



THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



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JULY 30, 2017 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday

7:30 am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 and 10:00 am

San Damiano Adoration Chapel

Open weekdays

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Door code needed after 4:00 pm | Questions? Call 763-789-3246

Reconciliation

Saturday

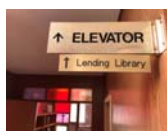
3:30 - 4:30 pm

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



Parish Lending Library

Did you know that we have a Lending Library located by the elevator on the south side of the church narthex? You may check out books and videos on Catholicism, saints, history, life issues, prayer, and inspirational topics in addition to books and videos for children and teens. We also have free pamphlets, booklets and rosaries that you may take home and keep.

Kindle e-Readers

Free Kindle e-Readers are available to check out at the parish office. Our parish received a gift of several electronic reading devices that you may check out by contacting Mary Beth Pfeifer at the parish office, 763-788-9062, x 203, mbpfeifer@immac-church.org. (Kindle is a trademark of Amazon.com, Inc.) Our Kindles contain these books: *Catholicism for Dummies, Mini Edition, Called To Be Holy, Chicken Soup for the Soul, Living the Catholic Faith, Divine Mercy Explained, Hail Holy Queen, Mother Angelica: The Remarkable Story, Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, My Sisters the Saints, Rediscover Catholicism, Rediscover Jesus, Saints for Boys, Saints for Girls, 7 Secrets of the Eucharist, The Centurion's Wife, The Divine Mercy Image Explained, The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic, The Francis Miracle, The Lamb's Supper, The New American Bible, The Screwtape Letters, The Story of a Soul, Thirsting for God: Daily Meditations from Mother Teresa, 33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It Yourself Retreat.*



FORMED.org Pick of the Week

Children are invited to sing along with Brother Francis in "Joytoons: The Brother Francis Song Collection." Through music, Brother Francis teaches children about the blessings that come when heart and mind are filled with praise to God.

We now have 63 parishioners signed up at www.FORMED.org where you can access books, videos and audios. Your subscription has already been paid for – use the parish code VKQPF9 to sign up.

I.C. Men's Group, Saint Paul Saints Tailgating and Game, Tuesday, August 29

All men are invited to join us for tailgating and the St. Paul Saints game at CHS Field on Tuesday, August 29. Our group's bar-b-q starts at 5:30 pm in the Saints Tailgating Lot at the corner of Kellogg Blvd. and Lafayette Street. The game starts at 7:05 pm. Please RSVP soon so that we can order group tickets. We can add more tickets the day of the game, if needed. Please send RSVP to Mike Bridgeman (612-770-1169) or Patrick McVary (612-803-3020).



God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Readings and Observances



Sunday, July 30

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 3

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 5

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

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Parish News

Northeast Summer Jam –Fun Fest Choir

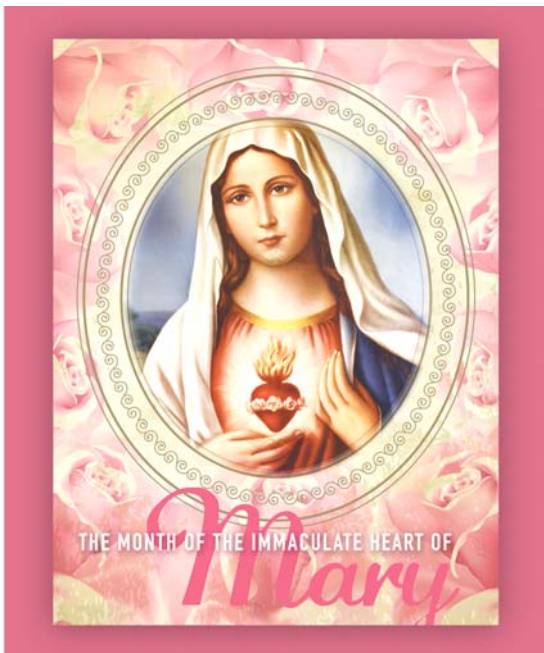
The Summer Jam-Fun Fest Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, August 2 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the church. We welcome all past, current and prospective choir members and cantors to join together and lend your voices to the praise of God for our festive weekend Mass at 10:00 am on Sunday morning. Please join us!

Help Needed

Our Morning Journeys program needs a person to work three mornings per week from 6:30 am - 7:45 am. The position welcomes children to school, reads with them, plays games, and sends them to their classrooms at 7:45 am. Please contact Jane Bona or Mary Beth Pfeifer if you are interested. Thank you.

One Heart, One Mind

Do you long for a deeper life in Christ? Are you looking for the encouragement and support of a community dedicated to interceding in prayer for others? The Intercessory Prayer Ministry will be meeting on Friday, August 11. Please contact Mary Nawrocki in the Faith Formation Office at 763-788-9062 for details.



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.*

- July 30 – Rev. Kevin Wagner
- July 31 – Archbishop Bernard Hebda
- August 1 – Pope Francis
- August 2 – Rev. John Mitchell
- August 3 – Rev. Paul Baker
- August 4 – Rev. Nicholas Froehle
- August 5 – Rev. Nicholas Hagen



We Need Your Help!

The following events at our Northeast Summer Jam-Fun Fest are in need of a chair to oversee and lead them. If you're interested in chairing one of these events and would like information on what is required, time commitment, etc., please contact Jami at 763-788-9062 or jbridgeman@immac-church.org. Thank you!

- Information Booth
- Outdoor Market
- Co-Chair for Raffle
- Co-Chair for Bingo

Raffle Tickets

Pre-assigned Northeast Summer Jam general raffle tickets are available for pick up in the back of church or in the parish office during the week. If we missed your name or you would like to buy/sell additional tickets, please call the parish office. State regulations require that all tickets be accounted for, so please return all purchased ticket stubs with payment and un-purchased tickets to the Mass collection baskets or the parish office.

Spiritual Gift Basket

The 12th Annual Spiritual Gift Basket features a sterling silver deluxe glass bead Rosary, complete Audio CD set of the New Testament Bible, chaplets, books and much more. The drawing is free to enter. Register at the Northeast Summer Jam Fun Fest information booth or at the parish office.

CCW Summer Jam News

St. Michael Circle—Bottlemania Booth

The members of St. Michael Circle are requesting donations of two-liter bottles of pop for their booth at the Northeast Summer Jam Fun Fest. There will be boxes for your donations at all church entrances. We appreciate and thank you for your generosity and support.

St. Jude's Circle Bake Shoppe

A variety of breads, muffins, bars and cookies are needed for our booth at the Summer Jam – Fun Fest on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Your baked goods will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Questions: call Mary Lou at 763-788-3178.

Please note: In order to comply with Minnesota Health Regulations, we ask that all baked goods donated for our booth be labeled with the name of the person who baked them. Thank you!

The Road to Discipleship

St. Mary Magdalene: Apostle to the Apostles

“The Gospel story of Mary begins with her leadership of a band of women who, according to Luke, formed part of Jesus’ company of disciples. Jesus had cured her of “seven demons”—denoting the severity of an illness mystifying to doctors. Her health restored, she committed her life and all she possessed to supporting Jesus’ ministry.”

—Meet the Saints, Robert F. Morneau

School News

Vocations Field Trip

In last week's bulletin, I shared the thank you notes we had received from the North Mpls Serra Club when they visited our school this spring. While they were there, they listened to five students read essays that they had written after their Vocations Field Trip sponsored by the Serrans. Two of our students received special recognition for their excellent essays: Betty Pfeifer earned 1st place in the essay contest and Lucy Totzke earned 2nd place. Here are some quotes from their essays:

During this trip, we visited the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver Convent and I got to learn about the life of religious sisters...I also learned how they call themselves a community, and treat each other in such a way. They are all close and they work pray and eat together each day like a family. This care, love and respect for each other seemed to connect them all despite their differences. They work together to do what they can for others.

After this trip, I understand better what that vocation and lifestyle is really like, and what it means. I understand the sacrifices that need to be made, and the benefits gained from truly giving yourself over to God. This trip: the convent, and especially the sisters are what inspired me to be willing to learn more about something or someone before making silly assumptions. These sisters have sincerely changed my perspective.

—Betty Pfeifer

This visit has opened up a new path for my life. It has changed my view on religious vocations. Taking up a religion vocation, like becoming a Sister, would be difficult for me like other patches in life, but this would be difficult spiritually. Despite all of that, this vocation is still possible for me in my future.

At the convent, I learned about religious life for women and what that could mean for me. I spent the day seeing how Sisters spend their days in the convent. They taught me the process of becoming a Sister and how life is after becoming a Sister. They opened up a new path for my future, and I would like to thank them for letting my classmates and me visit them for a day.

—Lucy Totzke

Congratulations to Betty and Lucy for their winning essays, and also for sharing their experience for all of us to grow in faith. I would like to ask all of the parish to pray for our recently graduated 8th graders as they begin their high school experiences in the weeks ahead.

Jane Bona
Principal



Lord, I love your commands.

Psalm 119

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Pastoral Ministry

Anointing Mass

Crest View on 42nd
(located at the corner of Central and 42nd Avenues)
August 10, 2017, 3:15 pm
Presider, Rev. John Mitchell
All are welcome!

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 Ella Verbrugge 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:

Amanda Allen	Barbara Eagan	Robert Prokott
Sabrina Anderson	Mary Fredenburg	Lukus Reynold
Pat Anton	Mary Lou Goodman	Barbara Rocek
Marian Ashlin	Katherine Hoefs	Paula Ross
Shari Backman	Rev. James Klein	Greg Sery
Debra Braak	Gerald Krawiecki	Betty Schack
Michelle Cadieux	Tom Leight Jr.	Irene Spensley
Nichole Castonguay	Randy Mancuso	Mary Ann Steenburg
Marie Couillard	Janet Mihalik	Germaine Wolsfeld
Margaret De Mars	Mary Ann Miller	<i>and all those on</i>
Nick Dickson	Lavern Nelson	<i>our prayer chain</i>

Eucharistic Adoration

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field

(Matthew 13:44)

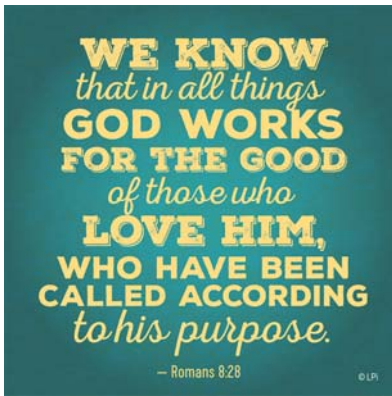
Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is a treasure we have within our parish campus, and it is available to everyone. It is located on the first floor of the convent building on the south side of the church. Adorers often refer to our chapel as glimpse of the kingdom of heaven right here on earth! Adorers enter into the presence of Jesus each time they walk into the chapel. It is a peaceful place to talk with Jesus in prayer, or to just sit quietly and rest in His peace. If you have not visited our chapel, please stop in and see our treasure. If you are a regular visitor, consider signing up for an hour of your choice. All are welcome!

We are looking for adorers for many hours but especially need volunteers for **Thursdays at noon**, and partner adorers for **Mondays at 10:00 am, Tuesdays 8:00 pm, and Wednesdays at 9:00 am**. We are also looking for additional substitute adorers to fill in for daytime and evening hours as needed. If you would be available to cover an hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.



Note: The chapel will be closing early (at 5:00 pm) on Thursday and on Friday, August 3 and 4 so adorers can attend the Summer Jam-Fun Fest events. The chapel will be open from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm both days.

Reflections



Word of Life

“An unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew possible!”

—10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Program

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

Answer: Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? “Ordinary” is not in contrast to “extraordinary” or “special” but rather stresses the Latin language notion of “ordinal” or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, “tempus ordinarium,” conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a “measured” time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus’ incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

Live The Liturgy—Inspiration For The Week

As human beings, we desire to find happiness. This desire is so strong that we often go to great lengths to discover and obtain it. Unfortunately, our search sometimes brings us to the wrong places. We mistakenly think that money, certain possessions, social status, popularity, and even power and control can satisfy the longing that exists in our hearts. Time and again, one after another, these things come up empty and we find ourselves with the same unfulfilled longing gnawing at us deep within. It is only the kingdom of God that can satisfy our desire and that ache. We are made and hardwired for this. When we discover it, we know that we have found something very special—a pearl of great price. Then, everything comes together and is put in proper order: our relationship with God, others, ourselves, and even the universe in which we live.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 30

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
Mass, Intention, +Rick Jackson _____ 10:00 am

Monday, July 31

Summer Intramurals _____ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Faith Formation Focus Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, August 1

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Summer Intramurals _____ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, August 2

Mass, Intention, +Robert Bennek _____ 7:30 am
Summer Intramurals _____ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Communion Service, Crest View _____ 3:15 pm
Confirmation II _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, August 3

Mass, Intention, +JoAnn Molan _____ 7:30 am
Summer Intramurals _____ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Communion Service, New Perspectives _____ 3:15 pm
Summer Jam - Fun Fest _____ 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Friday, August 4

Mass, Intention, +Robert Miller _____ 7:30 am
Summer Jam - Fun Fest _____ 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, August 5

Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Summer Jam - Fun Fest _____ 4:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Mass, Intention, +John Godava _____ 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 6

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
Mass, Intention, +Agnes & Leonard Knoll _____ 10:00 am
Summer Jam - Fun Fest _____ 11:00 am - 4:30 pm
+Deceased



To all our dedicated volunteers—
THANK YOU for all you do!

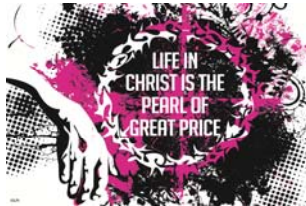
Gospel Meditation

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.” Jesus today gives us the image of a merchant who knows he has discovered a great treasure. In fact, its value is so tremendous that the man is willing to sell EVERYTHING else in order to possess it. Why? Because he knows it will all be worth it. He knows that the pearl will bring him more reward than anything else he has ever owned, more even than all his possessions combined.

This Gospel story is meant to help us understand the unfathomable value of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can compare to it. No material item, no honor or success, can compete with this pearl of great price. Everything we have, short of this, is FINITE: limited, temporary, and ultimately fleeting. Eternal happiness, on the other hand, is INFINITE. It never ends. This is the deep contentment, the satisfaction, the peace, and happiness that we crave, the kind that doesn't disappoint.

Like the merchant in the parable, we too should understand the value of this discovery. As Christians, we have “found” the treasure beyond all other treasures! Life in Christ, both now and in heaven, is truly the pearl of great price. The only question is whether we are willing to “sell” all that we have to obtain it. In other words, are we willing to release the other things that claim hold on us? Are we ready to put Christ first in our lives? All of us need to take pause from time to time and examine our attachments and priorities. Money, pleasure, success, or comfort can often seem so important to us that we falsely begin to imagine these things will bring the happiness we so desire. But the message is loud and clear today: the kingdom of heaven is the true treasure we long for.



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*Brothers and sisters: We know
that all things work for good
for those who love God, who are
called according to his purpose.*

Rom 8:28

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Advertiser of the Week

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Church Directory

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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.

Collections

Week 4—July 22/23, 2017

Our weekly financial contributions will not publically available on our website. If you would like this information, please call Kathy Fraser, Parish Business Administrator. She can be reached at x 207. Thank you.



August 3-6 Featured Entertainment and Events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 - \$5.00 COVER CHARGE (12 AND UNDER FREE)

- 5-10 PM STANLEY'S FOOD TRUCK, GRANDPA'S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM,
POP BOOTH, BEER AND WINE TENT
- 7-10 PM MAIN STAGE: JONAH AND THE WHALES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

- 5-9 PM SILENT AUCTION, KIDS GAMES AND INFLATABLES, BAKE SHOPPE,
BOTTLEMANIA, JEWELRY BOOTH, BOOKS AND MEDIA BOOTH
- 5-10 PM ITALIAN FOOD PLUS FRENCH FRIES, ONION CHIPS, HOT DOGS,
GRANDPA'S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM AND MORE
- 5-10 PM PULL-TABS, RAFFLE, WINE TOSS, BEER AND WINE TENT
- 5³⁰ PM CAR SHOW REGISTRATION
- 6-9 PM MSMA CAR SHOW
(9¹⁵ PM PRESENTATION OF AWARDS)
- 6³⁰-7 PM BINGO TENT: TODD ANDERSON'S LIVE "TRIBUTE TO ELVIS"
- 7-9 PM BIG BUCK BINGO WITH ELVIS (20 GAMES WITH \$50 POTS)
- 7-10 PM MAIN STAGE: ROCKIN' HOLLYWOODS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- 4³⁰-8³⁰ PM OUTDOOR VENDOR MARKET
- 4³⁰-9 PM SILENT AUCTION, KIDS GAMES AND INFLATABLES, BOTTLEMANIA,
BAKE SHOPPE, JEWELRY BOOTH, BOOKS AND MEDIA BOOTH
- 4³⁰-10 PM ALL FOOD BOOTHS AND GRANDPA'S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM
- 4³⁰-10 PM PULL-TABS, RAFFLE, WINE TOSS, BEER AND WINE TENT
- 5-6 PM MASS - INSIDE CHURCH
- 6³⁰-7 PM BINGO TENT: TODD ANDERSON'S LIVE "FRANK SINATRA SHOW"
- 7-9 PM BIG BUCK BINGO WITH ELVIS (20 GAMES WITH \$50 POTS)
- 7-10³⁰ PM MAIN STAGE: BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND "RUBBER SOUL"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 8-9 AM MASS - INSIDE CHURCH
- 10-11 AM MASS - INSIDE CHURCH
- 11 AM-3 PM SILENT AUCTION
- 11 AM-4³⁰ PM OUTDOOR VENDOR MARKET, FOOD, GRANDPA'S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM,
KID GAMES AND INFLATABLES, BOTTLEMANIA, BAKE SHOPPE, BOOKS AND
MEDIA BOOTH, JEWELRY BOOTH, RAFFLE
- NOON-4 PM BINGO, BEER AND WINE TENT, WINE TOSS, PULL TABS
MAIN STAGE: FANTASTIC BAND OF THE AZUAY, MEXICAN DANCERS
- 4³⁰ PM RAFFLE DRAWING