



THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

MATTHEW 17:5

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Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday

7:30 am

San Damiano Adoration Chapel

Open weekdays

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Sunday

8:00 and 10:00 am

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.

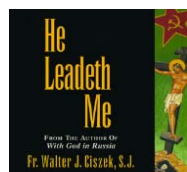
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From the Pastor's Desk



Welcome to Fun Fest Summer Jam This Weekend!

I hope you have a wonderful time participating in the *Food, Music and Family Fun*. Thank you to all the volunteers, supporters and sponsors of Summer Jam-Fun Fest. If you are visiting our parish this weekend, we are glad you are here! If you are looking for a parish or school to join, we invite you to register by calling the parish office or registering through our parish website at www.iccsonline.org.



FORMED.org Pick of the Week

I have been listening to an audiobook entitled *He Leadeth Me* by Father Walter Ciszek who was captured by the Russian army during World War II and spent 23 agonizing years in Soviet prisons and labor camps. Only through an utter reliance on God's will did he manage to endure the extreme hardship. Sign up for FREE 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 register.

Together in Faith Capital Campaign Update

Early in July 2017, we paid back \$ 15,000 to Morgan Stanley. In 2011, our Parish Council and Trustees decided to borrow \$ 145,000 on our line of credit with Morgan Stanley. Between 2011-16, we paid back \$45,000 on this line of credit. One of the goals in our capital campaign is to pay back the remaining \$100,000 to Morgan Stanley.



We ordered 2 sets of church doors to be installed on August 21-22 in the south and east church entrances (estimated cost: \$12,000). Our church doors were installed in 1958 when the church was built. Due to age and damage, the doors need to be replaced.

We are preparing to replace the church lighting panel in September (estimated cost: \$ 12,000). Our lighting panel was installed in 1958, and some of the switches do not work. A new lighting panel would utilize modern technology, and Stinson Electric will work on this project.

Pledges: As of July 31, we have received pledges of **\$1,120,853.89**. Thank you! If you would like to make a pledge to the campaign or have questions, please contact me (763-788-9062, x 215, jmitchell@immac-church.org).

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

Featured Entertainment and Events

Saturday, August 5

- 4³-8³ pm Outdoor Vendor Market
- 4³-9 pm Silent Auction, Kids Games and Inflatables, Bottlemania, Bake Shoppe, Jewelry Booth, Books and Media Booth
- 4³-10 pm All Food Booths, Desserts and Grandpa's Homemade Ice Cream
- 4³-10 pm Pull-Tabs, Raffle, Wine Toss, Beer and Wine Tent
- 5-6 pm Mass - Inside Church
- 6²-7 pm Bingo Tent: Todd Anderson's Live "Frank Sinatra Show"
- 7-9 pm Big Buck Bingo with Elvis (20 Games with \$50 Pots)
- 7-10³ pm Main Stage: Beatles Tribute Band "Rubber Soul"

Saturday, August 6

- 8-9 am Mass - Inside Church
- 10-11 am Mass - Inside Church
- 11 am-3 pm Silent Auction (item pick up begins at 3⁰⁰ pm)
- 11 am-4³ pm Outdoor Vendor Market, Food, Desserts and 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
- 4³ pm Main Stage: Fantastic Band of the Azuay, Mexican Dancers
- 4³ pm Raffle Drawing

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Saint Clare of Assisi

Feast day August 11

Saint Clare was born in Assisi, Italy on July 16, 1194 to a wealthy Italian family. When she was eighteen years old, after hearing St. Francis of Assisi preach, she ran away from her home to a chapel outside of Assisi where she met Saint Francis and his disciples. Francis cut off her hair and gave her a brown habit to wear. Clare vowed to serve Jesus Christ.

Saint Clare founded the order of nuns called the "Poor Clares" (order of poor ladies) at San Damiano. She led the order for 40 years. She died on August 11, 1253 and was canonized on September 26, 1255 by Pope Alexander IV.

Text based on information from: www.newadvent.org, www.catholic.org/saints, and saints.sqpn.com. Image: Saint Clare (detail), Simone Martini

Readings and Observances

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

Monday, August 7

St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday, August 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 13

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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Eucharistic Adoration

*"This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased; listen to Him"*

(Matthew 17:5C)

Just as Peter, James and John experienced the awesomeness of Jesus' Transfiguration, adorers, as they enter the adoration chapel, experience the same feeling by being in the presence of Jesus. Jesus pours out His grace and peace to all who enter the chapel and call upon His name in prayer. Spending time in prayer and becoming closer to Jesus is so important for our life here on earth and for eternal life in heaven. All are welcome to come and pray in our adoration chapel.

We are looking for a volunteer to cover Thursdays at noon. We also need partner adorers for many hours, and especially for Mondays at 10:00 am 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 volunteer, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.

School News

Some of the Awesome Things We Learn in ICS Preschool!

- We learn how to move smoothly from one activity to another.
- We learn how to express ourselves creatively through art, music and play.
- We learn to be grateful for all of our blessings and learn how to accept our defeats as part of the Religion Class.
- We learn how to respect our friends, our teachers and our belongings.
- We prepare ourselves for Kindergarten by learning classroom routines and rules.



We offer a flexible preschool program with full or part time attendance options. We invite you to explore Immaculate Conception as the school for your child or grandchild for preschool. Pictured we have one of our preschool "friends" who needed some extra rest even with a snack in front of him!

Contact us for a tour or information!

Jane Bona, Principal

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.*

August 6 – Rev. Matthew Quail

August 7 – Rev. Timothy Sandquist

August 8 – Rev. Brandon Theisen

August 9 – Rev. Chad VanHoose

August 10 – Rev. Benjamin Wittnebel

August 11 – Rev. Timothy Wratkowski

August 12 – Rev. Sean Magnuson

Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship

Join us next Sunday for Fellowship hosted by our Discipleship Committee. The Discipleship Committee has two objectives. One is to exemplify, promote, inform, and educate parishioners in order for them to become great stewards of the Catholic Church and to develop discipleship as a way of life. The second is to further the mission of Immaculate Conception by fostering an awareness of God's abundant blessings in the gifts He has given each of us; encouraging and enabling our parishioners to respond to God's love by sharing these gifts freely.

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!

"Growing Through Loss"

Growing Through Loss is a grief and loss support ministry jointly sponsored by the North Suburban Grief Support Coalition, of which 18 churches and organizations in our area are members. The coalition hosts two six-week series each year at various locations that address both the educational as well as support aspects of a variety of loss and grief issues. The fall series will be held on Monday evenings, September 18 through October 23 from 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm at Centennial United Methodist Church in Roseville. Please save the date and watch for more information in upcoming bulletins.

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 Veronica Morgel 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	Pat Elmberg	Robert Prokott
Pat Anton	Mary Fredenburg	Lukus Reynold
Marian Ashlin	Katherine Hoefs	Barbara Rocek
Shari Backman	Rev. James Klein	Paula Ross
Michelle Cadieux	Gerald Krawiecki	Greg Sery
Nichole Castonguay	Tom Leight Jr.	Betty Schack
Marie Couillard	Randy Mancuso	Irene Spensley
Margaret De Mars	Janet Mihalik	Mary Ann Steenburg
Nick Dickson	Mary Ann Miller	Germaine Wolsfeld

and all those on our prayer chain



**The Lord is king, the Most High
over all the earth.**

Psalms 97

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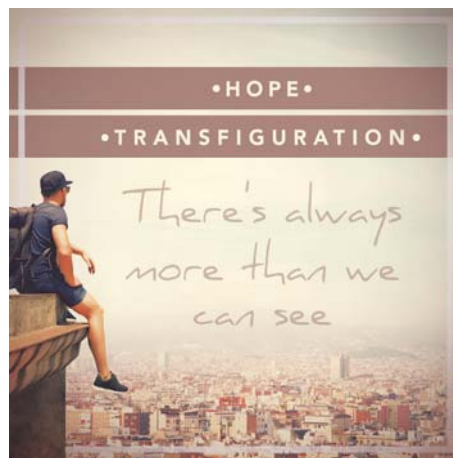
Parish News

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.



Beyond Our Parish

Catholic Grandparent Conference

Saturday, August 26, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park

Learn about God's plan for Grandparents and be equipped to pass on a Heritage of Faith. The conference will include special guests Fr. Donald B. Conroy (Executive Director and Chairman, National Institute for the Family, Washington, D.C.), Kathleen A. Colligan (Catholic author who works in Grandparent Ministry for the Diocese of Syracuse), and Bishop Andrew Cozzens... and so much more. Register at CatholicGrandparenting.org. Questions? Contact Susanna Bolle at bolles@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.

Calling All Grandparents!

Come together in community with other grandparents that share the mission of bringing their children and grandchildren back to the Catholic Church. Brandon Vogt will lead you through the steps to set a game plan. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, you will learn how to implement it.

How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church— a five week video/book series for Catholic grandparents will be offered at the Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount beginning October 4. Register by September 25. More information is available at www.stjosephcommunity.org/grandparentministry or contact Kim Doyle at 651-332-2266 or sdoyle32@charter.net.

Reflections

Word of Life

“By opening our hearts to his love and mercy, we let Christ dwell in us and we see more deeply the intricate and unique beauty of each person.”

—Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Chairman
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, 2013 Respect Life Month Statement

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: On August 10 we celebrate the feast of St. Lawrence. Can you tell us a bit about him?

Answer: Little is known about Lawrence other than he was a deacon during the reign of Emperor Valerian from 253-259. In 258, Valerian began a persecution of the Roman Church. Lawrence was in charge of the purse for the church of Rome. Roman officials demanded that the riches of the church be handed over to them. Lawrence asked for a few days to gather them.

Lawrence took the money he had charge over and distributed it to the poor of Rome. Then he gathered all the homeless and poor together. When the officials came again demanding the riches of the church, Lawrence pointed to the destitute and homeless, saying that these were the true riches of the church. For this he was imprisoned and tortured, and put to death by burning on a gridiron. It is said that as he was dying, he told his executioners to turn him over because he was done on one side and needed to be fully cooked for the Lord.

Lawrence continues to be a model for us today. The church needs continual reminders that its riches are the people. The primary purpose and mission of the church is to be continually sensitive to the needs of all God's people, most especially the least of our brothers and sisters.

Live The Liturgy—Inspiration For The Week

Today our Gospel presents us with the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. We hear God say, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Because of our baptism, we share in the same intimate relationship with the Father that Jesus has. This intimate relationship we have with God can transform us, just as it transformed Jesus. We, too, can radiate with love and newness of life and then help in transforming and positively impacting the lives of others. How has your relationship with God transformed you?

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. That is all the doing you have to worry about.

—St. Jane Frances de Chantal

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Written by St. Bernard of Clairvaux



Weekly Calendar

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

Tuesday, August 8

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Intentions, +Colleen Cadwell, +John Bennek
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, August 9

Mass, Intention, +Rosemary Soukup _____ 7:30 am
Trustee Meeting _____ 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Thursday, August 10

Mass, Intention, +George Rozek _____ 7:30 am
Anointing Mass, Crest View on 42nd _____ 3:15 pm
KC BVM Council Officers Meeting _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, August 11

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Intentions, +Joe Goodman, +James Malisheski, Lorna Miguel
Intercessory Prayer Ministry _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, August 12

Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass, Intention, +Pete LaFontaine _____ 5:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, August 13

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mass, Intention, +Randal Wilcox _____ 10:00 am
+Deceased



The Road to Discipleship

God's Opinion Matters the Most

In Caesarea Philippi that day, Jesus asked his followers, “Who do people say that I am?” and “Who do you say that I am?” But there is a third question that doesn't appear in the sacred texts of the Gospel; nonetheless it is worthy of our consideration. It is a question that may also help us to understand and answer the Jesus question. The third question is this: Who does Jesus say that you are?

—Rediscover Jesus, Matthew Kelly, pg. 42

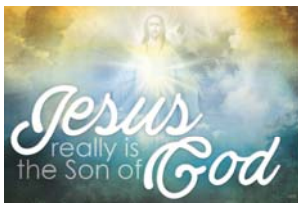
Gospel Meditation

The Transfiguration of the Lord

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus’ divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today’s epistle. Peter writes, “We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.” Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, “We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it.” Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an “eyewitness” to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of his hearers.

So although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who



saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.

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*We ourselves heard this voice
come from heaven while we were
with him on the holy mountain.*

1 Pt 1:18

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*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 5—July 29/30, 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.



THANK YOU!

**To the volunteers and staff who have given so generously of their time and talent...
To the parishioners and friends of IC who have donated goods and services...**

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