



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MONDAY—DECEMBER 26

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

OFFICES CLOSED

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Movable

TUESDAY—DECEMBER 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Movable

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Movable

4:00 p.m. NO Faith Formation [PS-4]

- Kingsley

4:00 p.m. NO Faith Formation [PS-4]

- Movable

7:00 p.m. NO Faith Formation [5-12]

- Kingsley

7:00 p.m. NO Faith Formation [5-8] - Movable

7:00 p.m. NO CICC - Movable

THURSDAY—DECEMBER 29

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Movable

FRIDAY—DECEMBER 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

OFFICES CLOSED

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Movable

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley

5:00 p.m. Eucharist [John Hamman+]

- Kingsley

SUNDAY—JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation - Movable

9:00 a.m. Eucharist [Millie Wycoff+] - Movable

**WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN OUR PARISH**

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.

<http://www.westforkcatholiccommunity.org>

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25 December 2016

The Nativity of the Lord

This Christmas I ask you to consider a reason for great, personal, and ongoing gratitude. The reason is represented in our manger scene: God amongst us as an infant, giving up all his power and glory to be one of us out of love for us! Why did God come to us in this way? Why did God accept such humiliation? I believe the answer has something to do with the nature of a gift. What makes a gift valuable involves not just the gift itself, but the thought and effort that went into it.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale once wrote about a young woman working as a missionary. One Christmas a little boy proudly brought her a crudely wrapped gift. Unwrapping the present, she found an exquisite seashell. Knowing that the only place he could have gotten such a shell was on a beach that was a long and hard walk from their village, she expressed her appreciation: "Dear boy, you've traveled far to bring me such a wonderful present." Smiling widely, he responded, "Oh, teacher, long walk part of gift." Dr. Peale then writes of problems decorating their church for Christmas. It seems everything was going wrong, lights weren't working, decorations were broken, stands, cords and other supplies were missing, and everyone was in a sour mood. Seeing that he was ready to give up, his wife reminded him, "Long walk - part of gift."

God wants to give you a gift - the greatest gift imaginable: his very self. He created the universe and everything in it to make life possible for us and to convey his love for us. Even though history shows we have not received these gifts well, still God persists. He makes the long journey to become one of us - taking on, even embracing, our limitations and weaknesses. Why? Long walk - part of gift.

This Christmas I want to give you a gift: a book titled "Resisting Happiness." The subtitle says, "A true story about why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside dreams... and how to start choosing happiness again." All I ask is that you read the first 30 pages. I am convinced that if you do, you will finish the book, and doing so will deepen your Catholic faith. If you don't want to read the book, no problem - please give it to someone you know who has fallen away from the faith; it may be just the invitation they need to begin practicing again.

There is another gift however, that I hope you will not refuse, the one I mentioned at the beginning of this column: the gift shown in our Nativity scene. Other gifts will fade and perish, but this one is eternal. "Long walk - part of the gift" is critical to our appreciating the value of this gift, and God becoming one of us is the longest walk of all.

Upon receiving any gift, the appropriate response is "thank you." As it says in "Resisting Happiness": "Gratitude should always be our first response for the blessings in our lives. Our second response should be to live a life worthy of the blessings we have received... Without gratitude what was extraordinary yesterday becomes ordinary today. Without gratitude a sense of entitlement takes over and begins to rot our soul. Without gratitude we get old and grumpy, or even young and grumpy. Gratitude keeps us young. It anchors us to the present moment. It reminds us what matters most and what matters least, and fills us with the resolve to carry out the great mission God has entrusted to us."

Merry Christmas and God Bless you all!

Fr. Brad Pelzel

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MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31 5:00 P.M.

- Altar Servers:** Alison Haggin, Rachel Bohle, Sean Cronin
- Reader(s):** Shayley Haggin, Rita Conry
- Cantor:** Scott Bohle
- Organist:** Jolene Spooner
- Gifts:** Amy Benson Family
- Communion:** Jerry Seuntjens, Shari Seuntjens, Millie Hamman
- KNH:** Janice Meister
- Greeters:** Janice Meister, Ann Dunne
- Ushers:** Dan Mockler, Marv McDermott
- Collection**
- Counters:** Colleen Bainbridge, Becky Sitzmann

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Farm Ground Income	\$3,627.88
Rent	\$465.00
Total Income	\$4,092.88
Needed Each Week.....	\$2,877.89
Total Expenses	\$1,216.81
*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: none	

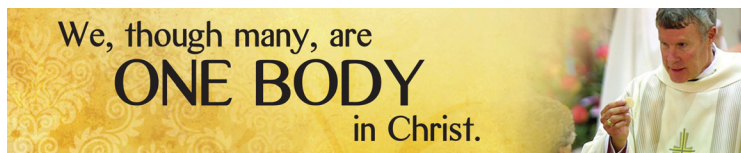
BUDGET REPORT 2016-2017

Income needed by 30 June 2017:	\$150,234.37
Income needed each week:	\$2,889.12
Income received since 1 July 2016:	\$73,497.77

12/22/2016

SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 25-31] burns for *Joe & Virginia Otterpohl+* at the request of *Rick, Susie & Nikki Ahlquist*.

Weeks available until January 2018.



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

LADIES GUILD

- If you need the prayer chain, please call Mary Lou Mockler 378-2283 or Lois Galles, 378-2045.
- If you are a member of St. Michael's Prayer Chain, please pick up an updated list in the back of church. Any questions, call Lois Galles, 378-2045.

FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:

- Wednesday, December 28th- NO CLASSES- CHRISTMAS BREAK.
- Wednesday, January 4th- FF classes resume.
- Thursday, January 12th- 4-7 pm- come and go- Reconciliation Learning Stations @ FF Center for all 2nd graders and their parents.
- Sunday, January 15th- 4 pm- First Reconciliation for 2nd graders.
- Wednesday, January 25th- 7 pm- First Eucharist meeting in Mo-ville for parents of all 2nd graders
- Wednesday, February 1st- 7 pm in the church- Blessing of Throats
- Sunday, February 5th- 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 3-12th grades. 8th-12th 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 8TH AND 9TH 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, home barbsitzmann@yahoo.com, work 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.

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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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MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY JANUARY 1 9:00 A.M.

- Altar Servers:** Anthony Baird, Aidan O'Mara, Noah O'Mara
- Reader(s):** Paige Glackin, Jason O'Mara
- Cantor:** Sally Schultz
- Organist:** April Schroeder
- Gifts:** Gabe Weaver Family
- Communion:** Becky Moodie, Chris Hoelker, Allyson Bennett
- CharMac:** Elaine Ketelsen
- Ushers:** Butch Grell, Volunteer
- Collection Counters:** Pam Cooper, JoAnne Jenness

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes	\$1,797.00 (30 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes*	\$17.39 (7 Envelopes)
Loose	\$539.00
Total Income	\$2,353.39
Needed Each Week	\$2,859.23
Total Parish Expenses.....	\$3,206.65

*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: none

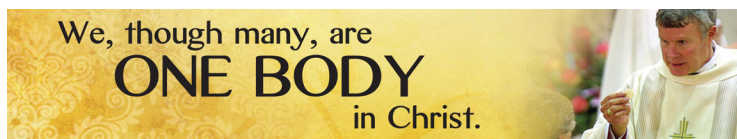
BUDGET REPORT 2016-2017

Income needed by 30 June 2017:	\$150,548.91
Income needed each week:	\$2,895.17
Income received since 1 July 2016:	\$91,189.79

12/22/2016

ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 25-31] burns for Anthony & Inez Hammrich+ at the request of Art & Sally Seidel.

Weeks available after March 5, 2017.



	2015	2016
\$ Goal:	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$8,847.50	\$8,170.00
\$ Given:	\$8,542.00	\$7,245.00
Pledges Goal:	151	171
Participants:	92	74
Participant Rate:	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. 2nd 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 2nd 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, 3rd-6th grades June 11-13 and 7th-12th grades June 14-16.
- **Contact info:** Immaculate Conception Office 712-873-3644; Angie's cell 712-560-2593; email icmvilleddff@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. 25th 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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THE GLOBE Visit The Catholic Globe's website, catholicglobe.org, for a photo gallery on the Cathedral of the Epiphany choir trip to Rome! Got news? Email news@scdiocese.org or call (712) 255-2550 or (800) 352-9035.

CHRISTMAS ACRES 2016 The largest country Christmas display going until December 31, 5:00-10:00 p.m. at 18481 Impala Ave., LeMars. All donations go to the Christian Needs Center.



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 Weinriech, Emmet Woltman, and the men and women serving in the military and police.



Christmas



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Name	In Memory/In Honor of...
M/M Art Seidel	Inez & Tony Hammrich
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	Msgr. 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

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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 & Iola 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

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

Groundskeeper: Jerome Gollhofer

PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

Anthony G. Koch, father to Carol (Doug) Glackin, grandfather to Tony, Sean and Paige Glackin, who passed away December 18.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- January 2: OFFICES CLOSED
- January 3, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Guild Meeting [M]
- January 4, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [KNH]
- January 4, 4:00/7:00 p.m.: Faith Formation Resumes [M/K]
- January 8, 10:00 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (KC8232) [M]
- January 8, 6:00 p.m.: The Bible Timeline (Session 12: Royal Kingdom - Part 2) [M]
- 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, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Guild Meeting [K]
- 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 -