



Mission Statement

We as members of the Body of Christ, through our thoughts, words and deeds, celebrate the presence of God in all people. As a community of believers, we answer Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.

December 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 30, 2018 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
Parish Office**

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WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sat 4:00PM Immaculate Conception
Sat 5:30PM Holy Redeemer
Sun 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
Sun 9:00AM Holy Redeemer
Sun 10:30AM Immaculate Conception

WEEKDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM
Immaculate Conception

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00AM - 10:00AM
Holy Redeemer

Gluten Intolerant?

If you cannot tolerate gluten, please receive communion on the tabernacle side of the church and let the person distributing communion know you need gluten free.

December 23, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1002

Gathering: #398 O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel

Offertory: #889 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Communion: #593 I Want to Walk as a
Child of the Light

Recessional: #886 Immaculate Mary

December 30, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1007

Gathering: #439 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Offertory: #441 Silent Night

Communion: #366 What Child is This

Recessional: #430 Angels We Have Heard
on High

Weekly Collection

December 16, 2018

\$9,283.67

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Please note this is a 2 week bulletin. Our next bulletin will be published the weekend of January 6, 2019

Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve Monday, December 24th
4:00PM (IC), 5:30PM (HR), 10:00PM (IC)**

**Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25th
7:30AM (IC), 9:00AM (HR), 10:30AM (IC)**

New Year's Mass Schedule

**New Year's Eve Monday, December 31st
4:00PM (IC) 5:30PM (HR)**

**New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st
10:00AM (IC)**

Christmas and New Year's Office Hours

In observance of Christmas, the rectory offices will be closed on Thursday, December 20th at noon and will re-open on Thursday, December 27th at 9:00AM. In observance of New Year's, the rectory offices will be closed on Monday, December 31st.

Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

2019 Parish Calendar

Thank you to Recupero Funeral Home for once again donating our annual parish calendars. The calendars are in the vestibules of the churches.

Altar Servers & Student Lectors

All altar servers and student lectors are reminded to stop in the sacristy of the church where they usually serve to pick up their Christmas gift from the parish.

Religious Ed & Confirmation Classes

Religious Education and Confirmation classes will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Boys and girls who are registered in our 2nd grade Religious Education program and boys and girls who are attending a Catholic school will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on **Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10:00AM in Holy Redeemer Church**. The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church**. A letter with details of these sacraments will be mailed to the parents/guardians early in January 2019.

Communal Baptism

Our next communal baptism will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 following the 10:30AM liturgy in Immaculate Conception Church. Call the rectory to make arrangements to have your child baptized.

Children's Envelopes

Your 2019 children's envelopes will be given out on January 6th during religious education class or if your child does not attend religious education, you can pick them up in the vestibule of the churches.

Bingo Planning Meeting

Save the date! Our "Twilight Bingo" will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019. A planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:00PM in the rectory. All are welcome!!

December 23 thru 29, 2018

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Eric Speicher, Jr.** are donated by his grandmother, Rosalie & family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ann, Margaret & Robert Hreha** is donated by Connie Cleveland.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in **Thanksgiving for the Holy Family** is donated by Mary Stankus & family.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Martin Cirelli, Sr.** is donated by Barbara & family.

December 30 thru January 5, 2019

Altar Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Eric Speicher, Jr.** is donated by his family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Josette Yakobitis** is donated by her husband Jerry, Faith, Andy & Mike.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Frank Skibinski** is donated by his wife, Betty & daughter Joanne.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Your Diocesan Annual Appeal donations are restricted for use to support the following 5 diocesan ministries and services: Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes, Clergy Education & Care, Parish Life & Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media & Communications.

DAA 2018 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	<u>\$25,362.22</u>
Over (Under)	(\$6,637.78)

May everyone enjoy a blessed, safe, and healthy Christmas and New Year!!

Mass Intentions

December 24 thru December 30, 2018

Mon.	4:00PM	God's Blessings for all Children
	5:30PM	Jack Rose By Mom, Dad & Children
	10:00PM	Kathryn Gitkos By Family
Tues	7:30AM	Samuel & Connie Angelella By Family
	9:00AM	Joseph Slusser By Wife Laurie, Children & Grandchildren
	10:30AM	Helen & Kosty Harzinski & Mary Brennan By Marie, Maureen & Families
Wed	7:30AM	Mary Burke By M/M Christopher Tracy & Fam.
	8:30AM	Barry Brown By Ed & Mary Godri
Thurs	7:30AM	Helen Cerza By Children
	8:30AM	Charles Foy, Jr. By sister, Mary & Family
Fri	7:30AM	Frank & Nellie Parente By son, Frank & Family
	8:30AM	Kay Thornton By MA Schifano & A Brannon
Sat	4:00PM	Kenneth Williams By Family
	5:30PM	Stephen Chipolis By Nocera Family
Sun	7:30AM	Helen Grochal By Mrs Michael Hetro
	9:00AM	Sylvia J Smith By Family
	10:30AM	Josette Yakobitis By Loretta Anderson

Mass Intentions

December 31 thru January 6, 2019

Mon	4:00PM	Josephine Mirabelle By Charles & Tonia Prula
	5:30PM	Joseph Venetz, Jr. By Evelyn Para
Tues	10:00AM	Samuel Fuller, Sr. By LuAnn & Bill Hancock
Wed	7:30AM	Charles Dente By Grandchildren
	8:30AM	Ramuald Caroff By Mary Godri
Thurs	7:30AM	James Dolhon By Joan Hennigan
	8:30AM	Margaret Repasky By M/M Tim Dobbs
Fri	7:30AM	John Foglietta, Jr. By Aunt Peg
	8:30AM	Claire Carr By Trent & Sandra Grove
Sat	4:00PM	Samuel Marranca By Jerry Yakobitis
	5:30PM	John Borzell, Jr. By John Nardone
Sun	7:30AM	Jack Ostir By Robert & Jackie Switzer
	9:00AM	Jacinta Nocera By M/M David Bryk
	10:30AM	Stephen Sokach By Kevin & Michelle Partington