



THE CHURCH OF THE  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

First Sunday of **Advent**

“Then they will see  
the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud  
with power and  
great glory.”

LK 21:27

**DECEMBER 2, 2018 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Mass Schedule**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	7:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 and 10:00 am

**San Damiano Adoration Chapel**

Eucharistic Adoration - Weekdays

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm

**Mission Statement**

The Mission of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.

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# From the Pastor's Desk

## Happy New Year!

While the calendar year has one more month remaining until we reach 2019, for us as Catholic Christians we have already come to a new liturgical year. As such, "Happy New Year!"

Advent marks the beginning of a new cycle of readings for the lectionary on Sundays. While we heard extensively from the Gospel of St. Mark throughout 2018 we will now explore what has been referred to as "The Gospel of Mercy" or the Gospel according to St. Luke.

Provisionally the last time on Sundays that we heard from that Gospel was during the Year of Mercy from Advent of 2015 until November of 2016. There are many details and descriptions within the Gospel of St. Luke that are exclusive to that Gospel.

For example, we can read about the Prodigal Son (15:11-32) or the Good Samaritan (10:25-37) only in that third Gospel. Or we can learn insights into the life of Our Blessed Mother Mary through the Annunciation (1:26-38), her visit to her cousin Elizabeth (1:39-45) or the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem (2:1-20).

We could also hear the merciful message of Christ to the Good Thief on the Cross (29:39-43). The Road to Emmaus or the appearance of Jesus to two of his disciples after his resurrection (24:13-35) is another passage found only with the Lukan Gospel.

May this new liturgical year be a spiritually fruitful experience for us to grow in our friendship with Christ as we prayerfully ponder the Gospel of St. Luke.

May the Lord bless you abundantly,

Fr. James



**"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'"**

(Luke 1:41-42)

# This Week's Readings and Observances

## Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## Monday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

## Tuesday, December 4, St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

## Wednesday, December 5

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

## Thursday, December 6, St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

## Friday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

## Saturday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation)

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

## Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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**"...the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin..."**

— From "Ineffabilis Deus", Pope Pius IX, 8 December 1854.



Solemnity  
of the  
**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
—Catholic Church—

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## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation—Mass at Immaculate Conception on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 8:00 am, followed by refreshments in the church narthex. We are celebrating our parish 95th anniversary (est. 1923) and our church 60th anniversary (dedicated December 8, 1958)!

## Holy Day Mass Obligation

*In 2018, the Patronal Feast of the United States of America—the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—and the Second Sunday of Advent occur on back-to-back days, and both days remain obligatory this year. The faithful must attend Mass at 4:00 pm or after on Friday, December 7 or at any time on Saturday, December 8 to fulfill their obligation for the Immaculate Conception. The faithful must attend another Mass at 4:00 pm or after on Saturday, December 8 or at any time on Sunday, December 9 for the Second Sunday of Advent. Attending only one Mass Saturday evening, December 8 does not satisfy both obligations*

—Archdiocesan Update, Nov. 21, 2018

Unable to attend the Holy Day Mass at IC? Find alternate Mass times in our area—visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

## Lord, Teach Us How to Pray...

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry will present the first of five talks on contemplative intercessory prayer on Friday, December 7 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. The talks are from a recent retreat given by Fr. Kevin Joyce, an archdiocesan priest from Omaha and founder of His Global Love, a worldwide intercessory prayer ministry. Learn to discern if you have a calling for intercessory prayer and how you can better pray for your community, the parish and the world. Please bring a pen, prayer journal or notebook, and your Bible. There will be time for discussion, prayer, and sharing how God is answering prayers for the church and school. To reserve a seat, please call Mary Scott in the Faith Formation Office at 763-788-9062 x 208. All are welcome—invite a friend!

## School Wish List

Our Journeys (after and before school care) and preschool programs care for our young children from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm daily. Many of our toys need to be replaced—please consider a donation of new or gently used items of the following nature: little kitchen sets, puzzles for children and games for young children. Please drop off at the parish office or call Mary Beth for pick up at 763-788-9062 Thank you!

## Support the Retirement Fund for Religious

Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's collection. (envelopes for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be in the bulletin next week-end (December 8-9).



## The Giving Tree

Last chance to participate in The Giving Tree. Containers will be in the church narthex for the return of your *unwrapped* gifts until December 9. If you purchase gift cards, please attach the ornament and give them to the ushers or place them in the collection basket at the time of the Offering.

The Immaculate Conception Church  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Council invites you to the



## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Wednesday,  
December 12, 2018

Join us for...

Mass at 6:00 pm (Bilingual)

Followed by a

Traditional Latino Dinner

in Fellowship Hall

All Are Welcome!

## The Road to Discipleship

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Waiting is not always so easy. If you lack patience, like me, you probably want whatever is going to happen to just happen already. I remember waiting on the births of my children. There was the time I sat with my dying father in the hospital. One year, we waited to see if our oldest child got into the college of his choice, or any college at all, which was nerve-wracking.

So, to make the time pass more easily, and because it is prudent and wise, we make preparations. We put together nurseries, go over last will and testaments, and look through endless college mailings. Then, when the event finally happens or our fate is unveiled, the preparation ends. Either you have prepared well or you didn't.

Unlike events in our lives that only happen once, we have been through Advent many times before. Even though this is the case, when Christmas arrives many of us will think we missed it again, and next year will be the year we really get into Advent. Of course, there is no promise of next year. What if you knew this was your last Advent ever?

I once read a book about how to live your life as if you only had one year to live. The author said that doing this provides incentive for a real commitment to living life to its fullest. You notice things for the first time. You make plans that you always put off. You tell people what you always wanted to say.

I hope all who read this have many wonderful years ahead of them. However, let's approach this Advent like it is our last. I bet Christmas will seem that much sweeter. And who knows, we may find a new and improved way to live all year long.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Pastoral Ministry

### Fellowship

Join us next Sunday, December 9, for fellowship and the CCW Boutique and Bake Sale. Enjoy donuts, oatmeal and beverages in Fellowship Hall (located in the lower level of the church) after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses. Hosted by the CCW.

### Anointing Mass at Crest View

Join us on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 3:15 pm for an Anointing Mass at Crest View Senior Community, 4444 Reservoir Boulevard (Rev. James Peterson will preside). All are welcome.

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the Parish Office at 763-788-9062 x 212.

### Funeral Volunteers Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 7, 2018. Please RSVP with your Funeral Lunch Leader. If you volunteer in another capacity for funerals, please contact Vicki Bazille at 763-788-9062 x 212 to RSVP. All who volunteer or have volunteered and retired are welcome.

### Pastoral Ministry Visitors Christmas Pot Luck

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All who volunteer or have volunteered are welcome. Our retirees need not bring anything but themselves. Please call Vicki if you need transportation 763-788-9062 x 212.



### In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the weekend Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246.

### Pray For Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially *Cozette "Cozy" Cossette, Gwen Stark, Lorainne Kroll* and all who have died from war. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

### Pray For All the Sick—Especially:

Jack Anderson	Steven Lauinger	Irene Spensley
Edward Ardito	Tom Leight Jr.	Bruce Plochocki
Paul Bona	Roger Mack	Elaine Thunstrom
Michelle Cadieux	Johnnie Meyering	Lois Weyers
Nichole Castonguay	Janet Mihalik	Germaine Wolsfeld
Mary Fredenburg	Izzy Miller	<i>and all those on</i>
Gerald Krawiecki	Shawn Moulzolf	<i>our prayer chain</i>
Joan Landberg	Greg Sery	

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

## Pray for a Priest

### Will You Pray for a Priest Each Day?

Prayer Suggestion: *Dear Jesus, hear my prayer on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life. Be his comfort, his joy, and his strength. Amen.*

December 2 - Rev. James Peterson  
 December 3 - Rev. William Martin  
 December 4 - Rev. Andrew McAlpin, OP  
 December 5 - Rev. Thomas McCabe  
 December 6 - Rev. James McClellan  
 December 7 - Rev. James McConville  
 December 8 - Rev. Patrick McCorkell

## School

### Poinsettia Fundraiser

December 4: Pick up day for "personal" poinsettias in the parish office from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. December 5 - 7: Poinsettias can be picked up in the parish office from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

### Saints



As we close out November and move into Advent, we do so acknowledging that the Saints are an inspiration to each of us, including our students. Our students study the lives of saints, and recently, our grade 3 students completed an activity in which they responded to the sentence starter, "I

am practicing to be a saint by . . ." Here is a photo of their sweet display in the hallways and several of their responses.

#### I am practicing to be a Saint by . . .

*Helping people when they are hurt.* —Melat

*Teaching people to not litter, and I can clean up a lot of garbage.* —Joseph

*Trying my best and to never give up and pray.* —Matilda

*My inspiration is St. Francis of Assisi.* —Emnet

*To help and respect authority, and to help the poor.* —Lyla

*Praying for other people and going to Mass.* —Mia

*Listening to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.* —Alex

The children are a daily inspiration to us all—thank you for your support of our school!

God Bless You!

Jane Bona, Principal

## Eucharistic Adoration

*"To you, I lift up my soul, O my God."*

(Psalm 25)

The season of Advent is here. It is a time to prepare ourselves to celebrate Christmas. Our Eucharistic adoration chapel is available each weekday for adorers to offer prayers of thanksgiving and praise as well as prayers of repentance. Come and spend some time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

We urgently need additional adorers to cover the following hours:

- Mondays at noon, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm
- Tuesdays at noon and 3:00 pm (partner)
- Wednesdays at noon, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm (partner) and 7:00 pm
- Thursdays at 11:00 am

We are also looking for additional substitute adorers.

NOTE: Adorers you must now enter the door code on the key pad to enter the convent.

If there are any questions please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.



# Reflections

## Word of Life

“Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one’s face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they *are*, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, *A Perfect Gift*, [usccb.org/perfect-gift](http://usccb.org/perfect-gift)

## Why Do We Do That?

### Catholic Traditions Explained

**Question:** *What significance does the Advent season have for our Christian faith journey? What are we joyfully anticipating and expecting?*

**Answer:** Advent is a season of joyful anticipation and expectation. But for what specifically? Certainly not for the birth of the Christ Child—that occurred more than 2,000 years ago. This season links us with all those who lived in the era of longing for the coming of the Messiah. But he has come and lived among us.

Some are joyfully anticipating the many gifts that they will buy and share with others, along with the many gifts they will receive in return. Others enter into the overblown commercialism—decorating, partying, writing cards, and all the endless customs that go with the season.

What if the anticipation and expectation were to focus on how we can continue to make present the living Christ in each and every moment of our daily lives? Yes, Jesus came among us 2,000 years ago. But how do we continue to make that presence real in our world? Jesus himself set the agenda for us. We are to proclaim good news to the poor and give liberty to captives, sight to the blind, food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and freedom for those who are oppressed and abused. What would the Advent season look like if this, rather than materialism, was the main focus of our joyful anticipation and expectation? Try it and see what results. It may surprise all of us.

## Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

As we begin our Advent journey in preparation for the celebration of Christ’s birth and in anticipation of his coming again in glory, we are reminded of our need to be vigilant and prepared. This short season of Advent can be a mini-retreat for us who find ourselves living in a world that is often counterproductive to developing mature, focused, and meaningful relationships with God. Being a Christian and standing firm in our faith requires a strength that can only come from prayer. These four short preparatory weeks can help us look back to what God has done in history, to what God continues to do in our lives today, and to what God promises for the future. May we use this Advent time wisely, calling us to greater holiness.

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# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, December 2

Mass, Intention, +**John Sichak** \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 am  
CCW Nut Sale \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 am - 11:30 am  
Mass, Intention, **IC Parishioners** \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 am  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 am  
Eagle Scout Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## Monday, December 3

RCIC II \_\_\_\_\_ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Boy Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Bible Study, *Lectio: Evangelization* \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Tuesday, December 4

Mass \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 am  
*Intention, +CCW Deceased Members*  
Aim Higher Board Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Girl Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
ICS Open House/Preschool Concert \_\_\_\_\_ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
Charismatic Prayer Group \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Wednesday, December 5

Mass, Intention, +**Robert Miller** \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 am  
Bible Study, *Lectio: Evangelization* \_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
**Anointing Mass, Crest View** \_\_\_\_\_ 3:15 pm  
Faith Formation Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm  
Faith Formation Classes \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Intramurals \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Confirmation I, Grade 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Parish Choir Rehearsal \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Thursday, December 6

Mass (School) \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 am  
*Intention, +Betty Lou Wilcox*  
Schola Rehearsal \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Funeral Mass, Genevieve Peltier \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 am  
*Visitation one hour prior to Mass*  
**Communion Service, New Perspectives** \_\_\_\_\_ 3:15 pm  
Knights of Columbus Officers \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Bell Choir Rehearsal \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
RCIA \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Friday, December 7

Mass, Intentions, +**Michael Lunney**, \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 am  
**+John Maniak, +James Malisheski, OFS**  
Our Brothers Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Funeral Volunteers Christmas Party \_\_\_\_\_ 11:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Girl Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm  
Intercessory Prayer Ministry \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## Saturday, December 8, Holy Day of Obligation—

*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**Holy Day Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners** \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 am  
*Followed by refreshments in the church narthex*  
Baptism Class \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am - 10:30 am  
Saturday Morning Club \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am - 10:30 am  
Reconciliation \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
**Mass, Intention, +Jay Dowdle** \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm  
CCW Boutique & Bake Sale, Nut Sale \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

## Sunday, December 9

Mass, Intention, **IC Parishioners** \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 am  
Fellowship \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
CCW Boutique & Bake Sale, Nut Sale \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Mass, Intention, +**Randal Wilcox** \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 am  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 am  
*+Deceased*

# Gospel Meditation

## First Sunday of Advent

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ—though sudden and perhaps frightening to some—should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your

redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now



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# Council of Catholic Women

## The Nut Sale

We have the nuts for your holiday baking and gifting. We encourage you to place orders using the yellow or white order form to be sure you'll have your favorites for Christmas. Orders placed on the weekend will be available for pick up the next weekend. Because we are not able to return items at the end of our sale, our on-hand selections may be limited. We will be in the narthex before and after all Masses, at Fellowship, and at the Pancake Breakfast.

## Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale

*Next Weekend!*

The CCW annual Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale will be held next weekend December 8 and 9, 2018 in Fellowship Hall after all Masses. Please stop down after Mass to browse the many tables of homemade baked goods, crafts, and holiday décor. We'll also have freshly packaged nuts available for purchase; these make great hostess gifts or stocking stuffers or just a healthy snack. **Sunday morning only, we will have freshly baked caramel rolls for sale.**

*Please bring your donated baked goods and any handmade crafts you wish to donate for the sale to Fellowship Hall after 2:00 pm on Saturday or on Sunday a 1/2 hour prior to each Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!*

# Church Directory

Emergency (Death or Anointing) ..... 763-788-9062 (#9)

## PARISH

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Jane Bona (School Principal)	
Steve Smith (Parish Trustee)	

*Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available in the pamphlet racks at the entrances to the church.*

## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available. Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.

**"To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."**

(Ps 25)

# Collections

## Week 20—November 24-25, 2018

Our weekly financial contributions will not publically available on our website. If you would like this information, please call The parish office at 763-788-9062. Thank you.



# Social and Preschool Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 4, 2018  
5:30 - 7:00 pm

*It's an evening of fun, faith and fellowship at ICS!*

Students, invite your family & friends to meet your teacher and show them your school. Everyone is welcome!

- 5:30 pm Social—School Cafeteria  
Welcome—Ms. Bona Prayer—Fr. James Peterson
- 6:00-6:15 Preschool Christmas Concert
- 6:15-7:00 Fun activities and school tours available



Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Franciscan Brothers of Peace who will distribute our donations to those in need this Christmas season.



*'tis the season...Join us at Immaculate Conception School for our Christmas Concerts!*



*"God chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit." —John 15:16*

## Christmas Concerts

Immaculate Conception School Auditorium

**Grades 4 - 8 and Band & Chorus**

Thursday, December 13, 2018, 7:00 pm

**Grades K - 3**

Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 7:00 pm



Enjoy an evening of both sacred and secular Christmas classics performed by Immaculate Conception students under the direction of Katherine Wall, Tucker Moore and Phil Smithley. Accompanist, Dr. Ray Bannon.

**Admission is free - all are welcome!**