



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MONDAY—DECEMBER 17

Third Monday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville

TUESDAY—DECEMBER 18

Third Tuesday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Rev. Bishop Philip Nguyen
Kim Dien+] - Merville

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 19

Third Wednesday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville

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

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

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

4:30 p.m. ICC Advent Program/Cookie Decorating
- Merville

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation - Anthon

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation - Anthon

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

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

THURSDAY—DECEMBER 20

Third Thursday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Dale Loutsch+] - Kingsley

12:30 p.m. PieceMakers - Merville

FRIDAY—DECEMBER 21

Third Friday of Advent

OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Merville

10:00 p.m. Eucharist [John J. Emge+] - CSC

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 22

Third Saturday of Advent

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 23

Fourth 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. Full Breakfast (KC8232) - Merville

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

9:35 a.m. Rosary - Kingsley

10:00 a.m. Eucharist [John Alan Hamman+] -
Kingsley

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Hall Rental (McDermott)
- 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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16 December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT RECONCILIATION:

- 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

MOVILLE OFFICE Due to Christmas and New Years. The staff will be taking some time off from December 21-January 6. The bulletin will still be printed on Friday morning of both weeks. The voice mail and email will continued to be checked daily. If there is an emergency contact Msgr. Duchaine.

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 23 at 6:30 p.m. 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 December 31 will 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.

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ST. MICHAEL CHRISTMAS DECORATING

if you are able to help with the Christmas Decorating please stay after Mass on December 23 to help out!

**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

Pre-Lit Christmas Trees

Pre-Lit Christmas Garland

Christmas Wreath

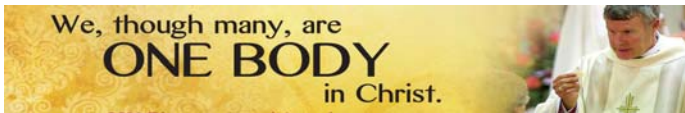
St. Joseph Church - Anthon

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes	\$1,547.50
Loose	\$128.00
Candles	\$73.59
Bat Removal Project	\$117.50
Campaign for Human Dev.....	\$25.00
Christmas.....	\$20.00
Improvement Fund	\$80.00
Total Income	\$1,991.59

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:	\$30,720.93



2018	
\$ Goal:	\$6,974.00
\$ Pledged:	\$3,013.00
\$ Given:	\$2,258.00
Pledges Goal:	110
Participants:	31
Participant Rate:	28.2%

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Special Collection this weekend for Christmas Flowers. Thank you for your generous donation!

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.

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE DFF:

- 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" and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for supporting our parish project!

PRAYER TREE CONTACTS for St. Joseph's are: Karen Sawin (827-4159) and Beth Sauser (373-5585).

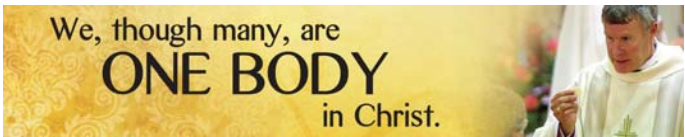
PARISH HALL RENTAL, to reserve the parish hall please contact either Dottie Maguire (373-5075) or Cec Karhoff (373-5042) for date availability.

SJC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 16-22]
burns for the *People of WFCC.*

Immaculate Conception Church - Merville (Est. 1892)

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes	\$3,374.00 (52 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes*	\$39.00 (2 Envelopes)
Loose	\$88.00
Faith Formation.....	\$462.00
Flower Fund.....	\$20.00 (2 Envelopes)
Interest Income.....	\$5.41
Sanctuary Light	\$10.00
Total Income	\$3,998.41
Needed Each Week.....	\$3,407.96
Total Parish Expenses.....	\$875.49



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

THANK YOU to all who participated in this years Angel Tree. The Crittenton Center greatly appreciate the generosity.

FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:

- THANK YOU to all who supported, helped, and/or attended the 5th-12th grade Family Pasta Dinner and Penance Service. It was a great success. I hope to do something very similar in the future with your support. Thank you again.
- 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 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
- January 27** First Reconciliation at 1:30 for IC 2nd grade Faith Formation students and their parents. A reception will follow the sacramental ceremony.

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:	\$59,516.94

ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 16-22]
burns for *Penny Thomas+*
at the request of *Jim & Sally Seidel.*

St. Michael Church - Kingsley (Est. 1888)

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

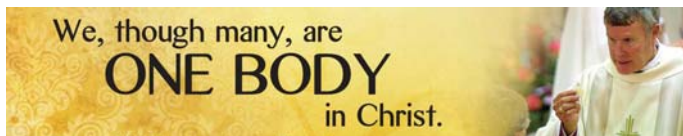
Adult Envelopes	\$3,902.00 (50 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes*	\$9.00 (8 Envelopes)
Loose	\$213.88
Campaign for Human Dev.....	\$40.00 (2 Envelopes)
Candles	\$72.25
Cemetery Income	\$525.00
Farm Ground Income	\$9,030.32
Flower Fund.....	\$240.00 (14 Envelopes)
Grain Donation	\$3,016.77
Interest Income.....	\$10.68
Rent	\$425.00
Sanctuary Light	\$20.00
Total Income	\$17,504.90
Needed Each Week.....	\$2,955.88
Total Expenses	\$8,676.10

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:	\$65,597.60
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SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 16-22]

burns for *Glen Schlotman+*
at the request of *Linda Schlotman.*



We, though many, are
ONE BODY
in Christ.

2018	
\$ Goal:	\$13,500.00
\$ Pledged:	\$8,418.00
\$ Given:	\$7,740.00
Pledges Goal:	183
Participants:	80
Participant Rate:	43.7%

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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

ALTAR SERVERS – THANK YOU very much, older servers! It is so nice to see you helping and instructing the servers that are just beginning! It helps them so much to know that they can look at you and you will point them in the right direction. These beginners are undoubtedly very nervous their first few times and being able to rely on you older and more experienced servers makes all the difference in the world. Keep up the good work!

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:

- Wednesday, December 19 - Post Confirmation students to deliver Love Tree gifts to NH.
- Wednesday, December 19 at 4:30 PM at the FF bldg- Kindergarten and first graders will be presenting a modified (without costumes) Christmas pageant. Parents and parishioners are invited to attend
- Wednesday, December 26 and Wednesday, January 3 - NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES DUE TO CHRISTMAS BREAK!
- Monday, January 7 4:00-7:00 p.m.- 1st Penance Learning Stations at the FF bldg. 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.
- Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. AT IC IN MOVILLE- MANDATORY 1st Eucharist Parent meeting for parents of 2nd graders.
- Sunday, January 27 - 11:30 a.m.- 1st Penance for 2nd graders. This is a MANDATORY event. (This is a rescheduled date. It was originally scheduled for January 13.
- 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 11, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [LSL]
- January 13, 9:30 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (KC8232) [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 20, 9:30 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (Guild) [M]
- January 26-27: Briar Cliff University Collection
- January 26, 6:00 p.m.: SJC First Reconciliation [A]
- January 27, 9:30 a.m.: Full Breakfast (KC8232) [M]
- January 27, 11:30 a.m.: SMC First Reconciliation [K]
- January 27, 1:30 p.m.: ICC First Reconciliation [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, 9:30 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (Guild) [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 17, 9:30 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (Guild) [M]
- February 24, 9:30 a.m.: Full Breakfast (KC8232) [M]
- March 3, 9:30 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (Guild) [M]
- March 5, 6:30 p.m.: SMC Parish/Finance Council Meeting [K]



MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

St. Joseph-Anthon

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22 5:00 P.M.

Altar Servers: Nick Collins, Brylei Clausen
Reader(s): Barb Utesch
Organist: Kathy Clarkson
Guitarist: Jim Rusch
Gifts: Keith Schrunk Family
Communion: Ruth Groth, Donna Cunningham, Skip Welte
Rosary Leaders: Lori Berning

Immaculate Conception-Moville

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23 8:30 A.M.

Altar Servers: Tyler Havlicek, Erika Kuntz, Charlee Petersen
Reader(s): Brynn Kuntz, Pam Kuntz
Cantor: Del Mandl
Organist: Laura Krajicek
Gifts: Bill Havlicek Family
Communion: Kay Sands, Mary Schultz, Volunteer
Greeters: Volunteer
Ushers: Kerri Weaver, Dayton Weaver
Collection
Counters: Pam Cooper, JoAnne Jenness

St. Michael-Kingsley

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23 10:00 A.M.

Altar Servers: Bailey Beelner, Kaylinn Seuntjens, Carson Seuntjens
Reader(s): Trent Lammers, Katie Felts
Cantor: Amanda Seuntjens
Organist: Volunteer
Gifts: Robert Goeden Family
Communion: Karen Malm, Lois Galles, Corey Sitzmann
KNH: Alice Seuntjens
Greeters: Janice Meister, Marie Benedix
Ushers: Amy Benson, Shelly Bohlke
Collection
Counters: Bobbi Hirschman, Sarah Schmid

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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Custodian-Church & Rectory: Consetia Carley
Maintenance: Bob Weatherly
Parish Lay Directors: Jason O'Mara and Amy Dietrich

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HALL: 712-373-5696
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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 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 6, 9:30 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (Guild) [M]
- January 7, 4:00-7:00 p.m.: SMC First Reconciliation Learning Stations [K]
- 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]