**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**506 COUNTY ROAD 1 - WEDOWEE, AL 36278**

**October 27, 2024**

**30th. Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reverend Gali** **Balaswamy gbalaswamy10@gmail.com**334-497-4847

**Mass Times: Sunday English 10:30 am**

 **Spanish: 12:00 pm**

 **Friday Mass: Spanish: 6:00 pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday’s at 5:30 pm**

 **Sunday’s at 11:30 am**

**Contact Information:** Parish office: 256-357-2977

 Email: immaculateconceptional@gmail.com

 Website: Immaculateconceptional.org

 Facebook: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

**Mission Statement:** *To enable ourselves and others to know, love and serve God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To participate in and provide the Sacraments. To promote spiritual growth and religious education and fellowship of the Catholic Church to all. To utilize the talents, leadership qualities and special skills given to us as a diversified parish family and to promote unity and develop closer relationships with other Christian faiths.*

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER** - FOR A SHARED MISSION - Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF MARY**.  We will be praying the rosary before Mass each Sunday @ 10:15 during the month of October.  Please join us.

 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 3 --**  Turn your clocks back one hour

Weekly Mass Attendance: English 54 Spanish 151

**Weekly Offerings**

 Weekly Collection: $ 1072.00 World Mission $623

 Weekly Online: $ 287.19

 Building Fund: $ 867.00

 Building Online: $ 75.00



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Building fund collection:  $867.00

Building Fund online:   $75.00

Construction Loan Balance:  $99,063.77

**ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Text to give is now available at Immaculate Conception.** Just text the word “give” to 256-330-5544 and follow the links to set up a one time or recurring donation. Choose your convenient way to contribute either by text, online link https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/icwedowee or QR Code Why not set up your recurring donation today and forget about writing checks. If anyone has any questions or needs help concerning any online giving options, feel free to contact Gerry Gettiinger. 

**ST. BLAISE HALL** is available for small gatherings. Anyone wishing to use the hall for any reason **MUST HAVE THEIR GATHERING PUT ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR**. Contact Michele at variscom506@gmail.com or 678-481-0529

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** –Bennett Lundy (grandson of Brett and Laurie Lundy), Chuck Smith, Patti Livingston, Hiram Massengale, Jim Betts, Lanelle Cova, Cass

**GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** Contact Maria Gembe. She will set the date for Classes and confer with Fr Bala for a Baptismal Date. A minimum of 30 days, notice and completion of Baptismal preparation class and documentation must be completed before a date may be set.

**MARRIAGE**: Anyone planning a wedding must first contact Fr Bala. The guidelines set by the Diocese of B’ham state that one must contact the Pastor a minimum of 6 months prior to the selection of a date for the marriage. There are no exceptions.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**: The youth must be in the second grade, older, and actively engaged in PSR for 2 or more years.

**CONFIRMATION:** The individual must be in the 7th grade, or older, and actively engaged in a two-year Confirmation preparation program.

**QUINCEANERA:** Individuals must contact Fr Bala at least 6 months prior to setting a date and begin a time of preparation to fully understand the significance of the celebration. There are no exceptions.

**PARISH NEWS:**

**BAPTISMAL FONT** --  Check out the new Baptismal Font in the front of the church.  Dedicated "In Memory of Robert Davis"

The feast of ALL Saints, a holy day of obligation, is Friday, November 1.  There will be a 6:00 p.m. bi-lingual Mass.   All Souls Day is Saturday, November 2.  There will be a mass in Spanish at 6:30 p.m.

The Book of the Dead will be on a table in the front of the church throughout the month of November.  If you have lost a loved one or friend this past year, you are welcome to put their name in the book so our parish family can pray for them throughout the month.  Please only put the names of persons who have passed away November, 2023, through November, 2024.

**FOOD PANTRY** If you would like to donate food to the Immaculate Conception Food Pantr**y**, there is a list of needed items in the pantry. Monetary donations may also be made.Please remember that if you need food, whether you are Immaculate Conception parishioner or not, please contact Elvira Allende, 256 914-9645 or Stephanie Roberts, 256 276-8133, bedeh0426@gmail.com

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK** takes place November 3 through 9 shining a spotlight on vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and marriage through prayer and education. It’s an opportunity to offer prayers and support for all those discerning their unique calling from God.



**PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

**Reverend Bala Balaswamy**

**Michele Varisco:** Parish Council Chairperson

 Email: variscom506@gmail.com Cell (678) 481-0529

**Tommy Cain:** Finance Council Chairperson

 Email: tcain8@bellsouth.net Cell (251) 454-8160

**Jim & Stephanie Roberts:** Building Committee

 Email: jim@multimetco.com

**Anel Covarrubias:** Hispanic Liaison

 Cell: (334) 863-1137

 anercovarrubias7@gmail.com

**October Schedule:**

Sunday, Oct. 27 - Lector: Chip    Announcer:  Michele

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**Sacristan:** Alison & Nawana

**Alter Linens 2024**

November – Genoveva

December - Sandra

**Church Cleaning Schedule:**

November 9 - Sandra Zacarias & Family

November 23 - Horacio/Bernadina & Baldomer & Hilaria

December 7 - Vicente/Elvira & Jose/Sandra

December 21 - Anker & Christensen & Burke

January 4, 2025 - Francisca Velazquez & Family

January 18, 2025 - Cain & Broyles

February 1 - Juan Velasquez & Family

February 15 - Galdina Velazquez & Family