Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ          June 14, 2020

Immaculate Conception Church
MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend
Saturday: 4 p.m.                  Sunday: 9, 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays
Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.*
*The church is open from 11 a.m. until the end of Mass.

Livestream Mass on Facebook Live
Sunday: 9 a.m.
Special Occasion Masses: TBA
A link is also posted on our website.

DEVOTION

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Monday - Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12 noon
Saturday: 3 - 3:30 p.m.* or by appointment
*Confessions will not be heard if there is a wedding scheduled.

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: 2nd 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
From the Pastor:

Today is the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, commonly called **Corpus Christi**. First celebrated in 1246, Corpus Christi was both a doctrinal response to heretical teachings regarding the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and also an expression of increased popular devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. In 1264, Pope Urban IV extended the celebration of Corpus Christi to the entire Latin Church and commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose a special Mass and Office. Celebrated on its traditional day – the Thursday after Trinity Sunday – Corpus Christi is one of the 10 traditional holydays of obligation in the universal calendar. In places (such as the United States) where it is no longer a holyday of obligation, its observance is transferred to this Sunday.

In many places, Corpus Christi is the occasion for public honor to the Blessed Sacrament in the form of a splendid outdoor procession. (As a seminarian in 1984, I had the privilege of witnessing the impressive Corpus Christi procession in Old Montreal.) In common with other less elaborate forms of Eucharistic exposition and adoration, this procession (and the Rite of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with which it concludes) constitute one prolonged act of worship, beginning with the celebration of the Mass at which the sacred Host was originally consecrated, one prolonged expression of our faith in, and our experience of, the presence of God-with-us.

Earlier this month, Bishop Stika promulgated a Decree establishing procedures to be followed for health and safety if and when any meetings are held in parish facilities. As always, any meeting that involves the use of any parish facilities requires my permission and the availability of appropriate space for the event. In addition, there are now several other requirements which must be met. They include (but are not limited to) the limitation of such gatherings to at most 50 people, the wearing of a cloth face covering when within 12 feet of anyone else, pre-screening of all attendees, temperature checks, maintaining an attendance roster, and cleaning the area when the meeting is finished. Note that at this time no food is permitted at any such events. Note also that, since the church hall is presently set up for Sunday Mass attendance, an additional expectation of any group that may meet there is that, in addition to the necessary cleaning of the area at the end of their meeting, the attendees will also restore the chairs, etc., for those attending Sunday Mass.

Ronald A. Stika, CSP
**Hail Holy Queen:** While this pandemic persists, the cantor will sing the ordinary time antiphon *Salve Regina* at the end of Mass. Traditionally, the *Salve Regina* has been one of the most commonly used prayers in the Church’s repertoire, apparently considered appropriate at almost any occasion. It seems a particularly appropriate prayer for this stressful experience in this period of pandemic. Since congregational singing is for the present discouraged, please recite it quietly while it is being chanted by the cantor. The familiar English translation is:

*Salve Regina*

_Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen._

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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Interested in becoming a Catholic or exploring the Catholic Faith? Inquirers are always welcome. Call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508 ext. 28.

**The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for June: The Way of the Heart.** That all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

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**Please update your contact information with the parish office.** We do not have accurate contact information for all our parishioners. **If your address, phone number or email address has changed in the last few years,** please call (865-522-1508 ext. 21) or email (icooffice@bellsouth.net) the parish office with your current contact information.

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**Some Important Procedures for Attending Mass at Immaculate Conception:**

1. Please follow the directions of the ushers when entering and leaving the church and when coming to Communion. Also, please sit in the designated seats to which you have been guided by the usher. If you are sitting in the main aisle, please sit between the colored stripes, one person on either side of the partition. If you are seated in the side aisle, please sit as close to the window as possible. In either case, please do not sit at the end of the pew next to the aisle. This is in order to maintain a safe distance between you and anyone who will be walking in the aisle. Finally, please do not leave your seat except as directed by the ushers at Communion and at the end. Note that the downstairs restrooms are not accessible on weekends.

2. Please remember to wear your face mask at all times during the Mass, except when actually receiving Communion. Everyone over the age of two is required to wear a mask. If you need a special children’s size mask, please ask an usher for one. The purpose of the mask is to protect those around you. So please wear it so as to cover your nose and mouth completely.

3. Please follow the ushers’ directions when coming to Communion. We will start with those in the side aisles, beginning from the back row, then those in the center aisles, beginning from the back row. Please come up the center aisle in single file, maintaining appropriate distance. Before Communion, remove your mask and sanitize your hands. If Communion finishes early downstairs, the Deacon will also give Communion in the church, thus creating two suitably distanced Communion stations in the front. Please go to the one that corresponds to the side by which you will return to your seat. If you are attending Mass in the parish hall, please follow the directions of the ushers or the deacon.

4. At the end of the Mass, please follow the ushers’ direction to leave the church as quickly as possible, starting with those in the back.

5. Finally, if you have brought your donation with you to Mass, please drop it in the box by the door as you leave.
Religious Education News
Our religious education classes have concluded for the year. I want to thank the parents who did a wonderful job in continuing the education of their children in the faith! I also need to thank Pflaum, the publisher of our materials, for making our weekly studies available online.

Gospel Reflection
Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (formerly Corpus Christi). Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate Mass, Jesus is present to us. The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation: Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special day. If there are family photos taken on this occasion, bring them out and share them together. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos that they have of their First Communion.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls himself the “living bread.” Every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today’s Gospel—those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain forever connected to him. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together thank God for this gift of Holy Communion.

Youth Ministry: Our Youth Ministry has been meeting online for several weeks and I want to thank all who have participated in those very lively discussions! Our next meeting is scheduled for June 24. Youth Ministry is open to all middle and high school youth in the parish. Rising 6th graders, if you wish to be included in our email list, please contact Brigid Johnson at brigidjohnson50@gmail.com.

Congratulations to our students who made their First Communion last Saturday:
Bronx Rivera, Trula Foster, Vivienne Harwell, Thomas Lopez Patino, Holden Sharp, Zayla Christof, Stella Hanna, Shiny Isezerano, Jade Randle, Catherine Roovers, Anthony Vejar, and Andrew Calloway.

Paulist Vocations: Please keep in your prayers Paulist novice Christopher Derige Malano. Chris “signed in” at the Paulist seminary on August 24, 2019. Chris hails from Hawaii. He earned his undergraduate degree in history and religious studies at the University of New Mexico and his M.A. in global development and social justice from St. John's University.

Chris is a past secretary general of the International Movement of Catholic Students and recently worked as administrator of Newman Center Hawaii. He is co-editor of the book “God's Quad” from Orbis Books. Please keep Chris and all of our Paulist seminarians in your prayers.

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:
Donald E. Howard (6/14/2005)
William A. Lynahan (6/15/1975)
William J. Cartwright (6/17/1933)
Francis Bertrand Robert (6/17/1985)
William J. Kenney (6/20/2014)
George R. Fitzgerald (6/20/2018)

Catholic Communications Campaign: Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection last month. We received $126.00. We appreciate your generosity.

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines:
Announcements for the June 28 & July 5 bulletins are due on Mon., June 22.

Download Our Parish App to keep up with the latest news at IC. Download today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.
Please remember in your prayers…

Annette Andrews
Dionna Battle
Jennifer Blake
Avery Browning
Irene Cecere
Tom Chandler
Maggie Costigan
Ron Cross
Megan McMurray Dugan
Robert Aldworth Foster
Cherry Gambol
Liz Gann
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Michael Rankin
Michael & Michele Rhinehart & family
Joel Rivera
Dorothy Romines
Becky Ryan
Freeda Ryan
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Linda Schreiner
Meg Coode Shannon
Shirley Sheffield
Sierra Shuck-Sparer
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Patsy Trollinger
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Nicholas Walles
Jean Wedekind
Lorie Weeden
Dani Willard
Grace Willard
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Please help us keep this list updated. Contact Nancy Brennan Strange, at (865) 522-1508 ext. 21 or icoffice@bellsouth.net, with any additions or deletions.
Parish Financial News

Parish Offertory Report*

June 7 Collection: $8,335.00
Online Donations: $2,353.62
Needed for Budget each week: $11,779.30
Total Collection YTD: $504,090.66
Total Budgeted YTD: $577,185.70
Gain/(Loss) this fiscal year: $(73,095.04)

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

Home Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations: $384,520.51
Total Received/Apr. 2020: $316,410.02
Balance Remaining: $68,110.49
Parish Share/Apr. 2020: $159,456.10

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

Total Pledged: $319,672.00
Total Remitted: $247,704.02
Balance Remaining: $71,967.98

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 or contact Jenifer Dills at icbulletin@bellsouth.net.

The East Tennessee Catholic, our diocesan newspaper, is provided to all our parishioners free of charge. During the month of June, a special envelope is included in the monthly envelope packet to help defray the cost of our communication assessment. The suggested donation is $15. If you do not receive monthly envelopes and would like to make a contribution, please place your donation (marked “ETC”) in the offertory.

If you would like to be added to (or taken off) our ETC or monthly envelope subscription list, or if you would like to receive the ETC electronically, please contact Jenifer Dills at icbulletin@bellsouth.net or (865) 522-1508 ext. 29.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Weekday
1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3b,4b-7 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: Weekday
1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6b,11,16 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: Weekday
2 Kgs 2:1-6-14 Ps 31:20-21,24 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday: Weekday
Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

Friday: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-4,6-8,10 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5,29-34 Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69:8-10,17,33-35
Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 13
4 p.m. †Lily Ostermayr by Carole Wunderlich

Sunday, June 14
9 a.m. Gerry & Carol O’Farrell by Lucy McGovern 50th Anniversary

11:30 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception

Monday, June 15
12:10 p.m. †Louise Morelli Donner by Dina Morelli

Tuesday, June 16
12:10 p.m. †Steve Webster by the People of IC

Wednesday, June 17
12:10 p.m. Kathy Delaney

Thursday, June 18
12:10 p.m. †Marilyn McGee Responti by Dina Morelli

Friday, June 19
12:10 p.m. † Jacob Michael Roberson by the family

Saturday, June 20
4 p.m. the marriage of Jenny Lowe & Grant Rhodes by Jenny Lowe

Sunday, June 21
9 a.m. †Chris O’Connor by the family

11:30 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception
Foot Clinic
Carol A. Akerman, D.P.M.
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