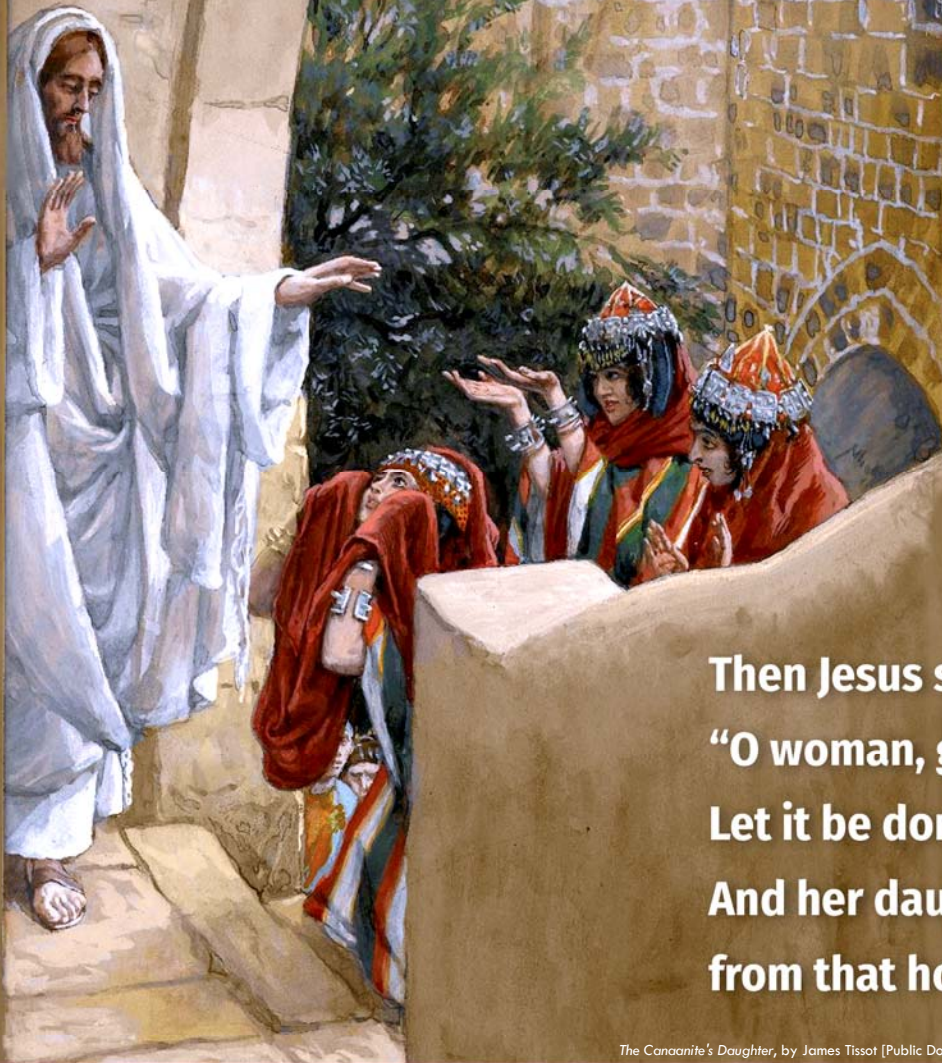




THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



**Then Jesus said to her in reply,
“O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish.”
And her daughter was healed
from that hour. - Matthew 15:28**

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AUGUST 20, 2017 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

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

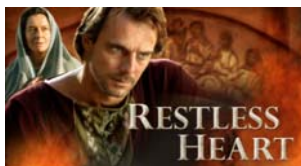


Did You Know...

The total area of Iowa is 56,272 square miles which makes it the 26th largest state in our country. However, Iowa is the largest producer of pork, corn, eggs and ethanol in the United States? Iowa is also the only state in the U.S. that has its eastern and western borders formed entirely by rivers. I tell you this because I will be travelling to the beautiful state of Iowa for a couple of days this week with three of my priest friends to visit Father Dennis Quint, one of our seminary classmates, who is a priest in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. While I am gone, Father David Blume (Archdiocesan Vocations Director) will provide Mass coverage on Tuesday morning, August 22.

FORMED.org Pick of the Week

Restless Heart – The Dramatic Story of Sin, Conversion and Redemption



As we approach the feast of Saint Augustine on August 28, I invite you to watch the movie *Restless Heart* by signing up for FREE at www.FORMED.org. Your subscription has already been paid for – use the parish code **VKQPF9** to register. Augustine was born in the year 354 and died at the age of 76. In his early adulthood, Augustine pursued worldly fame and fortune. His mother, Monica, prayed for years that Augustine would be baptized in the Christian faith. Augustine was eventually baptized at age 33 and later became a priest, a bishop and a prolific writer. Augustine is known as one of the four Latin Doctors of the Church for his contributions to Catholic theology and doctrine.

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 by calling or text-messaging Mike Bridgeman (612-770-1169) or Patrick McVary (612-803-3020).



God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Readings and Observances

Sunday, August 20

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday, August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 23

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday, August 25

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 26

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-5/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 27

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 22



Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve. To thee do we send up
our sighs, mourning and weeping in
this valley of tears! Turn, then, O most
gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy
toward us, and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of
thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy
Mother of God. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

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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 we 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.

Contact us for a tour or information!

Piano Available

The school has an additional piano that needs a new home. If you are interested in looking at the piano and making arrangements for it to be moved, please contact Jane Bona or Jami Bridgeman at 763-788-9065.

School News

Registration for the 2017-18 school year continues at our school. We are a preschool-8th grade school with a personalized learning plan in place for students. We have expanded our technology to be a 1:1 program for our students, meaning each child uses an iPad or Chrome Book at the school to enhance their learning. Please visit our school's website to learn more about the programs we offer. There is a new two minute video that explains our Personalized Learning approach for children in the school on the website.

Another unique thing about our school are the programs we offer in athletics. Our students can begin playing soccer in first grade! soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball are all popular. Students take classes in Spanish, Technology, Physical Education and Music. Band and Chorus are offered for children in grades 4-8. We added a Chess Club this past year and that has been a good opportunity for children to try a game of skill and strategy.

A parent's thought on why they chose Immaculate Conception for their child:

"That's key to me—the way these teachers are just totally invested in my child's social and academic being."

—Keitha-Gail Martin-Kerr

Thank you to Keitha-Gail and all the supportive parents of our school community. We know that we are blessed to be part of a parish that understands that Catholic education is a ministry of our church.

Contact me for more information!

Blessed to Serve,

Jane Bona
Principal

Eucharistic Adoration



Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am and closing at 11:00 pm. Adorers choose the hour and day they prefer and then commit to cover that hour each week. Many say it is the best hour of their week.

At this time we are in need of volunteers to cover Mondays at 10:00 am (partner), Wednesday at 9:00 am (partner), Thursdays at noon and Fridays at 10:00 pm. If you would like information about adoration, are able to cover any of the hours listed or would like to cover any other hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.

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 20 - Rev. Bill Martin

August 21 - Rev. Andrew McAlpin


August 22 - Rev. Thomas McCabe

August 23 - Rev. David McCauley+

August 24 - Rev. Michael McClellan

August 25 - Rev. James McConville

August 26 - Rev. Patrick McCorkell



St. Rose's baptismal name was Isabel, the daughter of Gaspar Flores and Maria de Oliva. But she was such a beautiful baby that she was nicknamed "Rose." It was a name that she took as her own at her confirmation. But she did not desire her beauty and considered it a distraction from her real love, Jesus. When her parents wished to marry her off, Rose refused, wanting to remain a virgin for Christ. Rose fasted regularly and prayed constantly. Her holiness became renowned. Even though she hoped to become a nun, her father would not permit it, and so Rose practiced the spiritual life as a lay member of the Third Order of St. Dominic. When Rose died at the age of thirty-one, her funeral was held at the cathedral in Lima and attended by many dignitaries. Numerous miracles were attributed to her. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, making her the first saint of the Americas. Text: ©2012 Liturgical Publications, Inc

St. Rose of Lima
Feast Day: August 23

The Road to Discipleship

Living in Humble Service

The one who served by washing feet would soon thereafter give himself as food and drink and tell us to do this in his memory. This humble service is tied to and gives meaning to his actions at the table, and his later loving action on the cross. It is how we also live our participation in the Mass—humble, servant-like service.

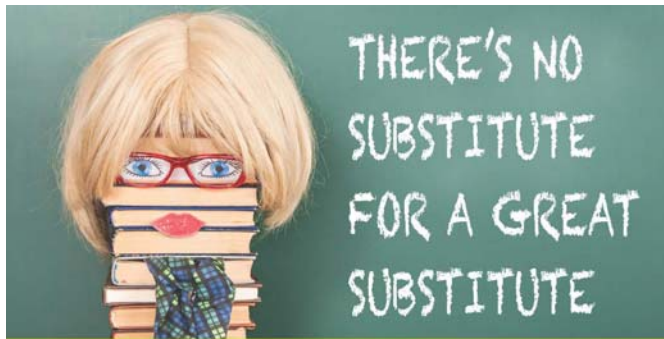
—*Minute Meditations* by Franciscan Media, August 8
(from the book *Meeting God in the Upper Room: Three Moments to Change Your Life*)

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. Find more details and register at CatholicGrandparenting.org. Questions? Contact Susanna Bolle at bolles@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.



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Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship

Join us next Sunday, August 27 for Fellowship hosted by our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

Anointing Mass

September 6, 2017, 3:15 pm at **Crest View**, 4444 Reservoir Boulevard. Presider, Rev. John Mitchell. All are welcome!

SACA Food Shelf and Thrift Store

SACA’s annual *Farm Fresh Produce Distributions* produce will be picked from area farms late in the week and distributed at SACA on the following Saturday mornings: August 26, September 9, September 23 and October 14. They will distribute produce from 8:30 am-12:00 pm, unless they run out sooner. The produce will be whatever is ready for harvest, so it will vary each time. SACA’s produce distributions are open to the community. These are rain or shine events. In case of rain, we will move the produce into the warehouse and distribute it inside.

“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 Francis (Frank) Klisch, the brother of Marlene Prokott 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	Nick Dickson	Robert Prokott
Pat Anton	Pat Elmberg	Lukus Reynold
Marian Ashlin	Mary Fredenburg	Barbara Rocek
Shari Backman	Katherine Hoefs	Paula Ross
Casimir Burzynski	Rev. James Klein	Greg Sery
Michelle Cadieux	Gerald Krawiecki	Betty Schack
Nichole Castonguay	Tom Leight Jr.	Irene Spensley
Marie Couillard	Randy Mancuso	Mary Ann Steenburg
Josephine Davitt	Janet Mihalik	Germaine Wolsfeld
Margaret De Mars	Mary Ann Miller	

and all those on our prayer chain



Reflections

Word of Life

“The effectiveness of our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of human life. If we want peace, let us defend life!”

—Pope Benedict XVI, Morning Address, September 15, 2012, Apostolic Journey to Lebanon © 2012 Libreria Editrice Vaticana Used with permission.

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: A member of my parish was recently arrested for a white-collar crime. I don't approve of what he did, but he is a great neighbor and a nice person. How should I treat someone like him?

Answer: There is a litany of expressions that fit this situation: Everyone makes mistakes. Hate the sin, love the sinner. Judge not, lest you be judged. All of these proverbs and sayings highlight the fact that we are here to help each other on the way to salvation. Our hope and goal is that everyone grows in grace, drawing closer to God and to the promise of eternal life. Part of that process is our struggle, collectively and individually, with sin. And that is the ugly part. Sin is not nice, pretty, or inviting when laid out for all to see. Nor is it easy for the person caught in the spotlight.

Kindness and support are not the same thing as approval. We recognize that good people can do bad things and in their struggle, they need the help of others. Our kindness is often the flicker of hope that allows someone to face the consequences of sin while focusing on the promise of redemption. Your desire to help and support your neighbor is the response of grace to sin, and the same response of Jesus to us.

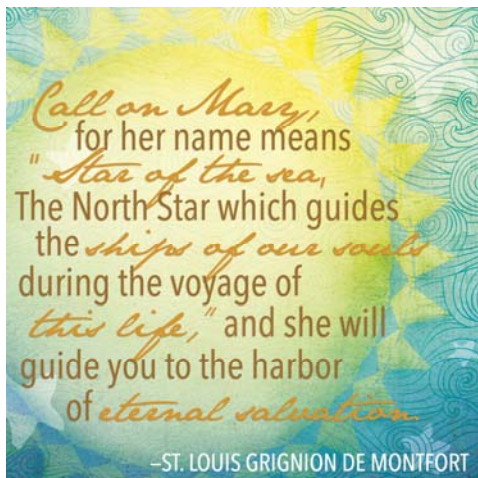
Live The Liturgy—Inspiration For The Week

Our relationships often need reconciling and healing. While it is easy to say, it is often difficult to achieve. Sometimes, reconciling requires that we take down the barriers that are sources of division, remove our prejudices, look beyond differences, and see the “sameness” that connects us one to another. Of course, each party has to be willing to do this in order for healing to occur. Our Gospel shows us the healing that can occur when both parties are willing participants.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful

“Nothing is far from God.”

—St. Monica



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 20

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am

Mass, Intention, +Kenneth Dewey _____ 10:00 am

Monday, August 21

Uniform Exchange _____ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Faith Formation Focus Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, August 22

Mass _____ 7:30 am

Intentions, +Walter Guzik Family, +Anthony DeBruin

Uniform Exchange _____ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, August 23

Mass, Intention, +Marvin Sowada _____ 7:30 am

Uniform Exchange _____ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

CORE Group (Catechists) _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 24

Mass, Intention, +Alex Gonsalves _____ 7:30 am

Uniform Exchange _____ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Parish Pastoral Council _____ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

School Advisory Committee _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, August 25

Mass _____ 7:30 am

Intentions, +Joe Goodman, +Rick Jackson

Uniform Exchange _____ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, August 26

Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Mass, Intention, +John McMartin _____ 5:00 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, August 27

Mass, Intention, +Madonna Bruneau _____ 8:00 am

Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 10:00 am

+Deceased



**Thus says the LORD:
Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.**

Is 56:1

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Gospel Meditation

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

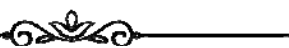
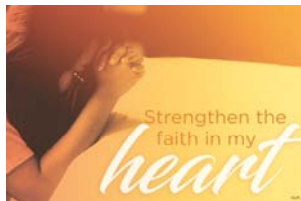
“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today’s passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn’t going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs,” was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person’s heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard re-

ply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

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O God, let all the nations praise you!

Psalms 67

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