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December 14, 2025

Third Sunday in Advent

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Reconciliation
Tuesday 5:45 - 6:05pm
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm



FROM FATHER RANDY

Sunday - Anointing of the Sick after all Masses; SRE Confessions
Monday - School Confessions; Parish Penance Service at 6:30 PM
Tuesday - School Confessions; OCIA classes at 7:15 PM
Wednesday - Friday - Christmas Novena & Confessions at 6:30 PM
Saturday - Christmas Novena & Confessions at 6:30 PM
Sunday - Christmas Novena & Confessions at 6:30 PM

2026 Calendars are in the back of church. Please help yourself!

New Church Project

All foundation work is now complete. Steel joists are almost complete. Steel has started to go up for choir loft and bell tower structures. Please pray for a mild winter so that we can get the building under roof in a reasonable time. Pledge extensions, new pledges, and one-time gifts have been coming in. We have received cash and commitments totaling \$300,000+ so far. Please prayerfully consider renewing your prior pledge, being generous with a new pledge, and/or giving a one-time gift before the end of the year. Thank you!

Bulletin Deadlines...

For the bulletin dated, December 28th, the bulletin is due Friday, December 19th.
For the bulletin dated, January 4th, the bulletin is due Tuesday, December 23rd.

Christmas Mass Times

On Wednesday, December 24th, the Mass time is 5:00 PM in the gym.
On Thursday, December 25th, Mass times are Midnight, 8:30 AM & 10 AM in church.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 15th

8:00 AM † Tom Kohm

TUESDAY, December 16th

8:00 AM † Robert & Marie James

6:30 PM † Logan Berry

WEDNESDAY, December 17th

8:00 AM † Ellen Strange

THURSDAY, December 18th

8:00 AM † Andrew Margrabe

FRIDAY, December 19th

8:00 AM † Stanley Clippard

SATURDAY, December 20th

5:00 PM † Phyllis Helt

SUNDAY, December 21st

7:00 AM Parish Family

8:30 AM † Shane Callow

10:00 AM † Fred Margrabe

Weekend Holy Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 am

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY, December 15th

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

6:00 - 8:30 PM LIFT Meeting - *Parish Center*

6:30 PM Parish Penance Service - *Church*

TUESDAY, December 16th

7:20 AM Mother of Perpetual Help

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

8:30 - 6:15 PM Adoration

9:00 - 3:00 PM Quilting - *Rectory Basement*

5:45 PM Rosary, Confessions

6:05 PM Mother of Perpetual Help

6:10 PM Benediction

6:30 PM Mass

7:15 PM OCIA - *Fellowship Room*

WEDNESDAY, December 17th

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM All School Mass

8:45 - 12:00 PM Coffee, Talk & Tots - *Fellowship Room*

6:30 PM Christmas Novena & Confessions - *Church*

THURSDAY, December 18th

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

8:45 AM Morning Bible Study - *Fellowship Room*

6:00 - 7:30 PM Cookies with Santa - *Parish Center*

6:30 PM Christmas Novena & Confessions - *Church*

FRIDAY, December 19th

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

6:30 PM Christmas Novena & Confessions - *Church*

SATURDAY, December 20th

7:00 - 8:30 AM Cursillo Small Groups - *KC Hall, Jackson*

4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Rosary

5:00 PM Mass

6:30 PM Christmas Novena & Confessions - *Church*

SUNDAY, December 21st

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10 AM

11:15 - 12:15 PM SRE Classes - *School*

6:30 PM Christmas Novena & Confessions - *Church*

COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection for 12/7/25

\$21,749.00

Capital Campaign for 12/7/25

\$43,109.00

Special Collections: Flowers, IC Scholarship

\$2,359.00

Numbers include online giving.

If you are tithing online and want to cancel your envelopes, please email or call Karen at secretary@icjacksonmo.com or (573) 243-3182

Third Sunday of Advent

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"
(Matthew 11:2-3)

John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 417-866-0841 or via email at: icdeaconal@gmail.com.

Spiritual Reflections

Readings for the week of December 14th, 2025

Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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Richard Knaup

Mike Webb

Paul Rollet,
brother of Melody Ruch

Jeanne Greene

NEW MEMBERS

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PARISH NEWS

Help Marion Charities & Foster Adopt Connect (formerly Hope Children's Home) in Southeast MO

A semi-trailer will be parked in the old bowling alley parking lot November 22nd – January 5th to receive any donations of good clothes & coats (adult, children & infant), cookware (pots, pans, glasses, cups, bowls, plates, silverware), canned goods, knick-knacks, toys, furniture, appliances in working order, bed sheets, blankets, towels, carpets, rugs or household items. Please take your donated items to the very front of the trailer & stack them to the ceiling so we can fill the trailer. These items will then be distributed & shared with people in Southeast Missouri. Your giving and sharing are appreciated.

Guardian Angels for Mass

In an effort to increase the safety of our students, we have started a Guardian Angel program during Mass times. We are asking for volunteers to help keep an eye on the exterior of the church while school Masses are being offered. Just having someone watching could prevent an unwelcome guest or act of violence. If we could get two volunteers per day, it would be even better. Please see the link below for a sign-up sheet, and please share with other family members who might be interested in helping. Mr. Starke has been doing this each morning, but he also has other jobs to attend to and might not be able to be outside.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rMxh0a6qu0hosFzDwnU0Uh73Bmxj6EdpkswAzlf9dLg/edit?usp=sharing>

SCHOOL NEWS

IC School Principal Needed for 2026-2027

Mrs. Campbell has announced that she will be retiring in June 2026 as principal of Immaculate Conception School. We have opened up a search for a new principal. If you or you know someone that would be interested, please contact Fr. Randy at pastor@icjacksonmo.com or 573-243-3182.

IC Cookies with Santa

Save the date! Santa is making a special stop at IC on Wed., December 18th from 6 - 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. Gather your family & join us for an evening of Christmas cheer with cookies & hot cocoa while the kids make holiday crafts & play festive games. Don't forget your camera too. This is an open donation fundraiser for our school.

Cash Drawing

IC Cash Drawing tickets are on sale for 2026. You can stop by the school or church office to purchase them. They are \$10.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Birthright Donations for the Advent and Christmas Season

Many churches in our area collect items for Birthright over the Christmas season, please know that we **DEPEND** on these collections. They sustain us for at least the 1st quarter of the new year, especially the items that are collected for our Layettes (baby baskets that we give to our new moms). There is a list of numerous items needed posted in the back of church on the bulletin board. Please drop items off at either the Cape or Marble Hill Center. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you **ALWAYS** for your support.
Kim Sellers, Executive Director of Birthright, Cape Girardeau

Help Wanted

We will be decorating the gym and the church for Christmas Mass on Monday, December 22nd after the 8:00 AM Mass. We need men to help place the tarps on the gym floor, set chairs and move trees/decorations for decorating. Then we will decorate in the gym and then the church. If you have any questions or need more info, you can contact Barbie Gibbs at 573-587-1271. We will then take down all the decorations in the gym on Sunday/Monday, December 28th & 29th.

Midnight Mass Rehearsals

There are two more rehearsals for Midnight Mass. They will be on Mondays 12/15 at school & 12/22 in church at 7 PM for all of them. Any new adults or teenagers are invited to join the group.

YOUTH NEWS

"The more Eucharist we receive, the more we become like Jesus."
-St. Carlo Acutis

Youth Spirit - High school aged youth

December 14th - Youth Night - Join us for our Christmas celebration! Doors open at 6pm with a Christmas meal and activities will get underway around 6:30pm. Please bring a \$5 gift for our game gift exchange!

December 21st - DTS - Join us at the Old Convent at St. Vincent's from 6:30-8:00pm as we learn about the saints of the church.

Kaboom 6th - 8th grade students

Thank you Jamie DeBrock for providing walking tacos for the December Kaboom!
Out next Kaboom will be **January 24th!**

Regional Events - December 19th - Christmas Scavenger Hunt - 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for the Christmas Novena and Scavenger Hunt at St. Mary's in Cape from 6-9pm. Please use the QR code to RSVP. Parents - we also need additional drivers and chaperones. You can sign up with the QR code as well.

Please contact Karen Engelen at icyouthspirit@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. For more info or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

2/6/2026 - 2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO

4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO

6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO

The Marriage Encounter Community will meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2 PM at the KC Hall on Spanish Street in Cape.

Semo Area Ultreyas

are held the 3rd Saturday of each month at different locations. Morning prayers begin at 9:00 AM with grouping, refreshments, and socializing to follow. Come share the joy with fellow Cursillistas. De Colores!

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscan Order

Meetings are from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at St. Francis Hospital, in the St. Agatha room every 4th Sunday of the month.

Jackson KC #6405

Knights meet at 7:00 PM in the Clubroom on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month.
4th Degree meet at 7:00 PM in the Clubroom on the 2nd Monday of the even months.
Ladies Auxiliary **will not meet in Nov./Dec.**

The Holy Rosary

will be prayed at 1:30 PM on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the St. John Henry Newman Center in Cape Girardeau.

Catholic Man Night

are held at a different location every other month. It's an evening of Adoration, Confessions & a manly meal with discussion to follow from 6:30 - 9:30 PM.

Parish Bulletin Inserts and Flyers

<https://www.icjacksonmo.com/bulletins/>



Camp Re-NEW-All Registration

Registration started Wednesday, December 10th for the summer of 2025. Camp is open to kids going into 5th - 9th grade in the fall, high school staff going into 10th - 12th grade, and adult staff. Campers are placed on a first-come-first-served basis. Brochures are available on the center bulletin board in the vestibule. You can also apply online at <https://dioscrg.org/camp-re-new-all>, or call the Catholic Center at 417-866-0841.

Breakfast & Bake Sale at St. Joseph, Apple Creek

Is today, December 14th from 7:30 - 11:30 AM. Menu consists of sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes, biscuits/gravy and all the fixings. Adults are \$12, children 5-12 are \$5 and children under 5 are free.

Leopold PCCW 2025 Country Christmas Home Tour

Is today, December 14th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. You are invited to tour 5 beautifully decorated homes. After touring the homes, you will stop by St. John Church for beautiful Christmas music from 3 - 4 PM, and then the Leopold School Cafeteria for food. For questions or more information, contact Geri Geringer at 573-208-6445.

Christmas Country Church Tour

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church) in Perryville, Missouri, will be participating in the 20th annual Christmas Country Church Tour. The tour will take place on December 18th and 19th, from 1 - 8 PM. The participating churches welcome visitors to view their Christmas decorations and to spend a few moments in silent prayer during the Advent season. Here at the Shrine, a tree will be decorated with prayer petitions from local students. There will be live music both nights from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served in the Visitor Center, where unique Christmas items, including nativity sets, will be on display. If you have any questions, please call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-MARY (6279) or visit our website at www.amm.org.

Free Christmas Brass & Organ Concert

At Old St. Vincent's Church, 131 S. Main Street, Cape on Saturday, December 20th at 7:00 PM. Enjoy an evening of beautiful Christmas music in the historic sanctuary of Old St. Vincent's, featuring brass ensemble and pipe organ.

Breakfast at Knights of Columbus, Scott City

Is going on Sunday, December 21st from 7:30 - 10:00 AM in the hall. All the same great items - biscuits & gravy, pancakes, hashbrowns, eggs and their famous pork sausage.

Immaculate Conception/American Red Cross Blood Drive

On Thursday, January 8th from 12:30 - 5:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Lower Level, Jackson. Please call **1-800-RED-CROSS** or visit redcrossblood.org.

Rise up and Build - Defending Families from Pornography

Will be on Saturday, January 24th at the Jackson Civic Center from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM. This conference should raise awareness about the evil of pornography that has negatively impacted so many people within our faith communities. Registration is \$10 per person and the deadline is January 11th. Look for the flyer in the back of church on the bulletin board, which has a QR Code so you can register.

Liturgical Ministers (December 20th & 21st)

Offertory	Lectors	Usher/Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers (C) Cup	Mass Servers
5:00 pm Brunke's	David Coe Berkley Rosenquist	Gary & Nancy Seyer Greg & Vonda VanGennip	Richard Horrell & Kenny Loos - C Richard Knaup, Katy Liley, Joyce Loos	Caroline Rosenquist Ryan Rosenquist Natalee Smith
7:00 am Dickerson's	Tim Sutterer	Gary & Cindy Beussink Cherri Bertrand, Tom Schulte	Gerald & Susan Stoverink - C Jacob Bullinger	Joshua Lentz Catherine McNeely Kinley Tenkhoff
8:30 am Warren's	Donna Essner John DiStefano	Mark & Karen Goodson Travis Bruenderman, Amy Kesterson	Dennie Ruch & Sam Wise - C Rodney Eftink, Susan Krydynski, Vickie Ruch	Mabrey Lang Mason Sells Peyton Stroder
10:00 am Barge's	Cheryl Market Lynda Seabaugh	Emerson, Layne, Lindsey and Michael Gross	TJ Vandeven & Sean Wall - C Wendy McCall, Crystal Smith, Emmy Vandeven	Elliot Gross Whitman Lumsden Winston Lumsden



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