

FAITH COVENANT

Welcome to the Independence Area Pastorate, and specifically the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Gilbertville & St. Joseph, Raymond. We are glad that you wish to be a part of our faith community. We have much to offer each other on our journey of faith. Therefore, we enter together into this faith covenant.

For our part, the parish pledges to support you in the development of your personal spirituality and the living out of your faith commitment, through

- The faithful celebration of the sacraments of the Church
 - weekend Masses at Immaculate Conception, Gilbertville are 4:00 PM on Saturday and 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sunday.
 - sacrament of reconciliation is on Saturdays, 3:00 – 3:45 PM or by appointment,
 - communal penance services during Advent and Lent
 - celebrations of baptism
 - yearly celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for youth
 - communal anointing of the sick
 - celebrations of marriage and wedding anniversaries
- Education opportunities for children and youth
 - Immaculate Conception Grade School/St. Joseph Pre-School
(Contact # 319-296-1089 at IC)
 - Don Bosco Catholic High School
(Contact # 319-296-1692)
- Education/enrichment opportunities for adults, parents
 - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), for prospective converts
 - pre-baptism classes for expectant parents
 - parent sessions for First Communion and First Reconciliation
 - preparation for Confirmation
 - marriage preparation
 - promoting Christian Experience Weekends, Marriage Encounters, etc.
- Pastoral service
 - visits to the sick in the area hospitals
 - visits to the homebound
 - follow-up support to the grieving
 - spiritual direction

For your part, you pledge to be an active, participating member of the parish, through

- Faithful and active participation in our sacramental life
 - by weekly participation at Sunday Mass, through praying, singing, and other liturgical ministries to the faithful
 - by an active personal prayer life
- Sharing your faith with your children and other members of your household
 - by enrolling your children in our Catholic school system and
 - by being good Christian role models for your children and neighbors
- Participating in the life of the parish
 - by being an active member of your assigned Parish and Rosary Society Circle
 - by supporting parish activities, such as parish breakfasts/events, helping at funeral dinners.
- Financially supporting the necessary work of the parish
 - by regularly using your stewardship envelope, within your means
 - by adopting “sacrificial giving” as a goal for yourself and your family

Let us journey together on the road to God’s Kingdom, as we support each other in faith.

Rev. David Beckman, Rev. Jeff Frieden, Rev. Douglas Loecke
and the parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph