

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Immaculate Conception Church

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 27, 2020



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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Tuesday: noon - 4 p.m.

## BULLETIN

Deadline is **noon on Monday** unless otherwise specified. Please submit announcements to Jenifer Dills.

## 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.

## Important Procedures for Attending Mass and Receiving Communion

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 indicated by the green tape. Do not sit in the front row. Finally, please do not leave your seat except as directed by the ushers at Communion and at the end.
2. When the number of persons in the church reaches 50, all later arrivals will be directed to the lower church.
3. Please remember to wear your face mask at all times during the Mass. If you need a special children's size mask please ask an usher for one. Please wear it so as to cover your nose and mouth completely.
4. Please follow the ushers' directions when coming to Communion. Please come up the center aisle in single file, maintaining appropriate distance. (In other words do not come up two by two as was common prior to the pandemic.) Before Communion, sanitize your hands.
5. 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. Always return to your seat via the side aisle.
6. To receive Communion, please extend your hand as flat as possible. Do not move your fingers. Allow the priest or deacon time to place the host properly and reverently on your hand without having to touch your hand in the process. (If you move your fingers, you make it more likely that you will touch the priest or deacon's hand.)
7. At the end of Mass, please follow the ushers' direction to leave the church as quickly as possible, starting with those in the back.
8. If you brought your donation with you to Mass, please drop it in the box by the door as you leave.

Reception of Holy Communion on the tongue is permitted. However, because of the extra danger this poses for the priest or deacon, as well as for subsequent communicants, the following procedures must be followed strictly:

9. Those wishing to receive Holy Communion on the tongue will present themselves at the end of Mass in front of the altar rail on the east aisle.
10. Communicants will come forward to the altar rail one at a time, maintaining appropriate distance.
11. After each communicant, the priest or deacon who has administered Communion will immediately sanitize his hands.
12. After the last communicant, the priest or deacon will return the ciborium to the tabernacle and then immediately wash his hands with soap and water in the sacristy.

## MASS SCHEDULE Weekend

Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:15, 10, 11:45 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.*

## Livestream Masses on Facebook Live

Sunday: 8:15, 10 a.m.  
Special Occasion Masses: TBA  
*A link is posted on our website.*

## 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: 4 - 4:30 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.

## FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

(September - May)  
Pre-K (age 4) - 5th grade  
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. *in person*; 11:15 a.m. *virtual*  
6th - 12th grade  
Wednesdays: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

## CALVARY CEMETERY

1916 Martin Luther King Jr Ave  
Knoxville, TN 37915  
Volunteer Work Day:  
2nd Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon

## SCHOOL

St. Joseph School (PK - 8th grade)  
www.sjsknox.org  
1810 Howard Drive  
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## TWIN PARISH

St. Francis Xavier in Fond des Blancs, Haiti





## From the Pastor

*Ronald A. Lauer, CSP*

This is my 544th and last **From the Pastor** message. Once again, I want to express my deep thanks and appreciation to all of you for these 10 wonderful years which we have shared together here at Immaculate Conception and for all your help and support during this time. A special word of gratitude to the members of the parish staff, without whose dedication, cooperation, and hard work I could never have hoped effectively to carry out this ministry.

The end of a year is always an appropriate time for looking back, for some nostalgia, and for some serious reflection on the passage of time, lessons learned, experiences to be remembered, and, maybe most important, people to be cherished.



But then the New Year comes, and it is time to look forward. With the New Year, a new pastor, **Paulist Father Charlie Donahue** will come to Immaculate Conception Church. Fr. Donahue was born on Long Island, NY, on February 1, 1966. He was ordained a Paulist priest on May 21, 2005. He served as Associate Pastor at Holy Spirit Parish, University of California, Berkeley, CA, from 2005 to 2009. He then served as Pastor at Saint John XXIII Parish, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, from 2009 to 2014, and as Superior of the Knoxville Paulist Fathers' community from 2010 to 2014. He served as Director of Formation, Rector of Saint Paul's College, and Superior of the Washington Paulist Fathers' community, Washington, DC, from 2014 to 2016. He was in residence at the Paulist Center, Boston, Massachusetts, from 2016 to 2018. Finally, since 2018, he has served as Associate at the Saint Thomas More Newman Center, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. On January 1, he will become Immaculate Conception's 25th pastor and the Superior of the Knoxville Paulist Fathers' community.

May his time in Knoxville be at least as blessed as mine has been!

And now all that remains for me to say is to wish you all a very happy new year!

*O God, who are without beginning or end, the source of all creation, grant us so to live this new year, whose beginning we dedicate to you, that we may abound in good things and be resplendent with works of holiness. (Roman Missal)*

I will miss you all!

**As of January 1, I will officially be in residence at the Paulist Fathers' Mother House, 415 West 59th Street, NY, NY 10019.**



### New Year's Eve

There will be no 12:10 Mass on Thurs., New Year's Eve. There will be one New Year's Eve Mass at **5 p.m.**

### New Year's Day

Mass on Fri., New Year's Day will be at **9 a.m.** There will be no 12:10 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day.



**Thank you to the IC Women's Group** for their generous donation of **\$120** from their Bountiful Basket event. We are very appreciative of their continued generosity!



**Parish Office Closed**  
**Mon., Dec. 28 - Fri., Jan. 1**



### 2020 Statements of Giving available Jan. 20

To request your copy, please contact Jenifer Dills at **icknoxbulletin@gmail.com** or the parish office at (865) 522-1508 **ext. 21**. Please specify if you would like to receive your statement by mail or email. **Statements are sent upon request only.**

*Statements summarizing donations made to the Home Campaign and the 2020 Bishop's Appeal are available directly from the Diocese.*



The **IC Book Swap** (*Take a Book; Leave a Book*) is available all the time. Check out the two bookshelves in the parish hall. We have something for everyone!

### 2021 Breaking Bread Missals

Due to the pandemic, it is not currently possible to keep Breaking Bread Missals in the pews. We are able to offer personal copies for those who wish them. You may want to bring it with you to follow along at Mass each Sunday or use it as a study and spiritual reading resource at home. To cover the cost to the parish, we ask that you give a **\$5 minimum donation to the Mary Catherine Willard Music Fund**. You can pick up a copy during the week at the parish office or see Karl or Amanda after the weekend Masses.



### Paulist Vocations

Please keep Paulist seminarian **Noah Ismael, CSP** in your prayers. He made his first promises to the Paulist fathers on Sept. 4, 2020. Noah hails from Maryland and is a graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park. He served at U.C. Berkeley Newman Hall for the Lenten assignment of his novitiate year.

### Paulist Fathers' Necrology

The Paulist Fathers remember in their prayers their deceased brother missionaries on the anniversaries of their death.

- Warren H. Sedorf**  
(12/27/2005)
- James A. McVann**  
(12/28/1978)
- Robert A. Skinner**  
(12/29/1935)
- George Deshon**  
(12/30/1903)
- John J. Bradley**  
(12/30/1994)
- John P. Donahue**  
(12/31/1997)
- John J. Colleary**  
(1/1/1966)

### Catholic Extension Society 2021 Parish Calendars

are available after all Masses today. Calendars are courtesy of Rose Mortuary.



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested in becoming a Catholic or exploring the Catholic Faith? Our sessions have been taking place online, so it's a safe place for all. Inquirers are always welcome. For more information, please contact Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508 ext. 28 or [brigidjohnson50@gmail.com](mailto:brigidjohnson50@gmail.com).



## Religious Education

Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. For those who can't attend in person, we meet on Zoom at 11:15 a.m. An option to use the faith sharing materials is open to all. For more information, call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508.



## Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is open to all middle and high school students in the parish. **We will meet in the parish hall at 7 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 16.** Confirmation preparation for middle and high school takes place in youth ministry. If you would like to join us, or for more information, please contact Brigid Johnson, at [brigidjohnson50@gmail.com](mailto:brigidjohnson50@gmail.com).

## Gospel Reflection

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad. Talk to your children about your commitment to them. Parents are the primary educators of their children. What are you teaching?



## Friends of IC Ministry

Do you know someone who could use a cheery piece of mail? Friends of IC Ministry sends monthly cards or notes to parishioners and other Christians who are homebound, in nursing homes or assisted living, or who are facing difficulties like a serious illness or increased isolation due to COVID-19.

To refer someone to our list, to give an update on someone already receiving our cards, or to add your name to our list of potential future writers, contact Marilyn Hafner at [chaplainmarilyn2006@gmail.com](mailto:chaplainmarilyn2006@gmail.com) or (865) 525-2531.



## Knights of Columbus

In the 1860's and 70's, there was a high level of Catholic bias just like there is today. Fr. McGivney realized the need for a Catholic group of men in his parish to keep men Catholic and support their personal, civic and social needs while evidencing the Catholic values of charity, unity and fraternity to the community. In 1882, Fr. McGivney called a meeting of his male parishioners and formed the fraternal benefit society to shine the light of goodness of the Catholic faith and to help widows and orphans. Today the Knights of Columbus has over 2 million members in some 15,000 councils, located in the U.S. and over a dozen countries around the world.

History has a way of repeating itself and as we address some of the same concerns that faced Fr. McGivney, we realize how much we need a new sense of fraternity, for mutual help and esteem. Now is a good time to recover the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world. We invite you to join your fellow Catholic gentlemen and honor Fr. McGivney's dream of growing the Knights of Columbus. We invite you to attend one of our meetings and see if the Knights of Columbus is right for you. We meet at 6:45 p.m. at the council hall at 1800 Howard Drive on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month. You can also join online at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join). We're offering FREE online membership through the end of the year with promo code MCGIVNEY2020, note Council 645, or ask one of the members.



## Please remember in your prayers...

<i>Annette Andrews</i>	<i>Veronica Jolly-Howell</i>	<i>Viola Schneider</i>
<i>Josephine Andrews</i>	<i>Dale Jordan</i>	<i>Howard Schnellenberger</i>
<i>Willie Andrews</i>	<i>Noria Jeanne Likobo Ekaso</i>	<i>Linda Schreiner</i>
<i>Dionna Battle</i>	<i>Phyllis Lockwood</i>	<i>Meg Coode Shannon</i>
<i>Jennifer Blake</i>	<i>Fritz Massaquoi</i>	<i>Shirley Sheffield</i>
<i>Colette Boudreaux</i>	<i>Fred McMurray</i>	<i>Sierra Shuck-Sparer</i>
<i>Avery Browning</i>	<i>Anna McNair</i>	<i>Pat Sohanchak</i>
<i>Irene Cecere</i>	<i>Jim Mitulski</i>	<i>Richard Strange</i>
<i>Maggie Costigan</i>	<i>Peggy Moore</i>	<i>Patsy Trollinger</i>
<i>Ron Cross</i>	<i>Ann Morse</i>	<i>Zoila Tellez</i>
<i>Catherine Cunningham</i>	<i>Noah</i>	<i>Janine Turley</i>
<i>Megan McMurray Dugan</i>	<i>Peter Ostermayr</i>	<i>Barbara Vest &amp; family</i>
<i>Robert Aldworth Foster</i>	<i>Victoria Ostermayr</i>	<i>Rose Vickery</i>
<i>Cherry Gambol</i>	<i>Gerri Duran Pierce</i>	<i>Pat Wade</i>
<i>Liz Gann</i>	<i>Louis Rankin</i>	<i>Anthony Walles</i>
<i>Maria Gervin</i>	<i>Michael Rankin</i>	<i>Brenda Walles</i>
<i>Brenda Goslee</i>	<i>Bob &amp; Carol Rhinehart</i>	<i>Clete Walles</i>
<i>Richard Guay</i>	<i>Michael, Michele &amp; Lily</i>	<i>Nicholas Walles</i>
<i>Michele Halstead</i>	<i>Rhinehart</i>	<i>Jean Wedekind</i>
<i>Bill Healy</i>	<i>Joel Rivera</i>	<i>Lorie Weeden</i>
<i>Chris Herman</i>	<i>Dorothy Romines</i>	<i>Dani Willard</i>
<i>Susan Hiser</i>	<i>Becky Ryan</i>	<i>Grace Willard</i>
<i>Jeane</i>	<i>Freeda Ryan</i>	<i>Sutton Williams-Gurley</i>
	<i>Susan Saah</i>	<i>Donald Zengel</i>

Please help us keep this list updated.

Contact Nancy Brennan Strange, at (865) 522-1508 ext. 21 or [icoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:icoffice@bellsouth.net), with any additions or deletions.



## Parish Offertory

**Dec. 13 Collection**  
\$ 7,143.00

**Online Donations**  
\$ 5,157.50

Needed for Weekly Budget  
\$ 11,779.30

Total Collection YTD  
\$ 216,905.87

Total Budgeted YTD  
\$ 282,703.20

Gain/(Loss) this fiscal year  
\$ (65,797.33)

## Home Capital Campaign Oct. 2020

Pledges & Donations  
\$ 384,520.51

Total Received  
\$ 327,088.64

Balance Remaining  
\$ 57,431.87

**Parish Share**  
\$ 164,795.41

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

Pledged  
\$ 319,672.00

**Total Remitted**  
\$ 250,503.57

Balance Remaining  
\$ 69,168.43

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## Bishop's Appeal November 2020

Parish Goal  
\$ 52,200.00

Total Committed  
\$ 50,402.25

**Collections to Date**  
\$ 45,742.75

Collections Needed  
\$ 6,457.25

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

*For a Life of Prayer*

That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the word of God and a life of prayer.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 26**

**5 p.m. The People of Immaculate Conception**

**Sunday, December 27**

**8:15 a.m. †Tom & †Fannie Ryan by Pat Ryan**

**10 a.m. Christmas Novena**

**11:45 a.m. †Molly & †Bob Peckels & family by Catherine Ashe Gettys**

**Monday, December 28**

**12:10 p.m. Christmas Novena**

**Tuesday, December 29**

**12:10 p.m. Christmas Novena**

**Wednesday, December 30**

**12:10 p.m. Christmas Novena**

**Thursday, December 31**

**12:10 p.m. No Mass**

**5 p.m. Christmas Novena**

**Friday, January 1**

**9 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception**

**12:10 p.m. No Mass**

**Saturday, January 2**

**8:30 a.m. Christmas Novena**

**5 p.m. †Catherine Favaro by Catherine Favaro**

**Sunday, January 3**

**8:15 a.m. †Tom Chandler by John & Barbara Major**

**10 a.m. †Alfred Wells by the People of Immaculate Conception**

**11:45 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception**

## Readings for the Week

Monday: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5,7c-8 Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3,5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18

Friday: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord:

Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8  
Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13  
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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