



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MONDAY—DECEMBER 10

Second Monday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville
 10:30 a.m. Funeral (Richard Crilly) - Anthon

TUESDAY—DECEMBER 11

Second Tuesday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville
 8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Eileen Kay Fritz] - Merville
 6:30 p.m. SMC Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting - Kingsley
 7:00 p.m. KC8232 Meeting - Merville

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville
 8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Elizabeth Eickholt+] - Anthon
 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Merville
 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation (PS-4) - Kingsley
 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation (PS-4) - Merville
 6:00 p.m. ICC Family Potluck - Merville
 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation - Anthon
 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Merville
 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation (5-12) - Kingsley
 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation (5-8) - Merville

THURSDAY—DECEMBER 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville
 8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Bob Seuntjens, Sr.+] - Kingsley
 12:30 p.m. PieceMakers - Merville

FRIDAY—DECEMBER 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville
 11:00 p.m. Eucharist [Millie Kisting+] - LSL

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 15

Second Saturday of Advent

4:30-4:45 p.m. Reconciliation - Anthon
 4:35 p.m. Rosary - Anthon
 5:00 p.m. Eucharist [Elizabeth Eickholt+] - Anthon

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00-8:15 a.m. Reconciliation - Merville
 8:00 a.m. Rosary - Merville
 8:30 a.m. Eucharist [Leo Derocher+] - Merville
 9:30 a.m. Coffee/Juice/Rolls (Guild) - Merville
 9:30-9:45 a.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley
 9:35 a.m. Rosary - Kingsley
 10:00 a.m. Eucharist [People of WFCC] - 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>

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK! Search for West Fork Catholic Community.

9 December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT RECONCILIATION:

- 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,

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.

NEED HELP GETTING IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT? Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music performed by our community’s singers. An ecumenical choir will present “Celebrate Christmas – The Joy of Christmas” a seasonal cantata on December 23rd at 6:30 PM in the Kingsley-Pierson School Auditorium. The cantata is full of traditional Christmas songs telling the sacred story of Christ’s birth. Hope to see you there!

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 De-

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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:

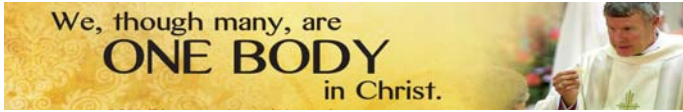
Richard “Rick” Dennis Crilly, parishioner of St. Joseph, husband to Donna Crilly, father Kevin (Sarah) Crilly, Kurt (Katrina) Crilly, and Kristi Crilly, grandfather to Brock, Ethan and Kayla Crilly, who passed away December 2.

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

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
	12/7/2018



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

SJC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 9-15]
burns for the *People of WFCC.*

2019 CALENDARS & ENVELOPES Please note that 2019 calendars and your 2019 tithing envelopes will be available on the table in the back of church next weekend for you to pick up. Also, feel free to take home a copy of the book "Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelly compliments of St. Joseph's.

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.

ANTHON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, December 26, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be parked in front of Heritage Bank in Anthon. Please remember to bring an ID or your blood donor card with you.

BAT REMOVAL PROJECT Donations have been coming in for our project. If you have not given toward our project, please feel free to do so. Just put your contribution in an enveloped marked "Bat Removal Project"

Immaculate Conception Church - Merville (Est. 1892)

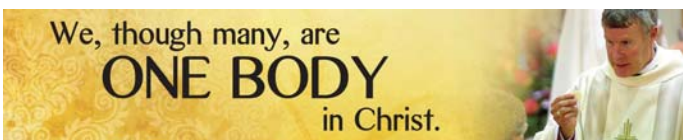
INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes	\$1,837.00 (26 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes*	\$7.00 (3 Envelopes)
Loose	\$233.00
Flower Fund.....	\$275.00 (11 Envelopes)
Total Income	\$2,352.00
Needed Each Week.....	\$3,407.96
Total Parish Expenses.....	\$5,108.36
*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: none	

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:	\$55,518.53

ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 9-15]
burns for the *People of WFCC.*



2018	
\$ Goal:	\$12,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$8,919.00
\$ Given:	\$7,550.00
Pledges Goal:	164
Participants:	76
Participant Rate:	46.3%

ANGEL TREE please have Angel Tree Gifts at ICC-Merville by December 12.

FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:

- **December 12** Penance Service at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. Potluck will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- **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.
- **January 2 No Faith Formation**
- **January 8 Mandatory Reconciliation Learning Stations** for 2nd grade Faith Formation students and parents. This is a come and go event which runs from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the church parish hall at IC.
- **January 9** Faith Formation 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. plus CICC
- **January 13** First Reconciliation at 1:30 for IC 2nd grade Faith Formation students and their parents. A reception will follow the sacramental ceremony.
- **January 16** Faith Formation 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- **January 16 Mandatory First Eucharist Parent Meeting** 7:00 p.m. at IC Parish Hall.
- **January 23** Faith Formation 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. plus CICC

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

Farm Ground Income \$62.12

Total Income \$62.12

Needed Each Week..... \$2,955.88

Total Expenses \$4,806.76

*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: \$48,092.70

SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 9-15]

burns for the *People of WFCC*.

We, though many, are
ONE BODY
in Christ.

2018

\$ Goal: \$13,500.00

\$ Pledged: \$8,308.00

\$ Given: \$7,630.00

Pledges Goal: 183

Participants: 78

Participant Rate: 42.6%

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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 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 Merville Parish Office. If you have questions please contact the parish office.

MINISTERS the Mass time at St. Michael's on Christmas Eve is at 7:00 p.m. It says 8:00 p.m. on our liturgy schedule but it is actually be at 7:00 p.m.

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:

- Sunday, December 9th- LOVE TREE GIFTS DUE!
- Wed. December 12th- 8-12th graders Christmas caroling around Kingsley. Permission slip required to attend.
- Wed. December 19th- Post Confirmation students to deliver Love Tree gifts to NH.
- Wed. Dec 26th and Wed. Jan 3rd- NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES DUE TO CHRISTMAS BREAK!
- Mon. Jan. 7th 4-7 pm- 1st Penance Learning Stations at the FF bldg. This is a come and go event but MANDATORY for all 2nd graders and their parents.
- Wed. Jan. 9th- Post Confirmation students to the NH for Bingo with the residents.
- Sun. Jan 13th 11:30 am- 1st Penance for 2nd graders. This is a MANDATORY event.
- Wed. Jan 16th 7 pm AT IC IN MOVILLE- MANDATORY 1st 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- FF stmikedre@gmail.com, home barbsitzmann@yahoo.com.

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- January 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: ICC First Reconciliation Learning Stations [M]
- January 8, 7:00 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- January 9, 6:30 p.m.: SJC First Reconciliation Learning Stations [A]
- January 11, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [LSL]
- January 12, 6:00 p.m.: SJC First Reconciliation [A]
- January 13, 9:30 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (KC8232) [M]
- January 13, 11:30 a.m.: SMC First Reconciliation [K]
- January 13, 1:30 p.m.: ICC First Reconciliation [M]
- January 13, 2:00 p.m.: ICC First Reconciliation Reception [M]
- January 16, 7:00 p.m.: ICC/SMC First Eucharist Parent Meeting [M]
- January 18, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [CSC]
- January 26-27: Briar Cliff University Collection
- January 27, 9:30 a.m.: Full Breakfast (KC8232) [M]
- February 2, 6:00 p.m.: Blessing of the Throats [A]
- February 3, 9:30 a.m.: Blessing of the Throats [M]
- February 3, 11:30 a.m.: Blessing of the Throats [K]
- February 6, 6:00 p.m.: CDA Meeting [A]
- February 9, 5:00 p.m.: SJC Youth Mass [A]
- February 10, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Waffle Breakfast [K]
- February 10, 9:30 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (KC8232) [M]
- February 12, 7:00 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- February 24, 9:30 a.m.: Full Breakfast (KC8232) [M]
- March 5, 6:30 p.m.: SMC Parish/Finance Council Meeting [K]
- March 6: ASH WEDNESDAY
- March 6, 7:00 a.m.: Eucharist [A]
- March 6, 4:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- March 6, 4:00 p.m.: Prayer Service [K]
- March 6, 6:00 p.m.: CDA Meeting [A]
- March 6, 7:00 p.m.: Prayer Service [M]
- March 6, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [K]
- March 8, 4:30-7:00 p.m.: KC8232 Fish Fry [M]
- March 9-10: Aid to Global Churches Collection
- March 10, 9:30 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (KC8232) [M]



MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

St. Joseph-Anthon

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15 5:00 P.M.

Altar Servers: Hunter Dixon, Tanner Dixon
Reader(s): Skip Welte
Organist: Kathy Clarkson
Guitarist: Jim Rusch
Gifts: Brian Weaver Family
Communion: Lori Berning, Randy Boyer, Charlene Boyer
Rosary Leaders: Kathy Bernard, Debi Weaver, Linda Hayworth

Immaculate Conception-Moville

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16 8:30 A.M.

Altar Servers: Katelyn Jenness, Sarah Putze, Ryan Putze
Reader(s): Liberty Carley, Dan Bormann
Cantor: Gene Handke
Organist: Laura Krajicek
Gifts: Daniel LeFebvre Family
Communion: Becky Moodie, Cindy Hesse, Volunteer
Greeters: Volunteer
Ushers: Jim Gries, Volunteer
Collection
Counters: Julie Brockhaus, Pam Cooper

St. Michael-Kingsley

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16 10:00 A.M.

Altar Servers: Xander Wurth, Teagan Eickholt, Conner Beelner
Reader(s): Gabby Boustead, Bill Langel
Cantor: Angie Haggin
Organist: Volunteer
Gifts: Nick Schroeder Family
Communion: Bill Sitzmann, Lisa Langel, Jeanine Haggin
KNH: Karen Malm
Greeters: Amber & Shelby Schweitzberger
Ushers: Jon Neumann, Randy Plendl
Collection
Counters: Laura Collins, Becky Sitzmann

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 Weinriech, 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
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH: 712-873-3644
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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

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Director of Faith Formation: Barbara Sitzmann cell: 712-251-8567
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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 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]
- January 2: NO Faith Formation
- January 4, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [KNH]
- January 7, 4:00-7:00 p.m.: SMC First Reconciliation Learning Stations [K]