IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Catholic Church

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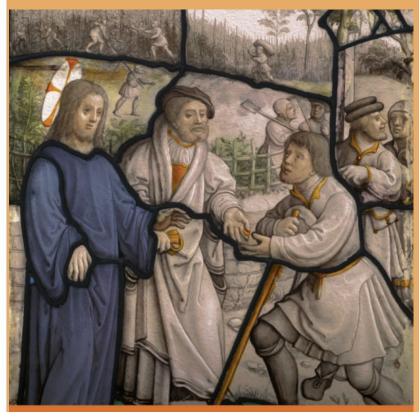
ST. JOSEPH

Catholic Church 2401 Neier Rd., Union, MO 63084









5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

PARISH INFORMATION

Fr. Peter Blake, Pastor Fr. Eric Kunz, Senior Associate Pastor Deacon TJ Wild Deacon Keith Henderson

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil St. Clare (St. Clair): None St. Joseph (Neier) : 5:00pm (Confessions from 4:00-4:40pm) Immaculate Conception (Union):4:15pm (Confessions from 3:30-4:00pm)

Sunday Morning

St. Clare (St. Clair): 8:30am (Confessions from 7:45-8:15am) St. Joseph (Neier): 10:30am Immaculate Conception (Union): 7:00am & 10:00am

Weekdays

St. Clare (St. Clair): 8:00am (Tue./Wed) St. Joseph (Neier): 6:30am (Thurs./Fri) Immaculate Conception (Union).: 8:00am (Tue/

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pastor's Column

Today we celebrate the **5th Sunday of Easter**. Today's scripture readings remind us of the goal of every community of faith; to always remain attached to the true Vine, Jesus. We see in the first reading from Acts that the Church **"was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Spirit it grew in numbers."** As communities of faith we grow in faith and numbers when we are at peace with one another and allow the Spirit to bring about the changes we need to remain in Jesus. It spurns us on, as our second reading reminds us, **"to love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth."** All our charitable works must be rooted in love for others. And Jesus says, **"Whatever we ask God gives us."** Think of what we need as communities of faith today, ask our gracious God to give it to us so that we may preach Jesus, not only with our lips, but by our lives. In today's Gospel Jesus uses the image of the Vine and the branches to remind us that "apart from Him we can do nothing." But He tells us, **"If you remain in me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you."** Let us be communities of faith, firmly attached to the Vine, so that we may all produce much fruit for the Kingdom.

Last weekend we began the **Annual Catholic Appeal** in our parishes. This annual campaign of our local Church celebrates it's 70th year. We have been meeting the needs of our local Church's mission and providing love to so many charitable works. Please take a moment to sign your pledge for this year's Appeal. Let us love in deed and in truth. Working together as communities of faith, I pray we will continue our generosity to the ACA.

This weekend we begin a **new bulletin format** for our family of parishes. It will look different from what we have grown accustomed to and may take several weeks to fine tune its appearance and information. Please be patient. This is the first attempt to unite the parishes of St. Clare, St. Joseph and I.C. As we move forward, I hope our parishes will see many more opportunities to share resources and programs.

Nominations for the **Parish Council** in our parishes are beginning to come in and I am happy to see several interested in sharing their Time and Talent to help guide the future of our parishes. If you're thinking about serving, **God Bless You!** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

God Bless, Happy Easter! Please remember to pray 3 Hail Marys Fr. Pete

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. CLARE/ST. JOSEPH

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Parish Council Selection

We are looking for members of the Parish to serve on our Parish Council. If you are interested in being a Parish Council Member, please fill out a selection form, available in the back of church and put in the collection or return to the parish office.



Pro-Life Rummage & Bake Sale

When: Saturday May 25, 2024 From 8am-1pm

Where: IC School Cafeteria

This is another Western Catholic Union (WCU) Matching Fund event.

Most items will be 25¢, larger items make offer. There will be a \$1 bag sale from 12-1pm. We will also be having a bake sale.

Would you like to help? Need service hours? Many hands make light work! Setup begins 9am on Friday May 24th. Volunteers are also needed during the sale on Saturday and during take down. All Proceeds Benefit Your Other Mother, Pregnancy Assistance in Washington and the Respect for Life Apostolate.

Please keep us in mind when you are spring cleaning. If you would like to donate items please drop off Friday May 24th in the school cafeteria from 9am-1pm. We can take spring/summer clothes, belts, purses, backpacks, shoes, kids toys, craft/hobby items, knickknacks, artwork, linens/bedding, home decor, small appliances and books. Donations for the bake sale will also be accepted. Thank you! We hope to see you there!

Please contact Deidre Rodrigues with questions at <u>smiledeidre@yahoo.com</u> or phone number is in the IC Buzzbook.

Thank you to all those who supported the IC Dinner Auction.. We raised over \$96,000 this year, an increase from last year. Thank you again. IC PSR News

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

Send in your registration for the 2024-2025 school year!

UPCOMING DATES:

April 30 -First Communion Retreat for 2nd Graders

May 4 - First Communion at 10 AM

June 17-21 -Totus Tuus 2024 Summer Program... Registration is open! Contact Mrs. Gildehaus at gildehausj@icschoolunion.org



Please bring yard tools (rakes, trash bags, hedge trimmers, etc)

If you have any questions, please call us at 636-629-0315

Holy Rosary Church in Warrenton, MO is sponsoring their Annual Spring Dinner and Craft Show on Sunday, April 28, 2024. We will be serving from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Visit our website for more information <u>holyrosarywm.com</u>.

> Immaculate Conception - Augusta All You Can Eat Breakfast Sunday April 28, 8 AM - Noon

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The theme for this year's appeal is, "For the Life of the World." The appeal provides us an opportunity to allow the Lord to work through our hands as one Church, sharing His Grace with those who need it most.

At Immaculate Conception, we recently received a grant of \$40,000 that came from last years Appeal. The grant funds will be used to defray the cost of replacing the heating system for our Church. Please join us at the Marian Activity Center (MAC) after Masses this weekend to sign your pledge card. If you have any questions, please contact Dale & Connie Schmuke at 636-583-5225.

At St. Joseph, we will be available after all Masses this weekend and next. Even if you are unable to give at this time, please stop by the parish center and sign your pledge card. No contribution is too small. This year's ACA video has been uploaded to our website for you to view. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Noelker at 636-283-1100.

At St. Clare, someone will be available after Mass for you to sign your pledge card. Please stop by before you leave. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 636-629-0315.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal this year, please consider doing so today. You can pick up your pledge card after Mass, make a gift online at aca.archstl.org or use Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725.

Looking for a great way to support our Grade School and have a lot of fun too? Sign-Up for our Twenty-Fifth Annual



The proceeds of the tournament go a long way to improve the quality of education we offer at our parish grade school. Over the last twenty five years, this tournament has raised over 52/40000 Please review the information on the back and let us know what you can do to help in this wonderful cause. INMAK YOU!

Great Corporate Sponsorships Available! For More Info call: 636-744-4633

If you are unable to attend this event or do not play golf, there is still an opportunity to help. You can make a donation to the Tee Off for Tigers benefit tournament by mailing a donation to: Tee Off For Tigers • 518 Rock Creek Drive, Washington, MO 63090



Please PRAY for those serving our Country:

Drew Alsop Adam Amato Erin Arent Jeff Arent Jamie Brueggemann Murphy Nathan Brune Jamie Bucher Jason Burton Jacob Carman Gionna Casatelli Scott Daugherty Andy Davis Chelsi Davis Coty DeClue **Taylor Donner** Cameron Earley Tyler Earley Clay Fisher James Taylor Gragg

Tyler Grogan **Emily Guenther** Jeffrey Haynes Hannah Hoeft Trevor Kelly Caleb Logsdon Matthew Martin Michael Miller Logan Moore Michael Murphy **Reese Pellin** Matthew Reidel **Dalton Roller** Justin Rudolph **Bradley Smith** Sam Smith Andrew Snodgrass Nathaniel W. Stark Owen Struckhoff Luke Stuesse Emma Wildhaber



Week of April 21

IC	
Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,860.00
Loose Collection	\$ 462.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 2,818.60</u>
Total	\$ 9,140.60
Monthly Offertory Total	\$ 33,004.80
SJ	
Offertory Envelopes	\$ 4,089.00
Loose Collection	\$ 41.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 566.47</u>
Total	\$ 4,696.47
Monthly Offertory Total	\$ 13,399.83
April Collection Goal:	\$ 25,000.00
SC	
Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,586.00
Loose Collection	\$ 295.00
Total	\$ 3,881.00
Restricted Funds:	
St. Clare Services	\$ 214.00
Parish Improvements	\$ 200.00
Monthly Offertory Total	\$ 14,160.00
April Collection Goal:	\$ 14,500.00

Immaculate Conception conta	ct Parish Office	
Rosa Linda Bazan	Angie Haynes	Mikayla Lotz
Dcn. Jerry Becker	Marge Heimann	Katelyn P.
Larry Brown	Patsy Klenke	Lisa Siddens
Mary Crews	Judy Lindauer	Diane Smith
Joshua Dickinson	Peggy Lippert	Adam Sullentrup
Linda Frick	John Merriman	Becky Toon
Virgil Frick	Don Meyer	Lisa Trentmann
Barb Harden	Paul Meyer	Pat Wade
St. Joseph contact Parish Off	ice	
Shirley Beckman	Brandon Huels	Ashley Shelton
Anna Marie Brueggemann	Olivia Jasper	Marcia Shollenberger
Chris Elbert	Rick Just	Courtney Smith
Cynthia Faust	Dave Kimminau	Special Intention 1
Linda Frick	Ashley Koelling	Special Intention 2
Zachery Goosage	John Merriman	Erica Sterling
Janice Holland	Vincent Mueller	Heather Struckhoff
Benny Hammer	Jean Oldavi	Sr. Georgiann Wilhaber, SSND
Andrew Hellebusch	Lilly Mae Randolph	Sheri Zambruski
St. Clare Prayer Chain of	contacts Joyce Willis 629-25	73 or Sherry Reed 629-7535
Harold Dulworth	Katherine Haynes	Jake Goodman
Jossie Hopkins	Lisa Hults	

Please pray for those who are sick in parish families

Divine Physician and Healthe sick, we turn to you in ne of illness. O dearest comof the troubled, alleviate our and sorrow with your gentle and grant us the grace and igth to accept this burden. God, we place our worries in hands. We place our sick r your care and humbly ask you restore your servant to h again. Above all, grant us race to acknowledge your nd know that whatever you you do for the love of us. Amen

The current prayer lists will run through May 26th. After that date, please contact your parish office to include someone on the prayer list.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday,	April 28
7:00 AM - IC	Pro Populo
8:30 AM - SC	Leslie Curtis
10:00 AM - IC	Olga Dehn
	Parish Family of St. Joseph The
10:00 AM - SJ	50th Wedding Anniversary of Walter & Diane Schmidt
Monday, April 29	
NO MASS	
Tuesday, April 30	
8:00 AM IC	Barbara Miller
8:00 AM SC	Rev. Bernard Schloemer
Wednesday, May 1	
8:00 AM IC	Arline Barnhart
8:00 AM SC	Minnie Heitkamp
Thursday, May 2	
6:30 AM SJ	Lilly Timmerman
8:00 AM IC	Brenda Smith
Friday, May 3	
6:30 AM SJ	Mary Katherine Fink
8:00 AM IC	Mildred Klenke
Saturday, May 4	
10:00 AM IC	First Communion
4:15 PM IC	Lomax Family
5:00 PM SJ	Parish Family of St. Joseph
Sunday, May 5	
7:00 AM - IC	Pro Populo
8:30 AM - SC	Dupree Heard
10:00 AM - IC	John M. Linde, Jr
10·30 AM - SI	Ronald Salvino

April 28

Make a Difference in the Lives of Those who Rely on Us On this 5th Sunday of Easter, we're reminded of the profound truth that we depend on God and one another. Just as Jesus taught in the Gospel, he is the vine, and we are the branches; our reliance on him is vital.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul passionately embraces this message, seeking individuals of all ages to embody it as Vincentians. Together, we have the power to make a difference in the lives of those who rely on us.

Through acts of kindness, financial assistance, and unwavering service, Vincentian volunteers illuminate hope in the darkest of times. If you're ready to answer the call to serve and become a beacon of light in your community, we invite you to join us. Discover how you can become a Vincentian in your parish by calling 314-881-6075 today.

Together, let's make a meaningful impact and spread God's love to those in need.

Minister Roles

May	4-5
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Saturday

4:15 PM IC

7 AM IC

Servers A. Arand, M. Bailey, R. Beiley Lector A. Westhoff Eucharistic Minsters D. Keence, C. Breeden Gift Bearers K. Guidry, M. Gumpenberger 5:00 PM SJ Servers

Lector K. Gerlemann Eucharistic Minsters T. Straatmann, K. Feth, C. Grus Gift Bearers Volunteers

Sunday

Servers B. Collins, J. Stuesse Lector A. Mullen Eucharistic Minsters B. Vondera, M. Vondera Gift Bearers Mr. & Mrs. Russell Rost 8:30 AM SC Servers Volunteers Lector A. Horton Eucharistic Minsters J. Lewis, S. Freeman Gift Bearers Art & Ruth Cordia 10:00 AM IC Servers P. Orf, D. Zweifel, C. Painter Lector L. Cartwright Eucharistic Minsters C. Brune, G. Brune Gift Bearers Chris & Gina Brune 10:30 AM SJ Servers Lector A. Kohlbusch Eucharistic Minsters P. Greife, J. Baker, D. Schmidt

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Gift Bearers Volunteers
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Collection Counters for the Week of April 28

- IC: Brenda Hoelscher, Joyce Mullen
- SJ. Pam, Jim
- SC: Kathy Maupin, Debbie Marshaus, Rita Davis

Bulletin submissions should be sent to: ic.neier.clare@gmail.com, and must be received the Monday before by 9 AM





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