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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

Immaculate Conception Parish strives to make the Catholic Christian life available to the people of God within the parish by opening up the rich heritage of the teachings of Jesus Christ, thus enabling them to experience more fully the presence of God in their lives and the peace, love and the joy of following him.

CLUSTER MISSION STATEMENT:

WE, the members of **Immaculate Conception Parish of Menville** and **St. Michael Parish of Kingsley**, being clustered in the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa, **ARE** a Catholic Christian people, living the Paschal Mystery, united in creed, worship, and love for each other.

Our Mission is:

...to worship and praise our God. ...to educate and promote spiritual growth of our people of all ages. ...to serve each other within the Church, helping all members grow in their relationship with God and with one another. ...to live the Gospel through a ministry of hospitality with all our sisters and brothers in the global community.

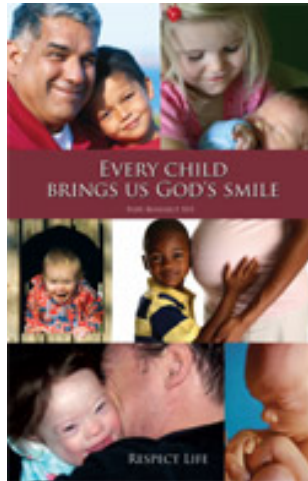


This year marks the 37th anniversary of the U.S. Bishops annual Respect Life month. This year the bishops ask us to remember **EVERY CHILD BRINGS US GOD'S SMILE**. This is based on a quote from Pope Benedict XVI, *"Every child ... brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment."*

The birth of a child is the event most Americans cite as the "high point" of their lives. New parents are understandably awed by the miracle of their new son or daughter. They are awed by a love that stretches their hearts almost to bursting, and awed (and a little terrified) by their responsibility to protect and nurture this precious life entrusted to them.

Pope Benedict's observation quoted above—that every child brings us God's smile—reflects this truth and much more. Even on a literal level, it's clear that children are bubbling wellsprings of joy amidst the serious and sometimes stressful world of adults.

Every child, at every age of development, *brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment*. How then can we remain indifferent to the killing of these marvelous little boys and girls in fertility clinics, and laboratories, and in abortion facilities *throughout all nine months of pregnancy*? We must work with urgency to change our attitudes and laws, helping others to discover, celebrate, and cherish the miracle that is every human being, from the beginning of our life's adventure at conception to our last breath before entering eternity.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS



BAPTISM CLASS for all parents wishing to baptize their children will be held **Thursday 3 December 2009, 7:00 p.m.** in the Immaculate Conception Church library. Please call the office to register.

This class should be completed before the child is born and a baptism date is selected.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY is held every Thursday evening from 6:30 –7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us.

RCIA—is the process by which the Catholic Church prepares and welcomes new members who are over the age of seven and who have either not been baptized or have been baptized in other faith communities and who wish to join the Catholic Church.

This process includes learning sessions and prayer with the catechumens (those who have not been baptized) and with the candidates (those who have been baptized). If you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church, please ask them to contact the parish office or notify the parish office so they may be invited.



CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY is held on Wednesdays beginning at 9:15 a.m. We will be studying the Gospel of John. You will find a registration form later in the newsletter.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

CATECHISTS/AIDES/OFFICE HELP NEEDED—We are in need of help for this fall. We need **5th grade 8th grade and 9th grade** Catechists. Our current 5th grade will be here until October 14. We also need aides for the afternoon and evening classes as well as someone to help in the office. Please prayerfully consider taking on one of these positions.

CICC—CONFIRMATION CLASS—resumed on Sunday September 13. If you have not yet completed your first interview, it must be done ASAP. The class will be taking part in 40 Days for Life when we travel to Sioux City to spend an hour in prayer at Planned Parenthood. Please return your “field trip” permission forms to the office as soon as possible. Information regarding Youth Rally [October 25], Search, and Discover were handed out to candidates September 27. On November 7, 8:00 p.m. the class will be presenting the skit, “A Day in School” to the public to help raise money for the grocery store.

CONFIRMATION DAY for our parishes will be Wednesday 21 April 2010, 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael-Kingsley. Candidates, parents, and sponsors please mark your calendars today and plan on arriving at the church by 6:00 p.m.

THANK YOU—to the students and parents for adjusting to the new day and time for CICC. We changed to Sunday evening so that we could accommodate the schedules of our team members and the addition of St. Michael, Kingsley to Fr. Mark’s workload. We truly appreciate the sacrifice you have made to make this work.

PRESCHOOL FAITH FORMATION—We would love to offer Faith Formation to our 4-5 year old children. If you would be interested in helping, please let us know. We are looking for several Catechists to share the workload. We would offer preschool on Sunday mornings from 9:00—9:45 a.m. We do not have sufficient room to have the program on Wednesday afternoons.

LITURGICAL NOTES

ADORATION/BENEDICTION will be held October 9 at 7:00 p.m. (a week later due to a wedding) with prayers for life.

TRAINING OF NEW MINISTERS, Altar Servers and Readers will take place this fall. **Altar Server** training for all persons in Grade 4 to adult will be held: October 7, 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church and October 21, 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. **Adult and Youth Reader** training for all persons in Grade 5 to adult will be held: October 28, 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church and November 4, 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. These time are is is for both new Servers and Readers and for any current Servers and Readers who would like to be refreshed on their ministry. Information has been given to 4th and 5th graders regarding

this training. All Wednesday Faith Formation students taking part in this training will be excused from class for the training.

MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL met September 15 to review the work of the Liturgy Team, Faith Formation Team, Parish Life Team, Buildings/Grounds Team, and the Guild. Their next meeting is November 17.

THE PARISH LIFE TEAM met July 15 to review projects including Trivia Night, Project Moses, and the Parish Fair Stand. Their next meeting will be October 6. New members are always welcome!

CLUSTER FINANCE met on August 12 to review the completed 2009 Fiscal Year before the official report is given to the bishop. Thank you for your continued financial support to your parish.

GUILD NEWS: Thank you to the September/October Circle for all your hard work.

PieceMakers meet Thursdays 12:30-3:30 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. to make quilts and other projects for those in need. All are welcome to attend—sewing skills not required. Help is always needed to tie quilts, thread needles, etc.

CLUSTER COORDINATING COMMITTEE is being formed to prepare to implement Bishop Nickless’ Diocesan Pastoral Plan for our parishes when he gives final approval. Members from each parish will meet regularly to work to apply the plan to our parishes. This committee will work in conjunction with the Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council and the St. Michael Parish Council and with the Finance Councils of both parishes. Please contact the parish/cluster office in Merville to be a part of this planning committee.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL [DAA]

For more than 30 years, the Diocese of Sioux City has worked with our church family to share our gifts and our talents through the Diocesan Annual Appeal. This is when we make our appeal on His behalf to provide needed funding for the diocesan ministries, programs, services, and many other efforts no one parish could provide. Thousands of individuals throughout the Diocese of Sioux City rely on the generosity and kindness of Catholics throughout Iowa. Appreciation for the sharing of our gifts and resources truly makes us one flock in the Lord.

The Catholic Diocese of Sioux City serves families and individuals in the state of Iowa through ministries, programs and services. The DAA invites all to share in the fruits and labor of our local Church.

Each of the 115 parishes of the Diocese of Sioux City is expected to raise \$51.13 per household to assist Bishop Nickless in the operation of the Central Catholic Offices in Sioux City.

All monies collected helps to cover the general operating cost of the Central Catholic Offices including salaries and programs sponsored by the Diocese including the cost of events such as Youth Rally, Totus Tuus, and Camp CAYOCA for expenses not covered by participant registration fees. None of the money collected goes to any of the Catholic Schools in our Diocese. The reference to the support of Catholic Schools in DAA literature refers to the support of the staff of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools whose office is in the Central Catholic Office in Sioux City. Once our parishes reach our Diocesan goal, the Diocese begins to return 5% of our goal to us and 100% of all monies collected above the goal. Any amount we fail to collect below the goal, the parish will be billed and expected to pay in order to help raise the Diocesan goal of \$1.5 million.

If everyone in our parish made a pledge of \$51.13, payable over a year's time, in September, we would easily hit our goal!

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in Me, and I in them, bear much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. [John 15:5]

Thank you for your support!

DONATIONS FOR THE BARGAIN CENTER, a Catholic run charity on West 7th in Sioux City that donates money to the Sioux City Catholic Schools for tuition, Red Cross, and other non-profit organizations; **will be accepted here until October 11.** You may bring clothing, bedding, small furniture, toys, and other items (no appliances) left over from your September 19 Menville Rummage Sale to the parish hall. This activity is sponsored by the Parish Life Team.

FOODBANK OF SIOUXLAND BACKPACK PROGRAM needs a minimum of 10 volunteers from our parishes the first Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets are located in the entrance of both church buildings for Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, and May 3. This is a great service opportunity for confirmation candidates. This project is sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Parish Life Team.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE will continue until November 1. Come join Bishop Nickless. Commit to MORE prayer and fasting. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/siouxcity and watch The Globe. Do your part to end abortion in America! Hearts ARE changing! Thank YOU. Questions? Call your Council of Catholic Women representative or Mary at 712-276-0442. For Vigil scheduling questions call Stormy at 712-943-5550.

Please join the proven effective, powerful, prayerful 40 Days for Life campaign to end abortion. Sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and Diocesan Pro-life Commission, with the support of the Knights of Columbus, we will be joining over 210 communities September 23 to November 1st. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting, please consider volunteering to pray outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Sioux City, 4409 Stone Avenue, where there will be a 24/7 vigil. Sign up for updates, and vigil

hours at www.40daysforlife.com/siouxcity. Watch The Catholic Globe for more details.

40 Days for Life is made up of three key components.

- **Prayer and Fasting:** inviting people to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.
- **Peaceful Vigil:** standing for life through the 40-day peaceful public witness outside the abortion clinic here in Sioux City. (This will happen 24/7 and you are encouraged to stop by at anytime and lend your support and prayer.)
- **Community Outreach:** This can be done in many different ways and I expect the DCCW to be initiating local vigils or prayer activities.

MARRIAGE SPONSOR COUPLES are husband/wife teams who assist the pastor in preparing couples for marriage in cooperation with the preparation the pastor provides. Training for new Sponsor Couples is offered by the Diocese at various times during the year. If you would like to help with this important sacramental ministry please contact Fr. Mark for information.

MELISSA OHDEN, a survivor of an abortion attempt by her mother, will speak about her experiences on Sunday October 4, 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Menville. Donation of baby items for Birthright of Siouxland and a free will offering will be accepted. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. Melissa's visit is sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Parish Life Team. For more information visit www.melissaohden.com

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP): Benefits of NFP

- Based on scientific fact;
- Cooperates with nature's design and treats each menstrual cycle as unique;
- Is effective for achieving or avoiding pregnancy;
- Can be used throughout a woman's reproductive life-time (e.g., post-partum, breast-feeding, perimenopause, etc.);
- Has no harmful side effects;
- Economical (fees typically charged only for first instruction);
- Values children;
- Requires mutual responsibility by husband and wife;
- Encourages couple communication;
- Fosters respect for and acceptance of the total person.
- Co-operates with God's design for spouses.

Classes are offered at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City. For more information about NFP and NFP classes, contact the parish office or visit <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp/>

NATIONAL/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS for 2009 collections will take place:

- October 17-18** World Mission Sunday
- November 21-22** Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

December 12-13 Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Sioux City

December 25 Catholic Charities

NEW PARISHIONERS: None

NEW STAFF MEMBER: We have concluded our application, search, and interview process for a secretary and hired LINDSAY STEINHOFF. She will officially begin work Tuesday September 29 on the Feast of the Archangels [Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael]. Her official title will be ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT and will work in the office at Movable answering phones, helping to prepare the bulletin, and assisting other staff members in many ways. Welcome Lindsay to the parish staff team!

PARISH MOVIE: Sunday October 11 at 2:00 p.m.—*Bella*.

“One moment can change your life forever.” “If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” In director Alejandro Monteverde’s emotional tale of self-discovery, two people whose lives are about to be changed forever discover that sometimes it takes losing it all to finally appreciate the things that truly matter. Starring Eduardo Verastegui (Chasing Papi) and Emmy award winning Tammy Blanchard (The Good Shepard),

Bella is a heartwarming story about life, family, relationships and our capacity for love in the face of the unexpected. This is a sweetly sentimental story about an unmarried New York waitress (an especially fine Tammy Blanchard) who loses her job after becoming pregnant, and her restaurant’s empathetic chef (Mexican soap favorite Eduardo Verastegui), an ex-soccer star whose career ended after his car fatally struck a child, who gives the young woman emotional support, takes her to visit his loving family, and gently tries to persuade her to keep the baby. Director and co-writer Alejandro Monteverde’s impressive feature film debut is sometimes dramatically slack and implausible, but the sensitive performances, positive depiction of the chef’s warm Latino family, and most of all, its affirmative pro-life message, along with themes of self-forgiveness, reconciliation and redemption, should resonate with Catholic viewers. Partially subtitled. A couple of crass words, a child’s death, a drug reference, and the out-of-wedlock theme aside, film is admirably free of objectionable elements. **A-II -- adults and adolescents.** (PG-13) 2007

PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE MOVED AND/OR

TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER PARISH: Michael & Jennifer Beazley & Family, Thomas & Jacqueline Betsworth & Family, Bob & Lynn McLarty, Eric & Carol Nelson & Family, Christina & William O’Neill, John & Pam Parks & Family and Lance & Cindy Sappingfield & Family.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jerry Barthole, Florence Becker, Sylvia Beelner, Judy Montang Carr, Donna Clark, Denis & Virginia Connelly, Mary Drevs, Mary Feeney, Bernice Guthridge, Catherine Hamman, Beth Harder, Doug Henrich, Frank Juarez, Walt Kabisch, Vi Kasner, Wes Keller, Millie Kisting, Lisa Langel, Bob McDermott, George

McGarry, Lyle Morgan, Dale Murray, Theresa Myres, Brad Navrkal, Dorothy O’Keefe, Joe Parks, Nina Peters, Bill Pigott, Jason Pigott, June Pigott, Secret Plendl, Thomas Ryan, Ruth Schleis, Phyllis Schmidt, Rosemary Sitzmann, Marcella Thomas, Bernice Timmins, Brad Timmins family, Mary Trout, Katie Verschoor, Jaycie and Kennedi Vondrak, Geraldine Weinreich. and Lucile Warner; and the men and women serving in the military especially in Afghanistan and Iraq.

PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR: : **Orville Hoelsing**, uncle of **Clair (Connie) Hoelsing** who died August 7; **Loraine Reifenrath**, mother **Teresa (Jerry) Asmussen**, who died August 8; **Delmar Magnuson**, grandfather of **Corena (Clint) Thomsen** who died August 31; **Kenneth Kizzier**, uncle of **Doug (Joyce) Kizzier** who died September 11; **Laura Marhenke Martin**, daughter of **Lois & Harold Kloewer** who died September 21 and **Leonard Dunn**, brother of **Darlene (Phil) Yockey and Ella Bahmer**, who died September 26.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

THE CATHOLIC GLOBE is conducting its 2009-2010 subscription campaign. If you have not responded to the drive, please consider doing so as the second mailing will be sent out in late September. Remember that money generated from this campaign helps our official newspaper provide quality diocesan, regional, and national news important to our faith. The cost is \$20.

WEDDINGS: Congratulations to Charles & Marcy (Pudenz) Clark who were married August 1, Clint & Corena (Kadolph) Thomsen who were married September 12, and Tyler & Jade (Guthridge) Manker who were married September 26.

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YEAR FOR PRIESTS

June 19, 2009—June 19, 2010

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a “Year for Priests” beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father from June 9-11, 2010.

With the announcement of this Year for Priests, the Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé d’Ars. Please pray for our priests that they might always be faithful to their sacred calling.

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Pope Benedict XVI announced June 13 that his next encyclical outlines the work Christians must do in order to bring about “truly free” human coexistence. The encyclical “*Veritas in Caritate*,” was published June 29, feast of

Sts. Peter and Paul. "As you know, my encyclical on the vast theme of economics and labor will soon be published," the Holy Father stated. "It will highlight what, for us Christians, are the objectives to be pursued and the values to be promoted and tirelessly defended, with the purpose of realizing a truly free and solidary human coexistence." This will be Benedict XVI's third encyclical. His first, on charity, was published in 2005, and his second, on hope, was published in 2007.

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ADORATION by Paul Turner

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament draws the worshiper into spiritual communion with God. Whether done on one's own time or at a scheduled service, adoration of the eucharistic presence of Christ fosters our devotion for participation in the Mass.

Jesus instituted the Eucharist for our eating and drinking. Sharing communion at Mass brings us nourishment, healing and sustenance. There is no substitute for participation in the Eucharist; adoration should enhance it, not replace it.

Catholics reserve leftover communion breads in a tabernacle. The primary purpose for this custom is to have the Body of Christ ready for the dying at any time. The tabernacle also provides communion for the sick or those unable to come to Mass. Because it houses the sacramental Body of Christ, it serves as a place for adoration.

Adoration may be private or public. When adoring the Blessed Sacrament in private, Catholics usually go to any church, where the communion hosts are kept inside the tabernacle. They say whatever prayers they wish. Public adoration may take place in the context of a brief service (traditionally called "Benediction" although that only refers to the blessing which concludes it) or over a more extended period of time. The Blessed Sacrament is usually presented for adoration outside the tabernacle on an altar or a stand.

Extended periods of adoration used to be common. They filled the void for people who were not receiving communion frequently. However, in the twentieth century, the church urged people to more frequent communion and has forbidden exposition during Mass. Participation in the Eucharist at Mass accomplishes spiritual communion more perfectly and renders simultaneous adoration unnecessary. Prolonged periods of adoration may happen in church where a large number of the faithful are gathering and when the bishop has given his approval. If Mass is celebrated, the Blessed Sacrament should be returned to the tabernacle.

Whether the Blessed Sacrament is inside or outside the tabernacle, adoration may invite us into prayer and prepare us for the Eucharist.

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HOLY HUMOR - SEEN IN CHURCHES AROUND THE LAND...

- "Fight truth decay - study the Bible daily."
- "People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."
- "Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives"
- "God so loved the world that He did NOT send a committee."
- "Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!"
- "When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. . . He came out all right."
- "How will you spend eternity? Smoking or Non-smoking?"
- "If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."



**ANSWER GOD'S CALL
BECOME A LITURGICAL MINISTER**

Name: _____

I would like to serve:

Altar Server	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Communion Minister	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Usher	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Gift Bearer	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Cantor	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Reader	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Organist	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Musician	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.

Instrument _____

(Please Circle the time(s) you would be available to serve)

SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 2, 5:00 pm: Wedding [K]
- October 3: Diocesan Disabilities Retreat [M]
- October 4, 6:30 pm: Melissa Ohden [M]
- October 6, 7:00 pm.: Parish Life Team meeting [M]
- October 7, 4:00/7:00 pm: Server Training [K]
- October 9, 7:00 pm: Adoration/Benediction [M]
- October 11, 2:00 pm: Parish Movie [M]
- October 12-15: Priests' Convocation [Omaha]
- October 13, noon: Merville Chamber Dinner [M]
- October 17-18: World Mission Sunday collection
- October 21, 4:00/7:00 pm: Server Training [M]
- October 24: KC 8232 ditch clean up [M]
- October 25: High School Youth Rally [Spencer]
- October 28, 7:00 pm: Reader Training [K]
- November 4, 7:00 pm: Reader Training [M]
- November 6, 7:00 pm: Adoration/Benediction [M]
- November 6-8: Search (11th & 12th Grade) [Algona]
- November 8, 10:00 am: "Youth" Mass [K]

PARISH INFORMATION

Eucharist: Saturday: 4:30 p.m.—K; 6:30 P.M.—M
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m.—M; 10:00 a.m.—K;
 Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—K
 Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m.—M
Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00-4:15 p.m.—K, Sunday: 7:30-7:45 a.m.—M.; other times by appointment
Morning Prayer: Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 a.m.—M
 Wed., Fri. 8:00 a.m.—K
Baptism: scheduled after completion of Baptism Class held quarterly (March, June, September, December)
Confirmation: high school sophomores/juniors every other year. Next Confirmation: Spring 2010
First Reconciliation/Eucharist: second grade students-Winter/Spring.
Marriage: scheduled after six month preparation period with the pastor.
Anointing of the Sick: by appointment; last Sunday of October during Sunday Masses

K = Kingsley/M = Merville

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Immaculate Conception Parish Corporate Board of Directors:

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Guild: Eve Sanford (Pres.), Vacant (Vice-Pres.), Vacant (Sec.), Beth Harder (Treas.)

Thank you for remembering the Parish in your Estate Planning!

PARISH RENTAL POLICY: Persons wishing to rent out the parish hall for non-parish functions (i.e. meetings, showers, dinners, etc.), including gatherings by the family before and/or after a Baptism, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, wedding, wedding anniversary, or other events when a sacramental celebration is also held at the parish need to call the parish office to check on availability and make arrangements. Signing a Hall Rental Agreement and fees are due before using the hall.

NEW PARISHIONERS should contact the parish office to register in the parish. We are happy to have you as a member of the parish!

ALL PARISHIONERS are asked to contact the parish office if you have a change in address, school, parish, marital status, etc. Thank you!

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m.-noon, 12:30-4:00 p.m.
 Wed. 8:00 a.m.—noon, 1:00 –5:30 p.m., 6:30—8:30 p.m.
 Other times by appointment

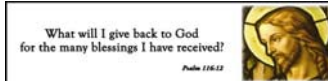
PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], should contact the pastor to begin the process known as RCIA at anytime of the year.

MARRIAGE PREPARATIONS are to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations can be completed in time for the wedding and marriage.

Remember, a wedding is just a day, a marriage is a LIFETIME!

Those discerning God's call to be a priest, deacon, sister, or brother, may speak with the pastor or call the Diocesan Vocation office at 712-255-7933.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED: Because of privacy laws, when you or a family member is hospitalized, hospitals are not permitted to contact your pastor unless you inform the admitting personnel you wish to have your pastor notified. Otherwise, you or a member of your family should contact the parish office if you wish a visit. **Please keep the parish office informed of your pastoral needs so your needs can be addressed in a timely fashion and you can be remembered in prayer.**



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL (DAA)
 GOAL: \$16,000.00
 PLEDGED: \$5,113.13
 GOAL: 311 Participants
 PARTICIPANTS: 52

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS RETURNED YOUR PLEDGE CARD!

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IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN ADDRESS,
please notify the parish office so we can update our
membership records.



I don't know what your destiny will be, but
the one thing I know; the only ones among
you who will be really happy are those who
will have sought and found how to serve.

~Albert Schweitzer

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