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**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**MONDAY—JANUARY 2**

*Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops and Doctors of the Church*

**OFFICES CLOSED**

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [*Millie Wycoff+*] - Movable

**TUESDAY—JANUARY 3**

*Christmas Weekday*

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Movable

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Harry & Mary Slominski*]  
- Kingsley

7:00 p.m. ICC Guild Meeting - Movable

**WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 4**

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [*Paul & Kathryn Parks*]  
- Movable

10:00 a.m. Eucharist [*People of WFCC*] - KNH

4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [*PS-4*] - Kingsley

4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [*PS-4*] - Movable

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [*5-12*] - Kingsley

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [*5-8*] - Movable

**THURSDAY—JANUARY 5**

*Saint John Neumann, Bishop*

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Movable

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Bob & Pat Stratton+*]  
- Kingsley

**FRIDAY—JANUARY 6**

*Christmas Weekday*

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Movable

**SATURDAY—JANUARY 7**

*Christmas Weekday*

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley

5:00 p.m. Eucharist [*Lorraine McDermott+*]  
- Kingsley

**SUNDAY—JANUARY 8**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation - Movable

9:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Rev. Msgr. Roger  
Augustine+*] - Movable

10:00 a.m. Coffee/Juice/Rolls (KC8232)  
- Movable

6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Royal Kingdom-Part  
2) - Movable

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

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**1 January 2017**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

At the beginning of the baptism ceremony, the priest welcomes the child by making the sign of the cross on the baby's forehead. He then invites the parents and godparents to do the same. I would like to encourage new parents - and in fact ALL parents - to continue that practice. When a Mom lays her child down in bed she can call to the dad to bless his child. Then she does the same. This blessing has great power.

While in seminary I knew a family who blessed their children every day. These parents, particularly the dad, were not great talkers. In fact, they were pretty private people, but they did bless their children every day and they had a bond with their children more powerful than words.

Today Moses instructs Aaron on how to give a blessing. The words are simple: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

This "Levitical Blessing" has blessing has passed the test of time. The apostle Barnabas, who was a Levite, undoubtedly gave many people that blessing. St. Francis of Assisi used those words to bless others. Countless priests, deacons, ministers and parents have all employed the blessing. If you don't remember all the words, you can simply say "The Lord bless you." Or like the rather introverted parents I mentioned, you can just make the sign of the cross with your hand or your thumb. The blessing will have great power.

This blessing will not only help your child (or grandchild); but through them it will come back upon you. A person who blesses their child forms a strong bond and that bond can motivate a person to overcome many obstacles. A single Mom once told me about the rather miserable conditions she was working in. She had to take quite a bit of abuse from her boss and co-workers. But she didn't just walk off the job. She had two children who motivated her to make the sacrifice. When she blessed them at night, she knew the sacrifice was worth it. Eventually something better did come along - but even if it had not, she would have persevered. In her blessing them every day she saw them as her greatest earthly blessing.

As we begin the New Year, I ask you to make this resolution: Bless those who are close to you. At first it may be awkward to do so, but at least begin with a blessing in your heart. When you see your child - or whatever person you live with - say, "The Lord bless you." Little by little, you can extend that blessing to others: those you work with, your friends, people you meet as you go about your day. Your blessing will help them - and it will also help you. I would like to conclude with the very Levitical blessing that I used after I was ordained a priest:

May the LORD bless you and keep you! May the LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! And may the LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! Amen.

*Fr. Brad Pelzel*



**MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 7 5:00 P.M.**

- Altar Servers:** Charlie Ploeger, Connor Beelner, Alex Thompson
- Reader(s):** Emy Benson, Bill Langel
- Cantor:** Julie Leekley
- Organist:** Jolene Spooner
- Gifts:** Neal Rolling Family
- Communion:** Marie Benedix, Barb Sitzmann, Amy Benson
- KNH:** Alice Seuntjens
- Greeters:** Ben Sitzmann, Brandon Sitzmann
- Ushers:** Jeanine Haggin, Jim Schroeder
- Collection**
- Counters:** Linda Schlotman, Shelly Krieg

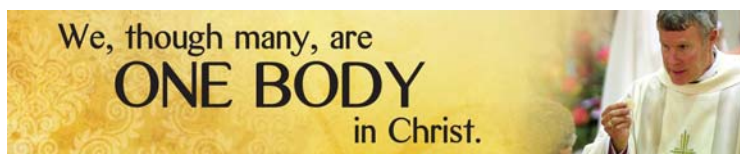
**INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK**

Adult Envelopes .....	\$5,676.00 (82 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes* .....	\$69.00 (16 Envelopes)
Loose .....	\$1,438.00
Candles .....	\$13.25
Catholic Charities.....	\$330.00 (10 Envelopes)
Flower Fund.....	\$65.00
Interest Income.....	\$4.34
Rent .....	\$325.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$7,920.59</b>
Needed Each Week.....	\$2,877.89
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$24.66</b>
*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: none	

**BUDGET REPORT 2016-2017**

<b>Income needed by 30 June 2017:</b>	\$150,234.37
<b>Income needed each week:</b>	\$2,889.12
<b>Income received since 1 July 2016:</b>	\$81,088.36

12/29/2016



	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>\$ Goal:</b>	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00
<b>\$ Pledged:</b>	\$9,542.50	\$7,685.00
<b>\$ Given:</b>	\$9,542.50	\$7,097.50
<b>Pledges Goal:</b>	168	171
<b>Participants:</b>	102	74
<b>Participant Rate:</b>	61%	43%

**LADIES GUILD**

- will meet for a supper meeting at Doosky's on Wednesday January 11 at 6:00 p.m. Would love for everyone to join us!

**FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:**

- Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>- FF classes resume.
- Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>- 4-7 pm- come and go- Reconciliation Learning Stations @ FF Center for all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents.
- Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>- 4 pm- First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.
- Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>- 7 pm- First Eucharist meeting in Moville for parents of all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders
- Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>- 7 pm in the church- Blessing of Throats
- Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>- Dad's Belgian Waffle breakfast fundraiser at the Kingsley Community Center. Serving from 8:30-12:30 Also having a bake sale and auction items. Youth of the parish will be selling tickets after Christmas break. Please plan to attend to support youth going to church camp, retreats and conferences.
- Faith Formation students have been given information regarding next summer faith events- Camp Cayoca will be available for students 3-12<sup>th</sup> grades. 8th-12<sup>th</sup> graders have received information regarding Steubenville conferences. Please let me know ASAP if your child is interested in attending either of these events. JUST A REMINDER, THAT ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES WILL NEED TO ATTEND A RETREAT OR CONFERENCE EITHER THE SUMMER BEFORE OR ELSE DURING THEIR CONFIRMATION PREP YEAR. ALL CURRENT 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WILL NEED TO DO THIS!
- 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](mailto:stmikedre@gmail.com), home [barbsitzmann@yahoo.com](mailto:barbsitzmann@yahoo.com), work [bsitzmann@k-pcsd.org](mailto:bsitzmann@k-pcsd.org).

**ACH GIVING NOW AVAILABLE!** For all of our Parishioners of St. Michael Parish 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.

**SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [JANUARY 1-7]** burns for **Alan Gordon+** at the request of **Rick, Susie & Nikki Ahlquist.**

Weeks available until January 2018.

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**BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. Brad** is at Immaculate Conception , Sunday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. We will be covering Royal Kingdom—Part 2. If you are still interested in joining it isn't to late!

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- Cantor:** Gene Handke
- Organist:** Amanda Schroeder
- Gifts:** Corey Meister Family
- Communion:** Eric Nelson, Cindy Hesse, Carol Nelson
- CharMac:** Elaine Ketelsen
- Ushers:** Doug Glackin, Tony Glackin
- Collection**
- Counters:** JoAnne Jenness, Marcia Sailer

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Catholic Charities.....	\$444.00 (20 Envelopes)
Interest Income.....	\$2.40
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$5,730.40</b>
Needed Each Week.....	\$2,859.23
<b>Total Parish Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$1,594.11</b>

\*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: "Said Merry Christmas to my family"

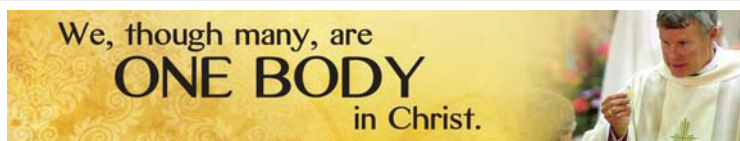
**BUDGET REPORT 2016-2017**

<b>Income needed by 30 June 2017:</b>	\$150,548.91
<b>Income needed each week:</b>	\$2,895.17
<b>Income received since 1 July 2016:</b>	\$96,476.19

12/29/2016

**ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [JANUARY 1-7] burns for *Geraldine Neiwohner*+**

**Weeks available after March 5, 2017.**



	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>\$ Goal:</b>	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
<b>\$ Pledged:</b>	\$8,847.50	\$8,170.00
<b>\$ Given:</b>	\$8,542.00	\$7,245.00
<b>Pledges Goal:</b>	151	171
<b>Participants:</b>	92	74
<b>Participant Rate:</b>	61%	43%

**FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:**

- **January 4-** Faith Formation classes resume.
- **January 9-** Reconciliation Stations at IC Parish Hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents and child are required to attend.
- **January 11 & 25** CICC classes
- **January 12--** Faith Formation and Youth Ministry meeting at 7:30 p.m. IC Library.
- **January 22-** First Reconciliation at 4:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow.
- **January 25-** First Eucharist parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. at IC Parish Hall. The meeting is mandatory for all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Faith Formation parents.
- **January 29-** Youth Mass and breakfast. Any youth willing to help with the Youth Mass or breakfast, please contact Angie at IC office.
- **February 1-**Blessing of the throats during the 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation Classes.
- **February 22-** Deacon Joe Twidwell will be speaking to the 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Classes about the service he performs at the Warming Shelter and his faith. Parish members are welcome to come and listen to Deacon Joe.
- St. Andrew Sibley is hosting a **mission trip** and inviting all diocesan youth. Please contact Christy Funk (712-577-9635 or 712-754-2739) at St. Andrew Sibley with questions and if you are interested in participating.
- **Camp Cayoca** at Twin Lakes, IA returns with a wonderful renewed experience, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades June 11-13 and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades June 14-16.
- **Contact info:** Immaculate Conception Office 712-873-3644; Angie's cell 712-560-2593; email [icmenvilledff@wiatel.net](mailto:icmenvilledff@wiatel.net)

**Holy Spirit 2016-2017 Annual Appeal Update!** One Immaculate Conception parishioner resides at Holy Spirit. They have a \$50,000 goal this year, and are 15% to goal. To donate, please mail your contribution to: Holy Spirit Retirement Home – 1701 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux City, IA 51103 or visit their online giving page at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=a059a1>. Holy Spirit Retirement Home is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your gift will be tax deductible in the calendar year in which it was donated.

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# WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Diane Ashley, Clarice Bainbridge, Leonard Beaver, Juanita Beaubien, Jim Berens, Rose Brown, Tom/Donna Clark, Virginia Connelly, Hilda Dragoo, Pauline Dugan, Kara Funk, Charlotte Honkomp, Virginia & Walt Kabisch, Mike Ketelsen, Millie Kisting, Harold Kloewer, Veronica Koebel, Patricia McConnell, Stanley Nilles, Beverly Petekavich, Rita Plendl, Bob/Patricia Rogers, Jim Roger, Judy Schroeder, Sylvesta Slota, Harlan/Fairy Steffe, Almeda Strachan, Bernice Timmins, Marcella Thomas, Jeune Vondrak, Gerry Weinreich, Emmet Woltman, and the men and women serving in the military and police.



## Christmas



### Immaculate Conception Church

Name	In Memory/In Honor of...
M/M Art Seidel	Inez & Tony Hammrch
M/M Charles Kronaizl	Harold Rempp; Ed Kronaizl
M/M Bud Foster	Ed Plendl; Secret Plendl; Donna Swift
M/M Jerry Sailer	Bob & Gert Friis
M/M Dave Dietrich	Doris/Virgil Treiber; Robert Dietrich
M/M Eric Nelson	Msrgr. Roger Augustine
M/M Kelly Funk	Jim & Beth Willet
M/M Jason O'Mara	Ray and Angie Rounds
M/M Gary Hoppe	Frank Hoppe; Ray Bockelman
M/M Bob Weatherly	Bob & Nina Weatherly; EG & Pauline Allard
Julie Brockhaus	My Parents
Kathy Drevs	Robert & Mary Drevs
M/M Don Wohlert	Gail d'Auguste; Ivan & Bernice O'Tool; Carl & Gladys Wohlert
Pamela Cooper	Tom Cooper
M/M William Havlicek	Pete & Dorothy Nordhues

### St. Michael Church

Name	In Memory/In Honor of...
M/M Gregory Royer	Leo & Lorraine McDermott
M/M Dennis Beelner	Minday Beelner
M/M William Dunne	Dunne and Stratton families
M/M Rickie Ahlquist	Joseph & Virginia Otterpohl; Betty Ahlquist; Romelda Thompson; Fr. Brad Pelzel
Nikki Ahlquist	M/M Rick Ahlquist; Maynard Ahlquist; Betty Ahlquist; M/M Joe Otterpohl
Janice Meister	Ed Meister
Jeanine Haggin	Robert Becker; Florence Becker; Art Haggin; Laurali (Becker) Fry; Trudy (Beckter) Dvorak
M/M John Galles	Roman & lola Galles; John & Helen Taphorn
M/M Dennis Conry	Ray & Rosaline Kenealy; Don & Shirley Conry
M/M Randall Plendl	Bryce & Mary Weinreich; Brian Weinreich
M/M Robert Plendl	Glen Siple; Valiva Siple; Alvin Plendl; Vera Plendl; Velma Finch
M/M Loren Koch	Roy & Dorothy Schieuer; Leonard & Esther Koch
Brian Vondrak	Don, Jerome, Denny Vondrak; Judy Welte (Niles); Opal Rufus Rhodes; Frank Gertrude Vondrak; Steve McKibbin
M/M Charles Hardie	Jerry & Janice Barthole; Kimberly Hardie
Jolene Spooner	Owen Spooner; Brule & Lucille Spooner; Ray & Lillian Herbert
M/M Curtis Ott	Joan McCain
Judith Schroeder	Herman & Bernadine Schroeder; Tom & Pat Kohoch; Art Schroeder; Helen Walker
M/M William Langel	William Langel; Mary Ellen Boden

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**Director of Faith Formation:** Barbara Sitzmann  
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**Custodian-Church:** Jan Meister / **Assistant Custodian-Church:** Jolene Spooner / **Custodian-FF Center:** Sonya Hamman  
**Groundskeeper:** Jerome Gollhofer

**WFCC [MOVILLE] OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.** 8:30 a.m.-noon, 1:00-5:30 p.m.  
**Wed.** 8:30 a.m.-noon, 1:00-5:30 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Other times by appointment

**EUCCHARIST:**  
**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m.-Kingsley  
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.-Moville  
**Monday, Wednesday:** 8:00 a.m.-Moville  
**Tuesday, Thursday:** 8:00 a.m.-Kingsley

**RECONCILIATION:**  
**Saturday:** 4:00-4:45 p.m.-Kingsley  
**Sunday:** 8:00-8:45 a.m.-Moville  
Other times by appointment

### IMPORTANT DATES

- January 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: ICC Reconciliation Learning Stations [M]
- January 10, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- January 10, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- January 11, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [CharMac]
- January 11, 6:00 p.m.: SMC Guild Meeting [Doosky's]
- January 12, 7:30 p.m.: ICC Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Team Meeting [M]
- January 12, 4:00-7:00 p.m.: SMC Reconciliation Learning Stations [K]
- January 14, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (Guild) [K]
- January 15, 4:00 p.m.: SMC First Reconciliation [K]
- January 15, 6:0 p.m.: The Bible Timeline (Session 13: Divided Kingdom - Part 1) [K]
- January 22, 10:00 a.m.: Full Breakfast (KC8232) [M]
- January 22, 4:00 p.m.: ICC First Reconciliation [M]
- January 22, 6:00 p.m.: The Bible Timeline (Session 14: Divided Kingdom - Part 2) [M]
- January 25, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC First Eucharist Parent Meeting [M]
- January 29, 9:00 a.m.: ICC Youth Mass [M]
- January 29, 10:00 a.m.: ICC Youth Breakfast [M]
- January 29, 6:00 p.m.: The Bible Timeline (Session 15: Exile - Part 1) [K]
- February 1, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [KNH]