

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; 1:45 - 5 p.m.

BULLETIN

Deadline is noon on Monday unless otherwise specified. Announcements may be mailed or e-mailed to Jenifer Dills.

Find us on Facebook: *Immaculate Conception Church*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: 6 p.m. Sunday: 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.* Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

**The church is open from 11 a.m. until the end of Mass.*

DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday after 12:10 p.m. Mass

Rosary: First Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12 noon

Saturday: 5 - 5:30 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must attend a preparation meeting. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

6 months preparation time required. Contact one of the priests to schedule an appointment. Deposit required to secure date. Request a copy of the Wedding Guidelines from the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

(September - May)

Pre-K (age 4) - 5th grade: 10 - 11:15 a.m. Sundays

6th - 12th grade: 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

CALVARY CEMETERY

1916 Martin Luther King Jr Ave Knoxville, TN 37915

Volunteer Work Day: Second Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon

For information, please call the parish office.

SCHOOL

St. Joseph School (PK - 8th grade) www.sjsknox.org
1810 Howard Drive Knoxville, TN 37918 (865) 689-3424

TWIN PARISH

St. Francis Xavier in Fond des Blancs, Haiti

PARKING

Free Sunday morning Mass parking is available in the Eagles' lot across Cafego Place, the LMU lots on Locust Street and Cafego Place, and the Crowne Plaza parking garage. On weekdays, the **only** free parking available is our own parking lot.

Free parking for evening (after 5 p.m.) and weekend events is available in the LMU lots on Locust Street and Cafego Place.



From the Pastor:

Today is *Laetare Sunday*, which gets its name from the opening words of today's traditional Introit: *Laetare, Jerusalem* ("Rejoice, Jerusalem"). Our Lenten pilgrimage is half-over, and we are already half-way to Easter. So, on this 4th Sunday of Lent, the Church replaces her somber violet vestments with bright rose-colored vestments, adorns the altar with flowers, and allows for a greater use of the organ. These are external symbols of the joy which we are meant to feel at mid-Lent as we prepare for the Easter feast – whether we are new Catholics preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter or life-long Catholics called to a life of ongoing conversion and discipleship. At an earlier time in the Church's history, when the observance of Lent was so much stricter, this mid-Lent moment of relaxation was much valued. Thus, in 1216, Pope Innocent III said: *On this Sunday, which marks the middle of lent, a measure of consoling relaxation is provided so that the faithful may not break down under the severe strain of Lenten fast but may continue to bear the restrictions with a refreshed and easier heart.*

This season of Lent is organized around two converging themes: **conversion and repentance** (and hence two corresponding sacraments: **baptism and penance**). Hence the celebration on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent of the Scrutinies of the Elect who are preparing for Baptism at Easter. Meanwhile what about the rest of us, who were baptized long ago and are life-long (or at least long-term) members of his Church? Have we perhaps lost some of our fervor? Lent challenges us to rediscover the new life first offered us in the living water of baptism, offered again and again in the sacrament of penance. As Pope Francis has repeatedly reminded us: "the Lord never gets tired of forgiving, it is we that get tired of asking forgiveness."

The season of Lent is thus an especially appropriate time for celebrating the **Sacrament of Penance**. The practice of confession, as Pope Francis has suggested in his book, *The Name of God Is Mercy*, "has deep significance because we are social beings. If you are not capable of talking to your brother about your mistakes, you can be sure that you can't talk about them with God, either, and therefore you end up confessing into the mirror, to yourself." Confessions are heard at Immaculate Conception daily Monday-Friday before Mass from 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and on Saturdays from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. **Also, as in past years, we will offer an evening Lenten Penitential Service with confessions on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.**

Finally, a personal note of *Thank You* for your many greetings and good wishes on the occasion of my 71st birthday last week!

Ronald A. Lamm, CSP



Welcome to our Visitors. We extend a warm welcome to all the visitors who are celebrating Mass with us this weekend.



The ICWG will host a Bake Sale after all Masses today, Mar. 31. Come enjoy some homemade treats to have with your coffee and juice.

Fr. Joe Ciccone, CSP: Our former Pastor, Fr Joe Ciccone, CSP, wants to thank so many of you for your thoughts, prayers, masses, and supportive encouragement, as he continues to deal with his lymphoma cancer and the demands of chemotherapy. His prognosis is good; but it will take time. You are in his heart with fond memories.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Interested in becoming a Catholic or exploring the Catholic Faith? Our Inquiry group meets on **Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.** For further information, please call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508. Our next meeting is **Apr. 1.**



Lenten Abstinence: The norms concerning abstinence from meat, which apply to Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday, are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Besides those outside the age limits, the sick, the frail, the pregnant and nursing women are excused from fasting and abstinence.

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we will celebrate the Second Scrutiny for our Catechumen who is seeking Baptism and full Initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter.

Mailboxes for all the Candidates and Catechumen are in the vestibule of the church. Please take time to learn their names and offer them your prayers as they finish this final preparation for the Easter Vigil.

Lenten Friday Fish Dinner and Stations of the Cross: We will make the Stations of the Cross as a parish community every Friday in Lent at **7 p.m.**, concluding with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Stations will be preceded each week at **6 p.m.** by a traditional Lenten Friday Fish Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 645.



1st Friday Exposition and Benediction: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the end of the **12:10 p.m. Mass on Fri., Apr. 5,** followed by the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart and the Paulist Vocation Prayer, and concluding with Benediction.

Wednesday Mid-Day Lenten Services: As in past years during Lent, there will be a brief ecumenical service **each Wednesday at 12:00 noon**, followed by a simple lunch, sponsored by one of the five downtown churches. All are welcome to attend both the service and the lunch (or just the service). **This week's service will be at First Presbyterian Church, 620 State Street, on Wed., Apr. 3.**

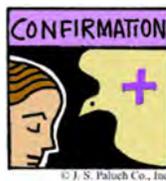


The 1st Saturday Rosary will be recited at the end of the **8:30 a.m. Mass on Sat., Apr. 6.**

Please Note Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines:
Announcements for the **Apr. 7 & 14 bulletins** are due on **Mon., Apr. 1.**
Announcements for the **Apr. 21 bulletin** are due on **Mon., Apr. 8.**



Annual Wrap It Up Project: The ICWG will collect **handmade or purchased lap quilts and afghans** to be distributed to "Meals on Wheels" participants the week before Easter. A collection basket is available in the back of the church.



Confirmation for Adults: An **Adult Confirmation Mass** will be celebrated on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9, at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.** Any adult (18 and over) who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and First Communion, but who has not been confirmed, can receive the sacrament on this date. Anyone desiring to be confirmed at this celebration should contact Fr. Franco as soon as possible.



Envelopes for Easter lily donations are available in the vestibule. Donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin after Easter.



Food Pantry: The Ladies of Charity supplies our food pantry with 55-60 full bags of groceries each month, which is distributed to needy families and individuals on the second Monday of each month. The next delivery is **Mon., Apr. 8, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the parish hall.** For more info, please contact Karen Blum at (865) 748-5445.



Ladies of Charity Easter Basket Sale will be held in the parish hall, **Apr. 6 & 7**, after all Masses. Pick up an Easter basket or two and make a generous donation to help those in need. Thank you for your continued support of the Ladies of Charity.



IC Bees Quilt Show: Apr. 13 & 14, after all Masses, in the parish hall. Entries will be accepted in three categories: large quilt, small quilt, and wall hanging. Quilts that were entered in last year's show may not be entered again. Winning prize for each category is \$10. Winners will be determined by popular vote of the parish community. **Entry forms are available in the back of the church.** A quilt will be given away on the day of the show. Chances are one/\$1 and 6/\$5. **The quilt will be on display in the hall after Mass this weekend.** Baby and lap quilts will also be available for purchase at the show.



The **2019 KDCCW Convention, Reflecting God's Joy**, will be held **April 4 - 5** at **St. Mary's Parish, Oak Ridge.** Visit www.kdccw.org, for more information.



Knoxville Catholic High School is currently accepting teaching applications for the 2019-20 academic year in **English, Math, and French.** Excellent benefits and opportunities for extracurricular involvement are included. Qualified applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to: Jane Walker, Academic Dean, Knoxville Catholic High School, 9245 Fox Lonas Road, Knoxville, TN 37923 or email jane.walker@knoxvillecatholic.com.

The Knoxville Catholic Alumni Office is hosting a **special brunch** on **Sat., Apr. 13, 10 a.m.- noon in the school commons** to honor KCHS grads from 1969 and earlier. \$15 per person. RSVP to Joni Punch at joni.punch@knoxvillecatholic.com.



Religious Education News

Our Religious Education Classes for 4-years old through 5th grade meet on **Sunday morning at 10 a.m.** All are welcome! For info or to register your child, call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508.

Gospel Reflection

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. The Joy of the Father welcoming home his son reflects the Joy that God feels every time we turn to Him.



Youth Ministry is open to all students in 6th grade through high school. **Our next meeting is Wed., Apr. 3 at 7 p.m. in the youth room.** For Lent, we are collecting new, unworn socks for the Ladies of Charity.

Congratulations to all the young people who were confirmed yesterday at the Cathedral: **Matthew Conum, Stanley Mowrer, Caroline Calloway, Aaliyah Christof, Lexi Duncan, Lorelei Sholly, Zachary Kiernan, Theodore Ekaso.**



Catholic Teens United will meet on **Sun., Apr. 7, 2 - 4 p.m.** at **Sacred Heart Cathedral Hall.** Fr. David Mary from Benton, TN will be giving a talk on *The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.* This is such a crucial element of our Catholic faith and our teens will be blessed to attend this amazing talk! Parents are welcome.



Family Summit March Event

Sun, Mar. 31, 12:30 p.m.: Free bowling at Maple Hall downtown! Come eat lunch at this cool restaurant and bowling alley on Gay Street and enjoy a fun afternoon with other families.



Books for Adult Faith Formation:

A small selection of spiritual books is for sale at our cost in the church vestibule. Please put your money (cash/check made out to IC) in the book's envelope and place it in the lock box on the wall to the right of the book shelves.



The Haiti Committee has great news to share! Bob O'Connor, former IC parishioner, invited Kevin Hosey to meet with the Pastoral Council at St. Albert the Great and explain our longstanding connection with St. Francis Xavier Parish in Haiti. St. Albert is considering becoming a twinning parish too. But in the meantime, they agreed to donate **\$1,500** to our Haiti Fund.

Along with the **\$300** raised at our February card party, we can make a substantial gift to funding school projects such as installing a school kitchen. Thank you St. Albert the Great!



National Collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS):

A second collection will be taken up this weekend in support of the work of CRS, the international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Bishops and Catholic community. With your generosity, CRS is helping to break the cycle of poverty in more than 90 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. CRS also provides emergency relief in the wake of natural disasters. Your donation also assists the work of the U.S. Bishops' Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and Pastoral Care, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, and the relief work of the Holy Father.

Donate Online



Online Giving is available with WeShare. You can set up a one-time donation or a recurring transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. For more information, visit <https://icknoxville.weshareonline.org>.

Weekly Mass of Reparation: Bishop Stika has asked all parishes to offer one Mass each week for reparation and forgiveness of sins that have taken place in the Church. During Lent at Immaculate Conception, this Mass will be offered on **Fri., Apr. 5**, and **Wed., Apr. 10** and **Apr. 17**.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March: Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Incorrupt Heart of Saint John Vianney to Visit

Knoxville: The incorrupt heart of Saint John Vianney, a major relic of the patron saint of parish priests, will visit the Diocese of Knoxville on **May 23** as part of its pilgrimage to the United States. The Knights of Columbus, entrusted with the relic on its national tour of the U.S., will be working with Bishop Richard F. Stika to finalize an agenda and opportunities for veneration, Mass, and additional possible ceremonies. Saint John Vianney died in 1859. When exhumed, his body was found to be incorrupt and is enshrined in Ars, France. His still intact heart was later removed. This major relic began a tour of the U.S. in 2018. More information on specific schedules for its visit to the Diocese of Knoxville will be posted at dioknox.org and listed in the *East Tennessee Catholic* newspaper.



Diocesan Safe Environment

Requirements: In addition to all parish employees, ALL volunteers (catechists, choir members, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, etc.) are required by the **Diocese of Knoxville's Safe Environment Policies** to comply with the diocesan Safe Environment program's requirements, which include, among other things, consenting to a background check and attending a *Virtus* training session. For more information or to register for a session, visit www.virtusonline.org.



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CATHOLIC MASS

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. **Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in to Catholic Mass on TV, WKNX channel 7 (The Knox) at 8:30 a.m., or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org.** For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.



Download Our Parish App to keep up with the latest events and activities—especially during the Lenten season. Download today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for **myparish**.



Paulist Vocations: Please keep in your prayers Paulist novice **Moisés J. Piñeda**. **Moisés** is a 36-year old long-time resident of Florida. He graduated *magna cum laude* earning an MBA from Nova Southeastern University and a BBA in Finance from Florida International University. To nurture his entrepreneurial spirit, Moisés started an insurance company. He has always felt that God enabled him to help others through his profession, which would prepare him for the priesthood. Moisés is particularly proud of the weekly homeless ministry he started at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Miami. The ministry helps people in the community get off the streets and learn more about Jesus Christ. He is looking forward to providing spiritual guidance to others trying to find their way and to ministering to the marginalized of society.

Paulist Fathers' Necrology

Throughout the year, the Paulist Fathers remember in their prayers their deceased brother missionaries on the anniversaries of their death. This week, we remember:

- Peter J. Bergen* (3/31/1966)
- Francis C. Keyes* (4/1/1970)
- William West* (4/1/1975)
- Francis A. Baker* (4/4/1865)
- Alfred Young* (4/4/1900)
- William P. McDonald* (4/4/1959)
- Henry P. Fisher* (4/4/1967)
- Harold J. Foye* (4/4/2006)

Pilgrimage/Retreat to Yellowstone National Park: Oct. 13 to 18. Fr. Michael Cummins will be offering a retreat in our nation's first National Park. The days will consist of wildlife viewing in the park early morning through early afternoon followed by Mass, retreat talks, and prayer opportunities in late afternoon and evening. Cost for the pilgrimage/retreat is \$1,995.00 (airfare not included). For more information, contact St. Dominic Church, Kingsport, TN, at (423) 288-8101 or stdomchurch@aol.com. "To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God's love and hope." (The bishops of Japan, quoted in *Laudato Si'*)



Choir! Choir! Rehearsals for our **Sunday 10 a.m. Mass Choir** are held on **Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the church**. Join us! For more info, contact Karl at karljake@gmail.com.



Married Couples and Priests: The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **May 3 - 5** and **June 21 - 23**. Get more info or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling (678) 242-WWME.



Now accepting nominations for the **Longest Married Couple**. The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is searching for the **Longest Married Couple** from each parish. The winners will receive a *Certificate of Achievement* in June and the longest married couple in our diocese will be submitted to Worldwide Marriage Encounter for their search of the longest married couple in each state and the nation. To nominate a couple for this honor, please submit their names, wedding date and what parish they belong to by **Tues., Apr. 30** to Marian Christiana at (423) 892-2310 or mchristiana@dioknox.org.



JOURNEY OF HOPE

Divorce Seminar: The Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment, in partnership with **St. Thomas the Apostle** Family Life Office, will offer a one-day divorce healing seminar on **Sat., Apr. 6, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.** This seminar, presented by Deacon Walt Otey, is an overview of the *Journey of Hope* program based on the book *Divorced. Catholic. Now What?* Attendees will view a DVD presentation, *The Voices of Hope*, and participate in a discussion to lead them through the struggles of divorce. Lunch will be provided and there is no charge to attend. Books will be available for sale. Purchase is not required to attend seminar. For info/to register, contact Pam & Tim Geoghegan at (865) 657-0949, neatlib@gmail.com or timmyg620@gmail.com.



Post Abortion Healing Opportunities:

If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion or abortions, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to assist you with **Rachel's Vineyard healing and recovery retreat Apr. 26 – 28, at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN**. Complete confidentiality at all times. If you are unable to attend a weekend retreat, one-on-one counseling is available with a counselor who has been trained in this area. For more info, contact Sandi Davidson at (865) 776-4510 or sandi@cctn.org.

Parish Financial News

Parish Offertory Report*

March 17 Collection	\$	8,063.43
March 24 Collection	\$	8,835.45
Online Donations:	\$	2,938.30
Needed for Budget each week:	\$	11,779.30
Total Collection YTD:	\$	378,788.72
Total Budgeted YTD:	\$	447,613.40
Gain/(Loss) this fiscal year:	\$	(68,824.68)

*Regular offertory giving only. Does not include income from donations and other collections.

Home Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations:	\$	384,520.51
Total Received/Dec. 2018:	\$	276,964.65
Balance Remaining:	\$	107,555.86
Parish Share/Dec. 2018	\$	139,733.39

Together....Our Future Fulfilled St. Joseph School Capital Campaign

Total Pledged:	\$	319,672.00
Total Remitted:	\$	244,028.72
Balance Remaining:	\$	75,643.28



A Word from Servant of God Isaac Hecker, Founder of the Paulist Fathers

*The Bicentennial Year Theme for March is **The Church**. For Hecker, the spiritual search was never an end in itself. Hecker found fulfillment in the Catholic Church and desired to devote his life to helping others – especially other seekers, such as he himself had been – to find the truth in the Catholic Church. Thus, all his activity after his conversion was characterized above all by his enthusiastic embrace of the Church to which his personal spiritual search had so earnestly led him, and which would in time transform him into an active, enthusiastic missionary.*

“Hence the power and life of the Church can be no other than the indwelling Christ. As the soul is the life of the body, so Christ is the life of the Church. This is why St. Paul calls the Church “the Body of Christ.” [*The Church and the Age*, 1887]

If you have asked Father Hecker to pray for you or another person who is ill, and you believe something miraculous has happened, please contact Fr. Paul Robichaud, CSP, at (212) 265-3209 x350.

Diocesan policy states that **all minors must be accompanied by an adult when they use church restrooms**. Please do not send your children downstairs alone to the restroom.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: *Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday: *Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest*

Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6
Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30

6 p.m. Fr. Joe Ciccone, CSP by Carole Wunderlich

Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. †George Willard by Mary Catherine Willard
10 a.m. †Martha Ryno Maney by the People of IC
11:30 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception

Monday, April 1

12:10 p.m. †Maureen Fitzgerald by Precy Sturgeon & family

Tuesday, April 2

12:10 p.m. †Ella Marie Ambroziak by the family

Wednesday, April 3

12:10 p.m. †Noria Jeanne Likobo Ekaso (*healing*)

Thursday, April 4

12:10 p.m. †Margaret Burgess Williams
by Clete & Brenda Walles

Friday, April 5

12:10 p.m. Mass of Reparation
7 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, April 6

8:30 a.m. †All Souls who have no one to pray for them
6 p.m. †Prof. Howard D'Abbrera by Clete & Brenda Walles

Sunday, April 7

8:30 a.m. †Beth Robbins by Linda Schreiner
10 a.m. †Danna Duncan by IC friends
11:30 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception

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