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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

**November 17, 2024**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reverend Gali** [**Balaswamy gbalaswamy10@gmail.com**](mailto:Balaswamy%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20balaswmy10@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

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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 November** -- FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD - Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

Weekly Mass Attendance: English 77 Spanish 178

**Weekly Offerings**

Weekly Collection: $ 1654.00 Flowers $425 Candles $52

Weekly Online: $ 1039.03

Building Fund: $ 1426.00

Building Online: $ 207.50



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**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. Qr code

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**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, Tami Mueller, Daughter of Anne & Gene Bradley, Amarante Chavez, father of Chistina DuPuis

**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:**

**THE PARISH COUNCIL** met Wednesday, November 13.  Here is a brief summary --  Advent begins December 1.  There will be a Mass on December 6 at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.  Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration will be December 13 at 6:00 p.m.  Father will be available for Advent Penance on Friday, December 20, starting at 5:00 then again after the 6 p.m. Mass.  Father is also available before or after Masses.  Christmas Day and January 1 (Solemnity of Mary) Masses will be 10:30 and 12:00.  The Finance Council has two new members, Diane Broyles and Jim Mitchell.   The annual financial statements will be available to parishioners in January.  Time/Talent/Treasure Sunday will be Sunday, February 23.  Father Bala will be going home to visit family in India in January.  There was a brush fire on November 5 that came very close to our playground and well house.  Thanks to our volunteer fire departments for their quick response.  There was discussion about applying for another loan from the diocese after the current loan for building our church and hall is completely paid.  This loan would be used to pave the parking lot.  There was also discussion about upgrading our sprinkler system before the paving is done.  We need to do an inventory compile a fixed asset report.  Pine Straw will be ordered.  Weather permitting, we will have a work day Saturday, December 14, to spread pine straw and decorate the outside of the church.  There is no meeting in December.  The next meeting will be January 8, 2025.

**DID YOU KNOW** Immaculate Conception has a website.  Check it out at [immaculateconceptional.org](http://immaculateconceptional.org/" \t "_blank)   You will find the Sunday bulletins and other important Parish information.   Dan Christensen would like to start a scripture page on the website.  He would like you to send him your favorite scripture passage at  [dmchristensen@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmchristensen@bellsouth.net" \t "_blank)

The boxes of **weekly collection envelopes for 2025** have arrived.  If you used envelopes this past year, there is a box in the narthex with your name on it.  If you did not use envelopes, but would like to do so in 2025, please see one of the ushers or Michele.

**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](mailto:bedeh0426@gmail.com)

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**PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

**Reverend Bala Balaswamy**

**Michele Varisco:** Parish Council Chairperson

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**Tommy Cain:** Finance Council Chairperson

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**Jim & Stephanie Roberts:** Building Committee

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**Anel Covarrubias:** Hispanic Liaison

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[anercovarrubias7@gmail.com](mailto:anercovarrubias7@gmail.com)

**November Schedule:**

Sunday, November 17:  Lector:  Charlotte    Announcer:  Brett

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Sunday, November 24:  Lector: Chip    Announcer:  Gerry

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                                       Usher:  Tommy & Paul

**Sacristan:** Alison & Nawana

**Alter Linens 2024**

November – Genoveva

December - Sandra

**Church Cleaning Schedule:**

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 - Galdino Velazquez & Family