

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



2020-2021 GUIDEBOOK & DIRECTORY



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Beloved Sisters and Brothers of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church:

With great joy and profound gratitude to the Almighty Father, I take this opportunity to welcome each and every one of you to the family of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. I pray and hope that this Church will continue to serve you as a *home away from home* and as a source of hope and blessing upon your families as you merge your life into the rhythm of this loving and vibrant community.

As pilgrims in this world, we all need shelter for rest and spiritual nourishment for our weary souls. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is the perfect place of refuge for enriching and nourishing your souls as you continue your earthly journey. She is always open to all, ready to extend any help, any time.

As you become part of this community, please consider unfolding your talents, love, treasures, and everything that you are blessed with to enrich our parish community. In doing so, and by your active participation in all the activities of our parish, you will contribute much for the growth of Immaculate Conception Parish Community. Together let us build the Kingdom of God.

As I welcome you, I invoke God's abundant blessings upon each of you. May you be "*...the salt of the earth and light of the world... seeing your good work, they may praise the heavenly Father.*" (Mt. 5: 14-16). Know that you are always in my prayers every single day. God bless you.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Fr. Jacob Dio, Pastor

Mass Schedule

Please see our website for up-to-date Mass times.
www.immaconception.org

Sunday Masses

4:30 PM Saturday Vigil..... Main Church
 8:00 AM Main Church
 11:00 AM Main Church
 1:00 PM Spanish Main Church
 4:30 PM Main Church
 3:00 PM Korean..... (Last Sunday of month)
 7:30 PM Vietnamese.....
(Second and last Sunday of month)

The Rosary is prayed aloud before most Sunday Masses.

Weekday Masses

Monday

9:00 AM Main Church

Tuesday

9:00 AM Main Church

Wednesday

11:00 AM Main Church
 7:30 PM Spanish Mass..... Main Church

Thursday

9:00 AM Main Church

Friday

9:00 AM Main Church

Saturday

9:00 AM Main Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are available in the Chapel on Saturdays after the 9:00 AM Mass and again from 4:00-5:00 PM, or any time by appointment with a priest. The parish also hosts a Communal Penance Service with visiting priests from other parishes in the Main Church at 7:00 PM in the Season of Advent and again in the Season of Lent.

Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Summer Hours:

Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Friday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM



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Parish Boards

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 Ed Wilson, Knights of Columbus
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Mission Statement

We strive to be a vibrant parish unified by our sacramental participation in the Catholic Church.

We seek to be an inclusive, caring, and unified congregation and to be effective stewards of the gifts with which we have been blessed by God. We will work together serving our God, our Church, and our community. We will focus on spiritual growth and renewal to better serve the needs of all people.

Generosity and Stewardship

Regular Giving

How are you called to give?

There are many opportunities for each of us to serve in our parish and community. The question is, how is God calling you specifically to give. For our parish to successfully share the heart of Christ and serve the community around them, we must become the hands and feet of Christ in the giving of our time, our talents and our treasures.

The primary way that Immaculate Conception Church pays our bills is through weekly Mass offerings. The Diocese suggests that we work toward giving:

- 5 percent of our gross income to the parish,
- 2 percent to the Diocese of Nashville, and
- 3 percent to other charities

Just as important as financial giving is the giving of your time and your talents. Willing volunteers are the backbone of any parish. There are many ways that God may be calling you specifically to assist in our parish. Many of the opportunities for parish and community involvement are highlighted in this guidebook to assist you in the discernment of how you are being called by God to help,

Catholics in Clarksville Endowment

How will you be remembered?

An endowment gift to Immaculate Conception Church provides a brighter picture for our future. When you remember us in your will, you give a gift with long-term benefits. Our Catholic Education's future depends on permanent endowment funds that support us by providing tuition assistance to children seeking a Catholic education and aiding in teacher and program development. As you plan for your future, please remember that you and your family have it in your power to provide lasting support to our Catholic causes by giving a planned gift to the parish "Catholics in Clarksville" long-term endowment administered by the Catholic Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

Parish History

Immaculate Conception Parish has a tremendous amount for which to give thanks. Founded in 1845, the parish has continued to flourish and to give a strong witness to the Catholic faith in Montgomery County. Since the early nineteenth century, Immaculate Conception Church has thrived in Clarksville, Tennessee. Initially served by missionary priests from Bardstown, Kentucky, and Nashville, Tennessee, the Parish was originally named St. Mary's. It was administered by Reverend Ivo Schacht, the first pastor. The church bore the name St. Mary's until May 30, 1875, when entries on the parish record books were recorded under the name Immaculate Conception.

On August 12, 1880, Right Rev. Patrick Augustine Feehan, Third Bishop of Nashville (1865-1880), and Father Patrick Gleeson, Pastor (1873-1885), laid the cornerstone of the church that serves as Immaculate Conception's Chapel today. The Chapel is on the National Historical Register.

St. Mary's Center (now our main Church) was completed and dedicated as an educational-activity center on August 17, 1975. The center was refurbished and rededicated as Immaculate Conception Church June 21, 1987, by Most Rev. James Niedergeses, D.D., Bishop of Nashville, and Pastor Robert J. Roeser (1982-1992) and presently serves as Immaculate Conception's Worship Center.

A school existed in Immaculate Conception Parish from 1860-1969. St. Mary's was staffed by the Dominican Sisters from 1887 who taught there until its closing in 1969. It was located at 740 Franklin Street. It was closed in 1969 due to the condition of the building and a decline in enrollment when Ft. Campbell opened its own schools and could no longer bus students to the Catholic school. Our Pre-School has been on parish grounds since 1976.

A Town Hall meeting was held in February 1999 to address growing interest among parish members of Immaculate Conception to revive a Catholic elementary school for the education and faith formation of their children. In June of 1999, the parish purchased our current school site.

The Jubilee Year (2000) marked the return of St. Mary's Catholic School after a thirty year absence. After considerable renovation, St. Mary's School, including a chapel and gym, opened its doors at 1901 Madison Street on August 15, 2000 serving grades Kindergarten through Fourth. A grade was added each year through Eighth. Currently, it is a parochial K-8 elementary school. A Before and After Care Program for students began in August 2002. In 2011 the name was changed to Immaculate Conception School.

Parish FAQs

(Frequently Asked Questions)

How do I join the Parish? Visit our Welcome Booth located in the main church narthex after any of the weekend Masses, visit our website at www.immaconception.org, or call or email the parish secretary (931-645-6275 ext. 104, icsecretary@immaconception.org)

How do I become a Catholic? Call the parish office. You will receive information from a member of our education/formation program who will invite you to our formation classes. If you have questions about joining and wish some direction, call one of our clergymen.

How do I register my child/children for a religious education class? Visit our website at www.immaconception.org to print the registration form, pick one up in the main church narthex after any of the weekend Masses, or stop by the parish office. Totus Tuus and Vacation Bible School registration forms can be picked up in the church narthex or parish office several weeks prior to the event.

How do I register my child/children at Immaculate Conception School? Call or stop by the school during school hours to schedule tours, ask questions, and pick up the registration materials. You can also find all the forms and many answers to your questions on the school website at www.icschooltn.org/admissionsenrollment.

How do I register my child/children at Immaculate Conception Pre School? Registration is scheduled in February of each year. Current ICP families receive early notice and have exclusive registration privileges the first day. The second day of registration is open to parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church. Remaining spaces are then available to the community. Registration dates are posted on the school website at www.icschooltn.org/admissionsenrollment.

How do I schedule a Mass? Call or visit the parish office and ask the receptionist to schedule a Mass (Intention) for the living or the deceased.

How do I get information into the Bulletin or make a Bulletin Notice? Call or email the parish secretary at the parish office (931-645-6275 ext. 104, icsecretary@immaconception.org). The deadline is Thursday at noon (eleven working days in advance of the date you wish the notice to appear).

How do I volunteer? Contact one of the many people listed in this guidebook or call Mary Obringer in the parish office.

How do I retrieve a lost item? Visit our Welcome Booth located in the main church narthex after any of the weekend Masses or call the parish office. Lost and Found items will only be held for 90 days. If not picked up, they will be donated to charity.

How do I make arrangements for a Catholic Funeral or Burial? When a loved one has died, the funeral home will usually contact the office (931-645-6275) to schedule the funeral. The emergency number is on the parish phone message. The parish is happy to host the Visitation when either the Main Church or the Old Chapel is available.

Priests and Deacons

Fr. Jacob Dio, MSFS

Fr. Jacob is a missionary priest of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS), popularly known as Fransalians. He did all his schooling and seminary studies in India. He was ordained a priest on January 13, 2002. At the invitation of the Late Bishop David Choby, his superior from India sent him to work in the diocese of Nashville in 2009. While in India, he has worked in two schools and two parishes as associate priest, and parish priest. In the diocese of Nashville, he has served at Holy Trinity Parish, Hohenwald, St. Rose Catholic Church at Murfreesboro, and St. Luke Catholic at Smyrna, prior to coming to Immaculate Conception Church.

Fr. Javier Suarez, Associate Pastor

Fr. Javier was born in Bogota, Colombia in South America. He grew up Catholic, but was never close to the faith and only occasionally went to mass. When he was 19, a friend invited him to visit a seminary and Fr. Javier experienced the presence of God in his life for the first time. That same year, he began his discernment to the priesthood. After two years of seminary, he returned home and worked in his family business in Bogota. The vocation to the priesthood was something that remained in his heart while he was working, and after two years he came to America to discern his vocation with the Archdiocese of Atlanta. In 2010 he began his studies of ESL and philosophy at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus Ohio and in May of 2014, he graduated with a bachelor's of Arts in philosophy. In August of 2014 he began his theological studies at Notre Dame seminary in New Orleans, but in April of 2016 he stepped out of formation and returned to Colombia to attend some family issues; however, God continued to be an important part in his life, so after talking with his spiritual director and the rector at Notre Dame seminary he began to discern his vocation with the Diocese of Nashville. In November of 2017 he was assigned to Our Lady of the Lake in Hendersonville TN, where Fr. Erik Fowlkes and Fr. Thomas Kalam gave him a good example of what was expected from a priest in the diocese of Nashville. In 2018 he returned to Notre Dame seminary and finished his theological studies in May of 2020. After graduation, he was assigned to Immaculate Conception to be the new associate pastor and will be helping father Jacob in ministering to the people of the parish.

Deacon Dominick Azzara

Deacon Dominick, a native of Brooklyn, came to Clarksville as an Army officer in 1967. After the military, he earned a B.S. degree at Austin Peay State University. He worked in management and administration at social service agencies in Clarksville prior to joining the Immaculate Conception staff in 1988. He was commissioned a Lay Pastoral Minister in 1988. He has served the parish in Religious Education, Parish Council, and Liturgical Ministries. He was ordained to the diaconate in May 1999 and assigned to the parish by Bishop Kmiec. In 2002, Bishop Kmiec assigned additional duties as Co-Chaplain for Catholic Scouting. He and his wife, Regina, have three sons.

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Deacon Timothy Winters

Deacon Tim was born in Portland, Oregon and raised in Arizona. A Greek and Latin scholar, he studied at the University of Arizona and at Ohio State University where he earned a Ph.D. He has taught high school and at universities in Utah and Pennsylvania. In 1994, he moved to Nashville where he taught at Vanderbilt before coming to the parish and his present work at Austin Peay State University (APSU). He was ordained to the diaconate in 1999.

Deacon Tim is the Catholic Campus Ministry Advisor for the Newman Club at APSU and also serves as president and spiritual advisor for the IC Haiti Mission. He and his wife, Mary, have four daughters.

Deacon Robert (Bob) Berberich

Deacon Bob was raised and educated in Milwaukee, WI. After ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corp) he was assigned to Ft. Campbell and in 1970 became a member of Immaculate Conception parish. He served as a clinician at the Mental Health Center and earned a Masters in Psychology from APSU in 1972. Relocating to Nashville, he earned a Doctorate in Psychology from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College. He and his wife, Pat, returned to Clarksville in 1980 and were active in Cursillo and Ecumenical Family Enrichment Programs until her death in 1986. Deacon Bob has served as Co-Chairman of the Parish Council and in Religious Education Programs. He was ordained to the diaconate and assigned to the parish in 1999. He is the Chaplain at Immaculate Conception School. Deacon Bob is a clinical psychologist in private practice. His son, daughter-in-law, two grandsons and one granddaughter live with him here in Clarksville.

Deacon Juan Garza

Deacon Juan, a native of Monterrey, Mexico, lived in Houston, TX until he joined the Army. He came to Clarksville in 1996 and after the military, worked in management at Dell Computers for 10 years. After four years as a small business entrepreneur he sold his business prior to joining the Immaculate Conception staff in 2014 as the Director of Religious Education. He has served the Hispanic Ministry and the parish in Adult Religious Education and Formation, Parish Council, and Liturgical Ministries since 1999. He was ordained to the diaconate in June 2014 and assigned to the parish by Bishop Choby. He and his wife, Nancy, have a daughter and a son.

Deacon Juan Manuel Martinez

Deacon Manuel, a native of Jalisco, Mexico, lived in Fayetteville, TN before moving to Clarksville in 2004. He has been a restaurateur for 10 years. He was in the Seminary for the Diocese of San Juan de los Lagos in Jalisco, Mexico for six years before discerning his vocation to matrimony. There he received a Licenciature in Philosophy from the Pontifical College of Mexico. He has served the Hispanic Ministry in Adult Religious Education and Formation, Hispanic Ministry Council, and Liturgical Ministries since 2005. He was ordained to the diaconate in June 2014 and assigned to the parish by Bishop Choby. He and his wife, Martha Leticia, have a daughter and a son.

Deacon Orin Rovito

Orin Rovito, was born in Richland WA, grew up in Northern California, in Weed. In 1966 at 17, he joined the Army, became a Paratrooper, and spent one year at Fort Campbell KY before deployment. but vowed to return to KY or TN. He worked in a saw mill, was a truck driver, a partner in two businesses, and was a Safety Environmental Manager for Construction industries for twenty years. In 2009 he went back to truck driving to complete his career. He has enjoyed hunting, running, cycling, kayaking, and triathlons, is an alumni of Sacramento City College; has an AA in Criminal Justice; is an alumnus of CSUS, Sacramento with a BA in Political Science, and has a minor in education in Sociology from Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus OH. In 2008 was Ordained Deacon in the Diocese of Sacramento CA, served at Saint Peters / All Hollows as Deacon, Grief and Pastoral Counseling until April 21, 2019 when he returned to Clarksville TN. He was granted permission from Bishop Mark to assist at Immaculate Conception in June and received facilities in late July 2019.

Sacraments

Baptism - Parishioners are invited to have their children baptized at Immaculate Conception. As Catholics, we traditionally baptize babies within the first few months of birth. A Catholic Sponsor (godparent) is required and must be at least sixteen years old and a confirmed Catholic; there must be one, but can be up to two, with one being male and one female.

English and Spanish speaking classes are normally held the last Monday of each month (except on Holiday weekends) in the St. Joseph's Center from 6:30-9:30 PM. Godparents are welcome to attend. Parents who have attended a Baptism Preparation Class within the past three years do not need to attend again.

If Catholic parents have for some reason missed the occasion of baptizing their infant/child during the years before a child reaches the age of reason, (which is normally age seven), we ask that the child be enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children of Catechetical Age (RCIC) or provide a letter from their previous parish stating participation in the program there. The child will receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at one liturgy (The Easter Vigil).

Please call the Church Office to register for a class, schedule a Baptism, discuss the Baptism of children who have reached the age of reason, or to obtain additional information.

First Reconciliation and First Communion - First Holy Communion is usually celebrated in the spring of a child's 2nd grade year, following First Reconciliation. Children are prepared for First Communion by participating in the Sunday Religious Education program, Immaculate Conception School, or the Hispanic Community Religious Education program.

Contact: Deacon Juan Garza (Rel. Ed.-English and Hispanic Ministry), 931-645-6275 ext. 119, icdre@immacconception.org
Immaculate Conception School, 931-645-1865, sstafford@icschooltn.org



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Confirmation - The sacrament of Confirmation is usually celebrated in the spring of a child's eighth grade year within the Diocese of Nashville. Children are prepared through the Sunday Religious Education program, Immaculate Conception School, or the Hispanic Religious Education program. Any adult wishing to receive this sacrament is asked to contact the Parish Office. He/she will be provided with a special program of preparation.
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Immaculate Conception School, 931-645-1865, sstafford@icschooltn.org

Reconciliation - Confessions are available in the Chapel on Saturdays after the 9:00 AM Mass and again from 4:00-5:00 PM or by appointment with a priest.

Matrimony - Engaged couples can be prepared for the Sacrament of Marriage by any of the priests or deacons. The Diocese of Nashville calls for a minimum preparation period of four months. To begin the marriage process, please contact the church office at least 4 months before the expected wedding date.
The *Engaged Couples Retreat* is offered on a Saturday each month by the Diocese of Nashville at the Catholic Pastoral Center on McGavock Pike.

Anointing of the Sick - The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is appropriate for anyone who is seriously ill, aged, infirmed, dealing with a challenging chronic illness, facing surgery, or in danger of death. For an appointment with a priest at a mutually convenient time and place contact the church office:

In an emergency please call the office at: 931-933-0600.

If you or a loved one is anticipating a planned stay in the hospital or health care facility, please notify the parish office so that we may provide Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. HIPPA regulations no longer allow us to get names of the sick at hospitals or nursing homes. It helps to ask the hospital or health care institute to list you as a Catholic.

Holy Orders - Anyone interested in the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life as a brother or sister is encouraged to speak with any of the priests or deacons.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers - An Altar server assists the presider at Mass, most importantly with the opening and closing prayers, the preparation of the altar, the lavabo (washing of hands), lighting and carrying candles, and stewardship of wine and water at Mass. If you are a baptized Catholic who has received first communion and would like to discern if you are called to serve in this way, please call the church office.
Contact: Parish Office: 931-645-6275

Altar Society - Four Teams take turns serving in the Main Church, and a fifth team serves in the Historic Chapel, helping to keep our worship space, furnishings, candles and linens clean, maintained, and prepared for when our Church community gathers together in worship. Others serve in different areas (altar flowers, preparations for funerals, and Adoration) as needed.
Contact: Christine Voorhis, 931-358-4429, or 931 237-7992 chrisnroger@charter.net

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Are lay people who are trained by the Church to assist in distributing Holy Communion at Mass.
Contact: Rick Catignani, 931-320-5083 (contact by text message works best), catignanir@aol.com

Visitation Ministers - Are lay people who take the Eucharist to the sick at area hospitals and nursing homes, and make home visits to those unable to participate in community worship.
Contact: Parish Office, 931-645-6275

Greeters - Greet people before and after Mass and other services.
Contact: Parish Office, 931-645-6275

Lectors - Are lay people who are trained to proclaim the Word of God from the scriptures during liturgical functions.
Contact: Parish Office: 931-645-6275

Rosary Leaders - Lead the Rosary before weekend Masses.
Contact: Irene Buck, 931-648-2614, irenebuck@bellsouth.net

Ushers - Help with seating, provide directions and assistance, distribute the offertory baskets and help ensure the orderly celebration of the liturgy and other activities.
Contact: Bob Sisson, 931-551-8079, bob@sissonmail.com

Music Ministry - Led by the Music Ministry Team, the Immaculate Conception Music Ministry fosters parishioner participation in the liturgy through music and song. We provide leadership and critical decision making for liturgical music, ritual, and worship. The team serves and supports scheduled liturgies as well as designated, or special occasions including Feast Days, Solemnities, weddings, funerals and parish-wide events, The Music Ministry Leadership includes June Esquilin, Danny Chartrand, Stella McKnight, Elizabeth Ramos, George Marte, and Deacon Manuel Martinez.
Contact: June Esquilin, 931-552-3015, juniebungie@gmail.com

CHOIRS: The Ministry consists of six choirs accompanied by organ, piano, guitar, or additional instruments. The choirs serve regularly scheduled masses or other special liturgies throughout the church year. Cantors serve in tandem with each choir. Bilingual music is available and offered whenever required.

1. Chancel Choir - Is a ladies SSA ensemble who sings at regularly scheduled or special liturgies.
Contact: Stella McKnight, 931-378-0301, mcknightstella@bellsouth.net
2. Children's Choir - Is comprised of children, grades 2 - 8, singing at mass the 3rd Sunday of each month.
Contact: June Esquilin, 931-552-3015, juniebungie@gmail.com
3. ICY/Teen Choir - Is a mixed Youth Choir, Boys/Girls comprised of teens-grades 9 through 12.
Contact: Stella McKnight, 931-378-0301, mcknightstella@bellsouth.net
4. *EXALT!* - Is a mixed Ensemble, Men/Women-English speaking, consisting of instrumentalists and vocalists providing contemporary Christian music.
Contact: Danny Chartrand, 931-920-2868, dannychartrand@bellsouth.net
5. Parish Choir - Is a mixed Choir, Men/Women-Spanish speaking, post high school age and up.
Contact: June Esquilin, 931-552-3015, juniebungie@gmail.com
6. Spanish Choir - Is a mixed Choir, Men/Women-Spanish speaking, post high school age and up.
Contact: Elizabeth Ramos, 931-648-8553, elizabethramos47@hotmail.com



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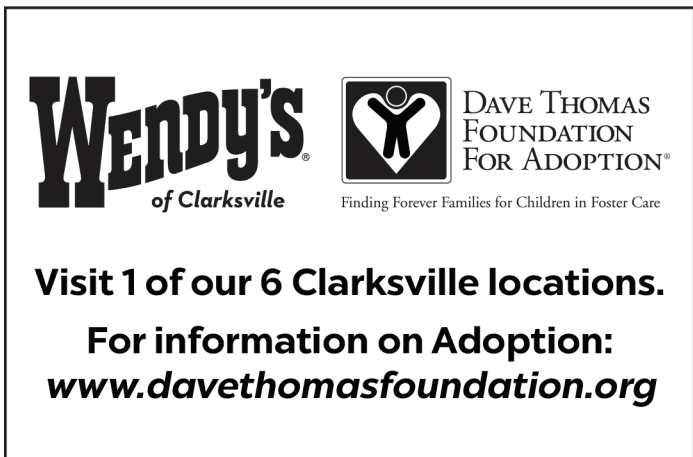
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Praying

Private Prayer in the Chapel - The Old Chapel is open in the daytime for quiet private prayer on most Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Adoration - On Fridays, the Blessed Sacrament is normally exposed in the Main Church for adoration after the Friday morning Mass until 7:00 PM.

Contact: Marcia Sundberg, 515-571-8272, mesundb@gmail.com

Cursillo - Is Spanish, meaning short course, and is often associated with a 3-Day weekend-which is only one aspect of the Cursillo Movement. The Diocese of Nashville Cursillo Movement is intended to help all Catholics develop a thorough understanding of what it means to fully live a Christian life in all their everyday situations. It provides a method to transform all aspects of society through prayer and the development of small Christian communities.

Contact: Nashville Cursillo, info@nashvillecursillo.org

Women's Cursillo Group - If you have made Cursillo and want to be in a group, please contact Teresa Mills, 931-217-2646, teresamills21@yahoo.com.

Divine Mercy - Meets every Saturday at 2:30 PM in the Main Church or Chapel (whichever is available) to pray the rosary followed at 3:00 PM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Contact: Parish Office, 931-645-6275

Earth Angels Prayer Line - Prayer requests are taken by this group Monday through Friday and communicated by email with prayers for parishioners and others in need. Contact: Parish Office: 931-645-6275, ext. 101

Faith Formation

Adult Catholic Explorers - Meet on Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 AM in the St. Joseph's Center Library (basement level) during the school year. We enjoy learning and growing together as we come to a better understanding of our Catholic Faith. Please join us and enjoy fellowship as we take our understanding of the Catholic Faith to the next level. It is so very important that we learn why we believe what we believe as Catholic Christians. All are welcome to join us; we look forward to meeting you and please invite a friend! We also have Coffee and Goodies!!

Contact: Scott Audet, 931-249-5893, sjaudet@me.com

Adult Bible Study - Meets on Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00 AM downstairs in the St. Joseph's Center room 10. Anyone who would like to join is welcome. Contact: Christine Voorhis 931-358-4429 or 931-237-7992

Catechism (Sunday Religious Education) - The mission of the Catechism Program is to assist the parents of Immaculate Conception in building a strong foundation of faith for their children by educating them in church doctrine and inspiring them to be of service to our community-to love and serve the Lord in their life. Classes are offered at the Family Life Center and St. Joseph's Center for K through 12th grade and are held on Sunday mornings during the school year. Sacramental preparation is offered for 1st Communion and Confirmation. Classes in English are from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM and classes in Spanish are from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM. Visit our website at www.immacconception.org to print the registration form, pick one up in the main church narthex after any of the weekend Masses, or stop by the parish office. Totus Tuus and Vacation Bible School registration forms can be picked up in the church narthex or parish office several weeks prior to the event. Contact: Deacon Juan Garza, 931-645-6275 ext. 119, icdre@immacconception.org

Immaculate Conception School - Provides students with a challenging curriculum that is rigorous, pertinent, and most importantly, rooted in the Catholic faith. Our teachers are committed to the academic and moral development of all students, ensuring each child receives the attention they deserve to be able to reach their full spiritual and academic potential. Each grade's curriculum has been specifically designed with these things in mind. Enrollment is for grades K-8. Bus service is available to and from Ft. Campbell and Exit 1. Please visit our website at www.icschoolTN.org. Contact: Stephanie Stafford, Lisa Meeks, 931-645-1865, sstafford@icschooltn.org

Immaculate Conception Pre-School - For 45 years, ICP has provided an active and structured learning curriculum. Known throughout the Clarksville-Montgomery County area, ICP maintains high standards in preparing children for kindergarten and beyond. Half day and full day programs for children who are ages 1 to 5. The Preschool follows the state of Tennessee's age cut-off date of August 15th. Registration is held in February for the following school year. However, openings are filled throughout the school year. Contact: Pam Telfer or Karla Clark, 931-647-9276, ploos@icschooltn.org

Life Teen - Our parish youth program for middle and high school students. Led by a Core Team of dedicated adults and open to all teens, the mission of Life Teen is to lead teens closer to Christ. Life Teen follows the Church's model of gather, proclaim, break-open, and send. Throughout the year, there are also opportunities for service, events, and retreats. Contact: Cinthya Angeles, 615-772-3718, cinthya2do@gmail.com

Catholic Student Association at APSU (Newman Club) - The Catholic Student Organization at Austin Peay State University provides an outlet for Catholic students to socialize, pray together, and explore our understanding of the intersection of faith and intellect from the perspective of Roman Catholic theology. APSU students of all denominations and faiths are welcome. Meetings are held on Wednesdays for food and fellowship from 7-8PM in the Newman Campus Ministry house (across the street from the chapel). Contact: Holly Wiemelt at hcwiemelt@my.apsu.edu



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Parish Library - Is located downstairs in St. Joseph's Center and is open during office hours to assist parishioners in learning about and growing in the Catholic faith.
Contact: Parish Office, 931-645-627

Hispanic

Hispanic Ministry - Coordinates pastoral care and service to the Spanish speaking community. Religious education, preparation for Baptism, Marriage and other sacraments, as well as other assistance is available. Adult education classes meet at the Family Life Center from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM. Mass in Spanish is celebrated each Sunday at 1:00 PM in the main church and on Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Chapel. A prayer group gathers in St. Joseph's Center at 6:00 PM on Wednesday.
Contact: Elizabeth Ramos, 931-648-8553, elizabethramos47@hotmail.com

Charismatic Prayer Group (Spanish) - The Charismatic Renewal builds a personal relationship with Jesus through the gifts of the Holy Spirit through prayer, retreats and spiritual encouragement. Prayer meetings are in Wednesday evenings in the Chapel.
Contact: Blanca Rodriguez, blancarodriguez1975@yahoo.com

Hispanic Bible Study/Charismatic Group Formation/Prayer Group - Meets on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM in St. Joseph's Center.
Contact: Maria Hernandez, 931-302-1619

Nocturnal Adoration Society - Is an association of Catholics dedicated to prayer before the Eucharist for the praise of God and for the needs of the world. The Society's Ordinary Vigil meets on the fourth Saturday of each month and the Women's Vigil meets on the fifth Saturday of the month. Vigils begin at 8:00 PM in the Family Life Center followed by prayers at 9:00 PM in the main church and continue until 7:00 AM Sunday morning. Although conducted primarily in Spanish we do have an hour in English at each of our vigils. All fellow parishioners are welcome!
Contact: Rodrigo Rogel rodrigoestrada07@gmail.com or Maria Self mariadelc12torres@hotmail.com

Little Mexico and Latin Folklore - This dance group wants to share their heritage and colorful folklore culture. They want to instill in the youth that participate a feeling of pride, team work, organization, high self-esteem in front of audiences and the ability to develop healthy social skills. This group meets at St. Joseph's Center on Saturdays at 11:00 AM.
Contact: Juanita Jones, 931-320-2210, Georgette Michalenko, 931-801-9875

La Quinceañera - Los padres de la quinceañera tienen que estar registrados en la parroquia y presentarse por lo menos seis meses antes de la ceremonia. La candidata debe haber recibido los sacramentos del bautismo, reconciliación, comunión, y estar por lo menos preparándose para la confirmación. Además ella tiene que prepararse con buena asistencia al curso especial para esta ceremonia. También es necesario reservar la capilla y, si lo desea, el salón del Familia Life Center y pagar las cuotas correspondientes con anticipación. Para más informes, comunicarse a la oficina de la parroquia.

Parish Ministries and Volunteer Opportunities

Boy Scouts (Troop 536) - Is for young men who have completed fifth grade, or ages 11-18 years. The purpose is for the scouts to become better leaders through service to themselves and others. They are taught to follow the Scout Law and Promise. The scouting experience will help young men discover that they can make good things happen by planning and setting goals. The troop meets every Wednesday from 6:45-8:00 PM.
Contact: Pat Doyle, 931-217-0450, doylep92@yahoo.com

Catechists - Parishioners volunteer to pass on the faith in classroom settings on Sunday mornings during the school year, in English at 9:15 AM and Bilingual at 11:00 AM
Contact: Deacon Juan Garza, Director of Religious Education, 931-645-6275 ext. 119, icdre@immacconception.org

Chiapas Mission - Serves our brothers and sisters of San Pedro Chelnalho and San Pablo Chalchihuitan in the Diocese of San Cristobal de las Casas in southern Chiapas, Mexico. A mission team travels to Chiapas once a year and our goal is to assist with the funding and their Chapel; the center of their community and the place where their problems and concerns are solved. They meet at 6:30 PM every second Tuesday of the month in the St. Joseph Center, downstairs in room 10.
Contact: Martha Elva Kenney, 931-802-3247, kennymartha@gmail.com

Cub Scouts (Pack 526) - Is for boys 1st through 5th grade, or ages 6-10. The pack strives to prepare young boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Pack meets every Wednesday during the school year from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Family Life Center Social Hall.
Contact: Scott Doyle, 931-249-9724 or jscottdoyle@yahoo.com

Girl Scout Troop 960 - Is for girls in Kindergarten up to age 18. The mission of Girl Scouts of ICC is to build girls of confidence, courage and good character that can make the world a better place through the Girl Scout Promise and Law, while also giving them the opportunity to develop spiritually, mentally and emotionally. The troop meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center.
Contact: girlscoutstroop960@gmail.com

Haiti Mission - Maintains connections with St. Jules Parish, our twinned parish in Petit Bourg du Bourgne, Haiti, and raises awareness among the parishioners of IC about the plight of God's poor in Haiti. Our committee offers spiritual, medical, and financial support to St. Jules parish. Efforts include an annual medical mission to the village, identifying and sending patients to hospitals in Haiti for surgery and sponsoring a clinic in the village that is staffed by a Haitian doctor, two nurses, a pharmacist and a lab technician. The group meets at St. Joseph's Center on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Visit the St. Jules website at <http://www.stjuleshaiti.com/>
Contact: Kit Grabenstein, 931-503-1406, ichaitiministry@gmail.com

Hospitality Committee - These men and women serve our church family through fellowship activities and reaching out to welcome new members and visitors to our Parish. Activities include planning potlucks, offering a Hospitality Suite during wakes, and hosting parish receptions.
Contact: Pam Telfer at 615-804-5405 or pjloos@aol.com

ICCCW (Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women) - Is affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) and is part of the largest organization of Catholic lay women in America. The mission of this group is to empower and educate its members in spirituality and leadership and to provide opportunities for fellowship and Christian service to the Church, family, and community. In this group, Catholic women can speak and act on their concerns and seek solutions to current problems. Our local chapter is active in the fight against abortion, pornography, child abuse, domestic violence, and any movement that tears down the family. All women of the parish are members of the ICCCW. The membership meets on the 3rd Tuesday every month at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph's Center August - May. The ICCCW sponsors family activities such as a Halloween Trunk-or-Treat, Covered Dish Suppers, Breakfast with Santa, the Annual Craft Fair, and an Easter Egg Hunt. They also host luncheons for our senior citizens. They help with receptions and luncheons for bereaved families after a funeral. Activities are funded with the proceeds from their annual Craft Fair, which is held on the first Saturday in December.
Contact: Kathy DeWein, President, deweink49@gmail.com
Kay Lange, Vice President, kaygracelange@gmail.com

ICCCW Knit Wits - Helps clothe God's children in need. Items go to underprivileged children in the Appalachian regions of East Kentucky and East Tennessee, Wounded Warriors, Crisis Center, Caring Choices, and to the remote villages of the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska, Vanderbilt's Children's Cancer Center. Items are not to be sold for profit. You can learn how to knit or crochet and be a part of this rewarding ministry. Please come and join us if you already know this craft. The demand for our handmade garments has far exceeded the supply. The members meet at St. Joseph's Center, downstairs in Room 10, from 1:00-3:00 PM on the 2nd Sunday of each month from September through May. All yarn is furnished; however, needles and crochet hooks are not furnished.
Contact: Parish Office 645-6275 or Claire La Pointe, 931-552-0253, relcll@aol.com

ICCCW Book Club - Meets in the Library at St. Joseph's Center on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (Bring lunch/snack if you wish). Books are selected by the members. This club has lively discussions about the books, but is not a high pressure group. Come enjoy and discover new reading genres or HEAR about the books read. We post our current reading material in the bulletin.
Contact: Kay Lange, kaygracelange@gmail.com

International Festival - Celebrates our multicultural identity and is one of our biggest and most popular events of the year. It draws people from Clarksville and beyond to Immaculate Conception to enjoy an array of ethnic foods, music, dancing, exhibits, a Silent Auction and a Craft Fair. Volunteers are needed to serve as committee members to organize the event. Marketing, logistics, entertainment, and manning the booths of nations are just a few of the areas for volunteer opportunities. Watch for pulpit and bulletin announcements for more details.
Contact: Church Office, 931-645-6275

Knights of Columbus - Is a Catholic Men's Fraternal Service Organization that sponsors activities for family, youth groups, and community service. Their mission is to assist the pastor in any manner of his choosing. The 4th degree meetings are held at every 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, and council meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
Contact: Francisco Ramos, Jr. (Grand Knight for Council 3537), 931-801-3328, francisramos65@icloud.com and Jim Milazzo (Faithful Navigator of the Assembly 2328), 760-803-0952, jdmilazzofomc@gmail.com

Korean Catholic Community - A Korean Mass is celebrated the last Sunday of each month at 3:00 PM in the Chapel followed by a potluck dinner in the Family Life Center.
Contact: Pong Suk Wilkins 931-647-0415 or 931-220-5004

Legion of Mary - Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church. The members meet each Monday at 4:30 PM at St. Joseph Center for prayer, planning, and discussion under the guidance of a spiritual director appointed by the pastor. If you would like more information on the Legion of Mary please contact Sharon Humphrey.
Contact : Sharon Humphrey, President at 931-216-2006.

Maintenance Team - Volunteers assist the parish Facilities Director with small but necessary upkeep projects on the parish and school campuses. What are your gifts and skills?
Contact: Dave Swalgren, 931-645-6275 ext. 105, icfacilities@immacconception.org

Mother's Play and Pray Group - Mother's Pray and Play group meets every other Monday at 9:45 am for a book discussion or Bible study. We also meet several other times during the month for play-dates and family fellowship dinners. Childcare is available during our regular Monday meetings and is located in the church nursery next to the main church. We are open to mothers of any age and experience; as well as, women preparing to start a family who are looking for fellowship with other Catholic moms.
Contact: Isabella Lee @ (850) 797-3558 or mothersprayandplay@gmail.com
Join our Facebook group at "Pray and Play- Mother's Group of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church"

Nursery - Provides a safe, comfortable, and fun environment for the youngest members of our parish (age 4 months up to their 4th birthday). Parents may leave their children in the nursery trailer between 7:30 AM and 12:30 PM on Sundays while they attend Mass, during RCIA or Adult Ed classes, or while they are teaching Religious Education. The nursery is sometimes open during special events.
Contact: Cecilia Kelly, 931-494-6073, ceciliajk98@gmail.com

Parish Office Volunteers - Assist in a variety of office duties, such as answering the phones, greeting visitors, assisting with bulk mailings, and other projects.
Contact: Kathy McDonough, 931-645-6275 ext. 106, icaccounts@immacconception.org

Pro-Life Ministry - Proclaims that life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self, and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the St. Joseph Center Library from 6:00-7:30 PM.
Contact: Anna or Joseph Elarde, 847-769-9617, ame618@gmail.com

Pilgrim Virgin, Our Lady of Fatima - "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Luke 1:43 Parishioners are encouraged to participate in our Pilgrim Virgin's Home Visit Program. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima is brought to your home on a scheduled visit that lasts for one week. To participate, call the church office.
Contact: Church Office, 931-645-6275

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Provides a welcoming and supportive environment where those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith can grow in knowledge and understanding as they prepare for the sacraments of initiation or full communion with the Church. We have informal classes that meet year-round on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The class is held at 6:15 PM in Room #9 of the St. Joseph's Center (downstairs). We meet for formal classes most Sundays (August thru May...see bulletin for exact dates) with Dismissal during the 8:00 AM Mass, and sessions starting at 9:15 AM and ending at 10:30 AM in the St. Joseph's Center (upstairs).
Contact: Pat Paszek, 931-552-5520, pepasz@bellsouth.net
 Pat Riley, 270-498-2337, patrick.riley@kctcs.edu

RCIA Sponsors - RCIA seeks to be a welcoming and supportive environment where those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith can grow in knowledge and understanding as they discern a possible call to the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) or full communion in the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation for those already baptized. Sponsors walk the journey of faith with them.
Contact: Pat Paszek, 931-552-5520

Room in the Inn - A homeless program established by Clarksville churches administered through the Old Fire House Day Shelter November thru March. Our parish ministry provides food and overnight shelter each Thursday night in our Parish Family Life Center. We welcome up to 25 guests (can include 5 female). We are looking for generous people who want to provide support to this ministry as innkeepers, drivers, cooks, and other volunteer opportunities. What are your talents and gifts to share?
Contact: Larry Hogan, 931-206-0939, lgh4308@aol.com or Jerry Claudio (Spanish), 931-237-7080, jerryc41@bellsouth.net

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Members of the IC Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in our ministry of growing closer to God by serving our neighbors in poverty. Vincentians grow in friendship and spirituality while helping the needy and suffering. We take calls, listen, and make home visits; we help with bills and provide food, clothing, and transportation. Please join us at a meeting on Thursdays at 11:00 AM downstairs in the St. Joseph's Center. Monetary donations are tax-deductible and may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the church. SVdP yellow offertory envelopes can be found in your ICC envelope bundle and in the Narthex.
Contact: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 931-218-3120, svdp.immacconception@gmail.com

Venture Crew - Is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 years of age or who have completed the eighth grade and are under 21 years of age. The purpose of Venturing is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to be responsible and caring adults. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:00 PM.
Contact: Andreas Bunjor, 931-561-1260 or 931-552-9983, apbunjor@gmail.com

WGIC 94.9 IC Radio - 94.9 FM Low Power Radio is an apostolate of Immaculate Conception Church. The FCC granted our license on Thursday, January 26, 2017, the Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus. All of our programming is currently provided by Eternal Word (EWTN) radio. We may use our own or other programming for up to 20 percent of the broadcast time, most of it on weekends.
Contact: the church office 9371-645-6275

Community Volunteer Opportunities

Empty Bowls - Combines the talent and generosity of spirit of all who want to participate to help fight local hunger. We participate with other similar gatherings in the Clarksville area to support Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen, Urban Ministries Food Pantry, and The Food Initiative in their work with God's hungry folks. With the purchase of a ticket sold in advance, you can enjoy soup, bread, dessert, and also choose a hand-painted bowl to take home. In preparation of the event, parishioners gather ahead of time at a designated location to paint new empty bowls. Information about the event - always held the last Tuesday in February - will be posted in the bulletin several weeks in advance.
Contact: Linda Nichols, 931-216-8858, lindanichols002@gmail.com

Caring Choices - Is located at 1905 Madison Street next to Immaculate Conception School and is operated by Catholic Charities. It is open Monday thru Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays 10:00 AM to Noon. Caring Choices provides a caring, confidential atmosphere to help a pregnant woman work through a crisis pregnancy. Pregnancy testing, counseling, and providing maternity and baby articles are a few of the services provided.
Contact: Caring Choices, 931-645-9969

Hope Pregnancy Center - Located at 325 N. 2nd St., Clarksville, TN 37040, is another local pregnancy help center committed to providing accurate information and quality services to women and couples facing an unexpected pregnancy. They also assist with abortion recovery and practical assistance to those who are pregnant or parenting. Some IC parishioners volunteer here.
Contact: Hope Pregnancy Center, (931) 645-2273, clarksvillehope.com.

Habitat for Humanity - Immaculate Conception parishioners join several other congregations in Clarksville for an annual Springtime build. Volunteer workers are needed each year.
Contact: Parishioner Dave Lindberg at 931-552-3647 or d.lindberg64@gmail.com

Loaves and Fishes - For decades, Immaculate Conception parishioners have supported this non-profit ecumenical community-wide project to feed the hungry. Loaves and Fishes serves hot lunches Monday through Saturday. Food donations can be dropped off from 8:00 AM- noon Monday through Saturday at the Foster Street location (215 Foster Street). Monetary donations of cash or check may be mailed to Loaves & Fishes, PO Box 3241, Clarksville, TN 37043. Volunteers are always appreciated.
Contact: Loaves and Fishes, 931-645-9020, loavesandfishesn.org