

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

This weekend's readings are Number 803 in your Glory & Praise Missal

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening: 6:00pm

Sunday Morning: 8:00am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday Evening: 6:00pm

Thursday Morning: 11:00am

Confessions: Wednesday: 5:30pm

Office Hours

Monday—Friday

10:00am—2:00pm

(After hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible)

And you,
Bethlehem,
land of Judah, are by
no means least among
the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall
come a ruler,
who is to shepherd
my people Israel

MATTHEW 2:6

We extend a special welcome to everyone! No matter if you're visiting from another Catholic Parish, or just exploring the Catholic Church for the first time. No matter your state in life, we're glad you're here. If you like what you see and you'd like to join, we're always accepting new members! Just drop us a note and we'd love to help you join the family!



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Sacramental Information

Infant Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a preparation class and baptism. Please arrange with the pastor in advance to discuss pre-baptism instructions.

Those wishing to have their baby baptized must be practicing Catholics.

Adult or Child Baptism, Confirmation, or Adults Considering Becoming Catholic

Call the Church Office to learn more about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), or Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC).

Weddings

Weddings require a 9-month notice and preparation prior to the wedding.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please let us know if someone is seriously ill.

To register, or for any questions, please call the Church office at **(814) 635-2919**

(If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible)



Mass Intentions

Weekend Masses: January 1 & 2, 2022

Sat. Jan. 1 +Charles John req. by Claudia & Sam Leaper
Sun Jan. 2 For the People of our Parish

Daily Masses: January 5 & 6, 2022

Wed Jan. 5 +Zane Treece, Sr. req. by the Crawshaw Family
Thu Jan. 6 Margaretta Taylor req. by the Estate

Weekend Masses: January 8 & 9, 2022

Sat Jan. 8 For the people of our Parish
Sun Jan. 9 Stanley Olszweski req. by Claudia & Sam Leaper

Lector Schedule

Saturday (6:00pm)

Sunday (8:00am)

Jan. 1	Kelly Querry	Jan. 2	Katie Fink
Jan. 8	Matt Meck	Jan. 9	Cyndy Maletta
Jan. 15	Kirby Lockard	Jan. 16	Linda Clapper
Jan. 22	Jane Brown	Jan. 23	Rose Lynn
Jan. 29	Dave Mazzaferro	Jan. 30	Diana May

Weekday Mass Lectors: Volunteers

Financial Report *(Fiscal year runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)*

<u>Monthly Operating Expenses</u>	\$6,500.00
<i>Checks</i>	\$915.00
<i>Cash in Envelopes</i>	\$106.00
<i>Loose Cash</i>	\$141.00
<i>Christmas Offering</i>	\$1,663.00
<i>All Saints Day</i>	\$25.00
<u>Total Collection: (December 18 & 19, 2021)</u>	\$2,850.00
<u>Month-to-Date Total</u>	\$7,850.00
Greater/Less than Budget	\$1,350.00
<u>Diocesan Collections Listed Below</u>	
<i>(None this week)</i>	
<u>Yearly Operating Expenses (\$6,500 x 12)</u>	\$78,000.00
<u>Year-to-Date Total (Fiscal Year)</u>	\$39,076.50
Greater/Less than Budget	(\$38,923.50)

New Year Prayers to Start 2022 Renewed and Refreshed

The arrival of a new year brings a great opportunity to renew our faith and love for God and Jesus. It's also a wonderful time to renew the joy of salvation in our hearts, as a new creation in Christ.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Whether 2021 brought you success, fulfillment, and joy or you faced grief, setbacks, and struggle, you can look ahead to 2022 with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us "for I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

A Prayer for New Days Ahead

Heavenly Father, thank You for making all things new! As another new year begins, help me live each day for You. May I continually have a new song in my heart to sing to You, no matter what comes my way. I trust in You because I know that Your mercies are new every morning, and nothing ahead of me will take You by surprise. In Jesus' Name, Amen—*Joan Walker Hahn, Encouragement Cafe*

For God's Presence in the New Year

Lord Jesus, I thank You that You are with me, that You are in me. Resolutions might come in one year and go out the other. Open my ears this year, so that I can hear You and enjoy You at every junction, when You tell me to turn right or left. Amen. - *Pete Briscoe, Experiencing Life Today*

For Strength in the New Year

Lord, moving in a new direction, opposite my comfort, is hard. I need Your strength, Your wisdom, Your confidence. I believe You will empower me as I step out in faith. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - *Lynn Cowell*

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Prayers for our Homebound members

Let us say a prayer for our Catholic members who are homebound and unable to attend church. If you know of someone that should be added to our prayer list, please call the church office at 635-2919.

Omer Black	Lora Bridestine
Mary Lynn Dickson	Nancy Detwiler
Iola Cimbalista	Dora Mellot
Elaine Rheem	

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

"The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch*

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Savior.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaiah which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

Parish Council Members

Father Mark Reid (Admin)	Cyndy Maletta (DRE)
Kelly Querry (Chair)	Cathie Maslanik
Elaine Meck (Secretary)	Jane Brown
Belinda Bones	Linda Crocker

Words of Wisdom

Don't look down on someone unless you're helping them up.

Immaculate Conception News & Events

Upcoming Events

- Jan 8 Monthly Bingo-Doors open at 5:30pm
- Jan. 12 Parish Council Meeting 6:40pm
- Jan. 16 Rosary Society Meeting after Mass
- Jan. 28 January Food Bank

300 Club Winner

The winner of this week's 300 Club drawing is Bill Fink.

300 Club Winners by Week			
Date	#	Winner	Seller
09/11/21	046	Kaye Angelo	Ralph Altobelli
09/18/21	044	Ron Brennan	Ralph Altobelli
09/25/21	286	Brayden/Monica Reihart	Kelly Query
10/02/21	296	Vivian/Shannon Foster	Jane Brown
10/09/21	241	Karen Watkins	Bob Watkins
10/16/21	091	Ryan Minnick	Theresa Minnick
10/23/21	033	Steve Wilson	Ralph Altobelli
10/30/21	289	Chris/Lisa Crawshaw	Lisa Crawshaw
11/06/21	139	Donna McCabe	Renee Putt
11/13/21	256	Adrienne Kagarise	Ralph Altobelli
11/20/21	296	Vivian & Shannon Foster	Jane Brown
11/27/21	216	Jabin Baker	Cathie Maslanik
12/04/21	058	Veronica Ramper	Cathie Maslanik
12/11/21	204	Deana Baker	Cathie Maslanik
12/18/21	252	Judy Sipes	Ralph Altobelli
12/25/21	037	Donna Hess	James Hess
01/01/22	244	Bill C. Fink	

Religious Education Schedule		
	<i>Classes resume on Jan. 12th</i>	
Jan. 12	<i>K -7th Grade Religious Ed.</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
Feb. 6	<i>8th-12th Grade Religious Ed.</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
Feb. 13	<i>8th-12th Grade Religious Ed.</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
Feb. 16	<i>K -7th Grade Religious Ed.</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
Feb. 20	<i>8th-12th Grade Religious Ed.</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
Feb. 27	<i>8th-12th Grade Religious Ed.</i>	<i>9:00am</i>

January Birthdays

- William Fink, Jr. January 20
- Gary Bisher January 23
- Agnes Lucas January 24
- Linda Clapper January 30
- Abby Fink January 31
- Dean Gracey January 31

Our weekly bulletin is available on the church website at "iccdudley.com". Bulletins for the past 3 months are also available as well as on the Immaculate Conception Church Facebook page.



Praying for our Military

Remember to pray for the protection of our armed forces as they serve our country at home and around the world right now. If you have a family member serving in the military, let us know. We would like to mention and honor them by name.

Echoes of a Polish Christmas

All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy) on Sunday January 2nd at 2:00 PM at their church in Boswell (325 Quemahoning Street)

Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Kolędy helps to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage.

Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience these time honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ.

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