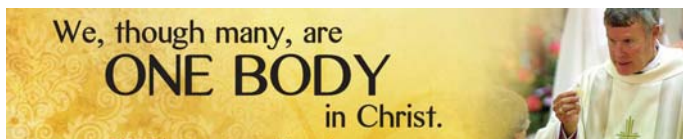
INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes	\$2,040.00 (31 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes*	\$45.00 (10 Envelopes)
Loose	\$323.12
Campaign for Human Dev.....	\$85.00 (7 Envelopes)
Flower Fund.....	\$50.00 (2 Envelopes)
Total Income	\$2,543.12
Needed Each Week.....	\$2,955.88
Total Expenses	\$1,216.30
*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: none	

BUDGET REPORT 2018-2019

Income needed by 30 June 2019:	\$153,705.85
Income needed each week:	\$2,955.88
Income received since 1 July 2018:	\$48,030.58
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SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 2-8]
burns for the **People of WFCC.**



	2018
\$ Goal:	\$13,500.00
\$ Pledged:	\$8,308.00
\$ Given:	\$7,540.00
Pledges Goal:	183
Participants:	78
Participant Rate:	42.6%

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process known as RCIA/RCIC at anytime of the year.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS if you are wishing to put an announcement in the bulletin please email icmville@wiatel.net or give information to Charlene for St. Joseph to be at WFCC parish office before 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the weekend.

ACH GIVING NOW AVAILABLE! For all of our Parishioners at West Fork Catholic Community is now offering an alternative to writing a weekly or monthly check. Join our Automated Giving Program and have your financial stewardship offering transferred directly to the parish account. Call the parish office for more information.

FAITH FORMATION DIOCESAN POLICY All students are required to participate in two years of formal preparation (religious education, faith formation) before the celebration of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

AMAZONSMILE - Support Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph or St. Michael when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com>. Amazon donates a percentage of the sale to the church of your choice. Visit the cluster website under About\Support our Mission page for an easy link.

MASS OFFERINGS for West Fork Catholic Community Parishes will be scheduled and taken care of at the Menville Parish Office. If you have questions please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM is to be arranged with the parish office. Please contact the office to schedule the Baptism and see if you need to take the

85TH BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER FOR JUDY SCHROEDER The family of Judy Schroeder, Kingsley, would like to help her celebrate her 85th birthday (on November 30) with a card shower. Cards can be sent to her at 415 Page Drive, Kingsley, Iowa, 51028. If you have a memory to share with Judy in the card, please do so as well if you are able and wish to do so.

Her family includes (the late) Art Schroeder; Steve (and Jeanie) Schroeder of Kingsley; Jerry Schroeder of Kingsley (and friend, Jana Hoppe); Janet Schroeder of Cherokee; Karen (and Dave) Schwaller of Milford; Jim (and Janet) Schroeder of Remsen; Lin (and Dave) Sly of Sioux City, and Tim (and Shannin) Schroeder of Magnolia, Ark., along with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LADIES GUILD:

- **Guild Meeting** Please join us Wednesday, December 19 at Doosky's at 6:00 p.m. for our Annual Christmas Party.

FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:

- Wednesday, December 5 - Penance services at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Catechist appreciation between classes at Dooskies from 5:15-7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to me by Monday, December 3.
- Sunday, December 9 - LOVE TREE GIFTS DUE!
- Wednesday, December 12 - 8-12th graders Christmas caroling around Kingsley. Permission slip required to attend.
- Wednesday, December 19 - Post Confirmation students to deliver Love Tree gifts to NH.
- Wednesday, December 26 and Wednesday, January 3 - NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES DUE TO CHRISTMAS BREAK!
- Monday, January 7, 4:00-7:00 p.m. - First Penance Learning Stations at the Faith Formation building. This is a come and go event but MANDATORY for all 2nd graders and their parents.
- Wednesday, January 9 - Post Confirmation students to the NH for Bingo with the residents.
- Sunday, January 13, 11:30 a.m. - First Penance for 2nd graders. This is a MANDATORY event.
- Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. AT ICC-MOVILLE - MANDATORY First Eucharist Parent meeting for parents of 2nd graders.
- If anyone is interested in joining or has questions about joining the Catholic Church, please contact me on my cell phone. Jamie and I will be starting another RCIA class early 2019.
- Anyone needing to take Baptism classes before getting their child baptized, should contact me on my cell phone to begin the process.
- Contact info: St. Michael FF Center 378-2021, Barb's cell 712-251-8567 Emails- FFstmikedre@gmail.com, home barbsitzmann@yahoo.com.

Baptism Class.

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!**

THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL to be a priest, deacon, sister, or brother, may speak with the pastor or call the Diocesan Vocation office at 712-255-7933.

WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RENTAL POLICY: Persons wishing to rent out either parish hall for non-parish functions (i.e. meetings, showers, dinners, etc.), need to call the parish office to check on availability and make arrangements. Signing a Hall Rental Agreement and fees are due before using the hall.

NEW PARISHIONERS should contact the parish office to register in the parish.

ALL PARISHIONERS are asked to contact the parish office if you have a change in address, school, parish, marital status, etc. Thank you!



MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

St. Joseph-Anthon

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7 4:00 P.M.

Reader(s): Lori Berning

Communion: Skip Welte

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8 5:00 P.M.

Altar Servers: Weston Beeson, Olivia Beeson

Reader(s): Ross Baldwin

Organist: Kathy Clarkson

Guitarist: Jim Rusch

Gifts: Luke Dixon Families

Communion: Bernie Ketelsen, Donna Cunningham, Skip Welte

Rosary Leaders: Charlene Boyer

Immaculate Conception-Moville

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9 8:30 A.M.

Altar Servers: Kadynce Lloyd, Mary Putze, Sarah Nelson

Reader(s): Madi Lloyd, Mary Lloyd

Cantor: Angie Willism

Organist: Laura Krajicek

Gifts: Matt Jenness Family

Communion: Carol Nelson, Eric Nelson, Volunteer

Greeters: Charlie Clark Family, Keith Duffy Family

Ushers: Angie Duffy, Olivia Duffy

Collection

Counters: Matthew Putze, Julie Brockhaus

St. Michael-Kingsley

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9 10:00 A.M.

Altar Servers: Hunter Stroman, Preston Benson, Grant Schroeder

Reader(s): Shayley Haggin, Amy Benson

Cantor: Julie Leekley

Organist: Volunteer

Gifts: Adam Schroeder Family

Communion: Bill Langel, Marie McClure, John Galles

KNH: Alice Seuntjens

Greeters: Marie White, Lisa Carlson

Ushers: Tim Carlson, Ryan Langel

Collection

Counters: Amber Schweitzberger, Lisa Langel

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Clarice Bainbridge, Leonard Beaver, Juanita Beaubien, Tom/Donna Clark, Rick Crilly, Pauline Dugan, Kara Funk, Mary Grasso, Charlotte Honkomp, Virginia & Walt Kabisch, Harold Kloewer, Anna Mahrt, Patricia McConnell, Beverly Petekavich, Vera Pierick, Hayden Pippett, Patricia Rogers, Jim Roger, Judy Schroeder, Sylvesta Slota, Roy Soule, Harlan/Fairy Steffe, Marcella Thomas, Janice Umbach, Jeune Vondrak, Gerry Weinrich, Emmet Woltman, and the men and women serving in the military and police.

WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATOR/PASTOR: Msgr. Mark Duchaine 712-898-1894

Email: Msgr.MarkD@scdiocese.org

Office Hours: Tuesday - 1:30-3:00 p.m.; Thursday - 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper: Alicia Jenness **cell:** 712-898-8258

Email: icmoville@wiatel.net or stmichael@wiatel.net

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH: 712-873-3644

Director of Faith Formation: Angie Duffy

Custodian-Church & Rectory: Consetia Carley

Maintenance: Bob Weatherly

Parish Lay Directors: Jason O'Mara and Amy Dietrich

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HALL: 712-373-5696

Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper: Charlene Boyer

Email: ckboyer@q.com

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH HALL: 712-378-2722

FAITH FORMATION CENTER: 712-378-2021

Director of Faith Formation: Barbara Sitzmann **cell:** 712-251-8567

Email: stmikedre@gmail.com

Custodian-Church: Jan Meister / **Assistant Custodian-Church:**

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

Groundskeeper: Mike DeJong

WFCC [MOVILLE] OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Other times by appointment

EUCHARIST:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.-Anthon

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.-Moville, 10:00 a.m.-Kingsley

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.-Moville

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.-Anthon

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-Kingsley

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 11, 6:30 p.m.: SMC Parish/Finance Council Meeting [K]
- December 11, 7:00 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- December 12, 4:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]
- December 12, 6:00 p.m.: ICC Family Potluck [M]
- December 12, 7:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]
- December 14, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [LSL]
- December 16, 9:30 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (Guild) [M]
- December 19, 4:30 p.m.: ICC Advent Program/Cookie Decorating [M]
- December 19, 6:30 p.m.: Reconciliation [A]
- December 21, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [CSC]
- December 23, 9:30 a.m.: Full Breakfast (KC8232) [M]
- December 23, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: Hall Rental [K]
- December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE
- December 24: OFFICES CLOSED
- December 24, 4:00 p.m.: Eucharist [A]
- December 24, 5:30 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- December 24, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [K]
- December 25: NATIVITY OF THE LORD
- December 25: Catholic Charities Collection
- December 25: OFFICES CLOSED
- December 25, 9:00 a.m.: Eucharist [M]
- December 26: NO Faith Formation
- December 31: OFFICES CLOSED
- December 31, 4:00 p.m.: Eucharist [A]
- December 31, 5:30 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- January 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
- January 1: OFFICES CLOSED
- January 1, 8:00 a.m.: Eucharist [K]