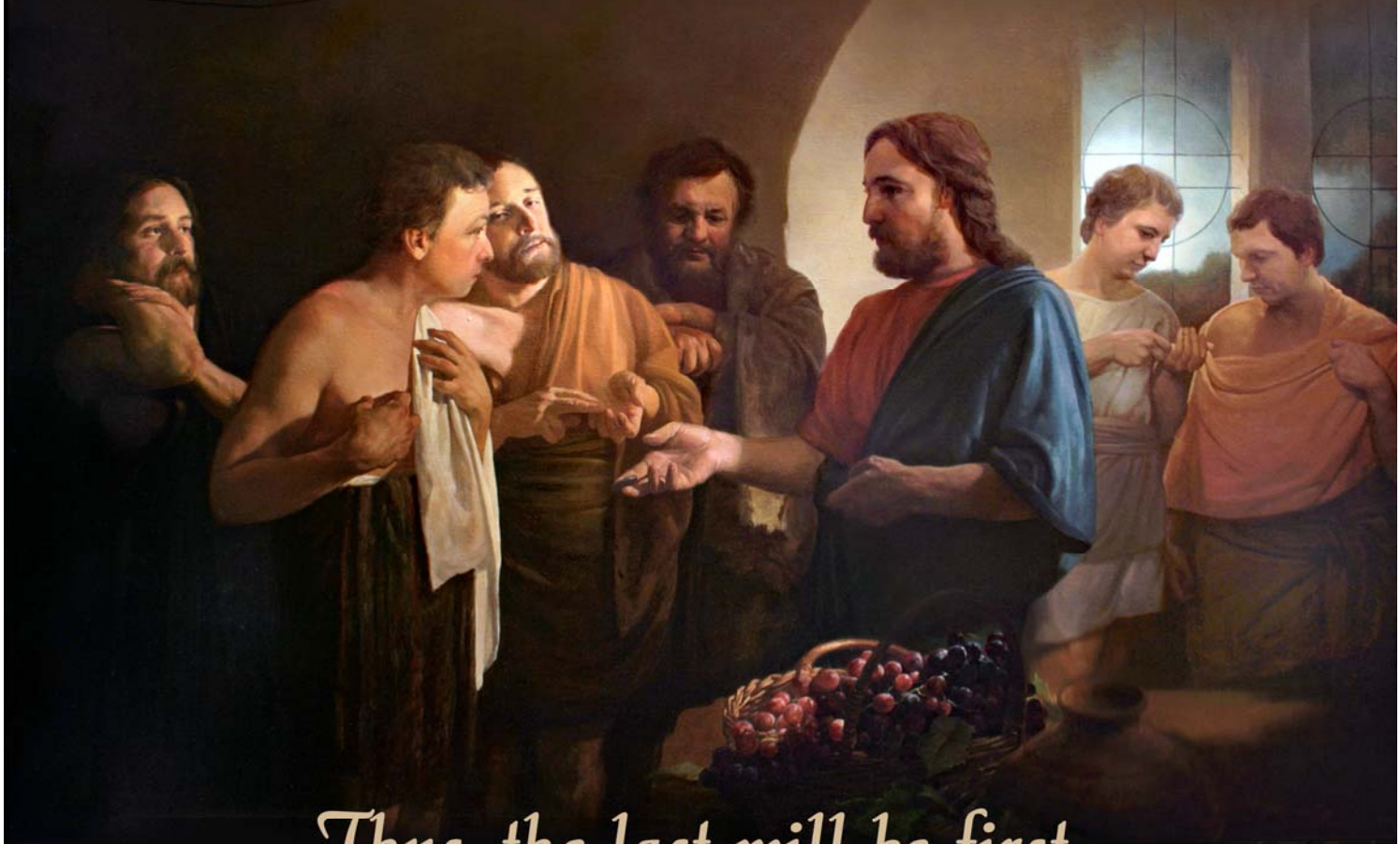




THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



*Thus, the last will be first,
and the first will be last.*

Matthew 20:16

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Thursday
Saturday
Sunday

7:30 am
8:30 am
5:00 pm
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



Bible Study, "Peter" Starting September 25 and October 4

All are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall (church basement) for a ten session Bible study on Saint Peter. Choose either the Monday sessions at 7:00 - 8:30 pm (led by Mary Nawrocki) or the Wednesday sessions at 1:00 - 2:30 pm (led by me). The Monday sessions will start September 25. The Wednesday sessions will start October 4. The participant study guide booklet for "Peter" is free to download from the FORMED.org website. To subscribe free to FORMED, go to www.FORMED.org and enter our parish code VKQPF9 to register. If you choose to buy a printed copy of the booklet, the cost is \$25. To register for this Bible study, please contact Mary Scott at our Faith Formation office at 763-788-9062, x 208 or mScott@immac-church.org.

Blessing of the Animals

Come join us on Sunday, October 1 at 11:30 am in the church parking lot for a Blessing of the Animals in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bring a pet treat to share if you like.



Bus to Cathedral for Mass—Friday, October 13, 5:15 pm

We have hired a bus to take us from our church parking lot to the Cathedral of St. Paul for the 5:15 pm Mass on Friday, October 13 when Archbishop Hebda will celebrate a special Mass to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. During Mass the Archbishop will consecrate our Archdiocese to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. We will leave the church parking lot on the bus at 4:00 pm. At the conclusion of Mass, we will board the bus by 6:45 pm and arrive back at the church parking lot around 7:15 pm. If you would like to reserve a place on the bus, please call the parish office at 763-788-9062 and give us your name(s). The suggested free will offering for the bus is \$5 per person. There is room for 48 people on the bus.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Readings and Observances

Sunday, September 24

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday, September 25

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, October 1

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
2:00 PM

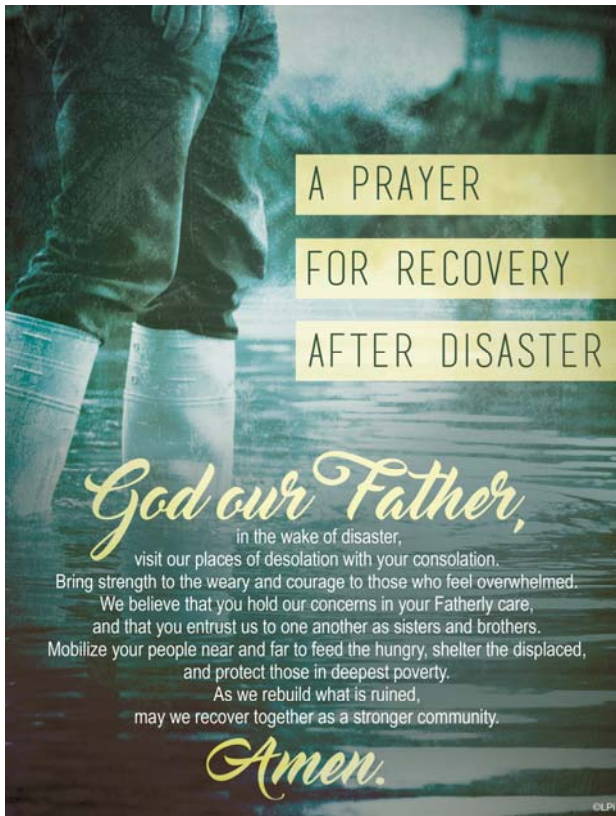
Reception will follow
Organist: Dr. Ray Bannon

—Free will offering—
To benefit organ repair and maintenance

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Eucharistic Adoration

“Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son”.

(Acts 16:14b)

Our chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am and closing at 11:00 pm. It is a peaceful place to pray, read the bible and listen to what Jesus has to say. All are welcome! At this time we are in need of volunteers to cover the following times:

- Monday, 10:00 am (partner)
- Tuesday, 3:00 pm (partner)
- Wednesday, 9:00 am (partner) and 1:00 pm (partner)
- Thursday, noon
- Friday, 7:00 pm (partner) and 10:00 pm

If you are able to cover any of the hours listed or would like to commit to any other hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.

Parish News

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels will be delivered the week of **October 2 - 6**. Thank you to all who drive!



I.C. Men's Group Breakfast
Saturday, October 21, 2017 in Fellowship Hall—Men's Group breakfast, video, *The Problem of Evil*, and discussion. Free will offerings accepted. RSVP's not required but appreciated for planning purposes. Call or text Mike Bridgeman at 612-770-1169 or Patrick McVary at 612-803-3020.

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.*

- September 24 – Rev. William Murtaugh
- September 25 – Rev. Robert Mutui
- September 26 – Rev. Hoang Nguyen
- September 27 – Rev. Thanh Nguyen
- September 28 – Rev. Mark Niehaus
- September 29 – Rev. Timothy Nolan
- September 30 – Archbishop Bernard Hebda

Council of Catholic Women

CCW News

We invite all women of the Church to become a member of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW). Please join us at our next meeting on Thursday, October 5. We'll start out with a pot luck dinner then move into our membership meeting.

If you're not able to join us in October, but would like more information on the many levels of membership in CCW, please contact our President, Jan Golden at 763-571-2499 or at jangolden@comcast.net.

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We'll roll out barrels of fun at the
Immaculate Conception Parish

Saturday, October 7, 2017

<p style="text-align: center;">6:00—8:30 pm German Dinner in the School Cafeteria ~ A La Carte Menu ~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pork Ribs w/Sauerkraut or Potato Salad \$10.00 ◆ Brat with Sauerkraut \$5.00 ◆ Kid's Meal-Hot Dog & Chips \$5.00 ◆ Desserts various prices ◆ Giant Pretzels, Chips various prices ◆ Beer, Wine, Pop & Water various prices <small>(Coffee available at no charge)</small> 	<p style="text-align: center;">6:30—9:30 pm Music & Dancing in the School Auditorium Polkas and music from throughout the decades!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Enjoy Premium German & Domestic Beer!</i></p>
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Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship

Join us this Sunday, September 24 for fellowship, hosted by our lectors.

Coins for Social Justice This Weekend

Small Change Can Do a World of Good! Thank you for your donation in August. Total collection: \$122.07.



Annual Fall Anointing Mass

Immaculate Conception Church, Tuesday, October 3, 1:00 pm. Rev. John Mitchell presiding. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

The Basics of U.S. Immigration

Thursday, October 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Like anyone, an immigrant is defined by many things. But when entering the U.S., noncitizens are first defined by their *legal category*. As a licensed immigration attorney, former State Senator, and first generation American, **Satveer Chaudhary** will provide the ICCS community a better understanding of what partly defines each new American as they arrive. Satveer will give an “Immigration 101”, with the specific categories of temporary and permanent immigration, basic immigration vocabulary, how immigration policy is made, and common misconceptions.

The emphasis of the evening is to give facts about America’s immigration process. Plenty of time for Q and A. Sponsored by Social Justice Committee

“Growing Through Loss”

The next session will be on Monday **September 25** from 6:45 – 9:00 pm. at Centennial United Methodist Church in Roseville. Join speaker Ted Bowman for *Talking about Tough Stuff: Communicating about Grief*. Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.



40 Days for Life Twin Cities

40 Days for Life Twin Cities is the local campaign of the largest international prayer campaign to end abortion. Since 2007, Pro-Life Action Ministries has coordinated *40 Days for*

Life Twin Cities with thousands of participants and scores of churches of various denominations.

From two participants to over 500, they have persevered with God’s help to pray for the end of abortion—and with results! Immaculate Conception will once again participate in 40 days of prayer. Join us **Saturday, October 21, 2017** to pray at Planned Parenthood in the Midway section of Saint Paul. We have committed to having two (or more) persons, participating in prayer, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm; we will need a minimum of 24 people to fill our commitment of 12 one hour shifts. *By standing or sitting peacefully in prayer at Planned Parenthood on Saturday, October 21, we will show our commitment in defense of the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.* Please consider a one hour commitment and maybe ask a friend or family member to join you.

Volunteers from our Social Justice Committee will be in the narthex after all Masses October 7-8 and 14-15 to assist in sign-up. For additional information contact Vicki Bazille at 763-788-9062 x 212 or Diane Tieden at 763-788-1897.

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 Casimir J. “Cash” Burzynski 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
Beverly Badeaux	Gerald Krawiecki	Greg Sery
Michelle Cadieux	Tom Leight Jr.	Betty Schack
Nichole Castonguay	Joe Lewandowski	Irene Spensley
Marie Couillard	Randy Mancuso	Mary Ann Steenburg
Margaret De Mars	Janet Mihalik	Germaine Wolsfeld
Nick Dickson	Mary Ann Miller	

and all those on our prayer chain

The Road to Discipleship

Saying Yes and Accepting God’s Grace

“Fr. Mychal [Judge] simply wished to go where God needed him. And he could never refuse God anything. ‘The wonderful thing is saying yes and accepting God’s grace. We could say no and walk away. But when we say yes and go forward, great and wonderful things will happen,’ Fr. Mychal reportedly said. ‘It takes courage in the midst of fear, but you do it with the grace of God.’ Great courage is what Fr. Mychal showed the world throughout his life and on the day when the world needed courage. On the darkest day, when the world needed to be reminded of Christ’s love, Fr. Mychal Judge showed us that light.”

—Franciscan Media, September 11, 2017, (from the book *Faith Under Fire: Dramatic Stories of Christian Courage*)

Intercessory Prayer

The Wild Goose is Loose!

Join us for the next Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting, which will take place Friday, October 13 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. We will be viewing the first segment of the video series *The Wild Goose* from the FORMED program. This series “is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating in God’s love and transforming power.” Please bring a pen, prayer journal or notebook, and your Bible. There will be time for prayer, discussion and sharing how God is answering prayers for the church and school. Refreshments and fellowship time are included. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Scott in the Faith Formation Office at 763-788-9062 x 208. All are welcome—invite a friend.

Reflections

Word of Life

“Only respect for life can be the foundation and guarantee of the most precious and essential goods of society, such as democracy and peace.” —Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*,
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Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: Who is St. Jerome and why is he so significant that we honored him with a feast on September 30?

Answer: St. Jerome (345-420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

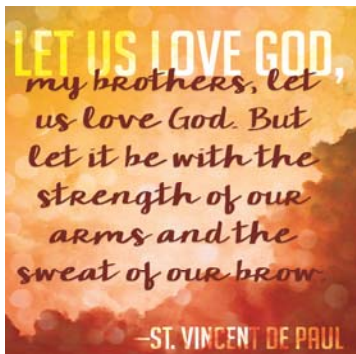
Much of Jerome’s correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus’ (366-384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day.

Live The Liturgy—Inspiration For The Week

True love does not measure itself against the love of others. If I am truly in love with God there is no need to compare myself with others or succumb to jealousy if others appear closer than I or because I have loved longer. Authentic love does not consider benefits or privileges. It simply desires to be in the presence of the One who is loved. God invites all of his children into a relationship with him. It does not matter when along our life’s journey we accept that invitation. It is only important that we do. In our Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard promised the usual daily wage to everyone, regardless of what time each started working. God promises love and eternal life to all who enter into relationship with him. It does not matter when. This is God’s pure merciful gift. It is God’s to give as God desires.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 24

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am

Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Mass _____ 10:00 am

Intention, +David Mensa & Ama Gilbert Amarvi, & Semeon & Abumei Sado

Organ Recital _____ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

followed by reception in Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 25

CCW Deanery Meeting _____ 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

ICCW Board Meeting _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Bible Study, Peter _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, September 26

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

Cub Scouts, Pack 66 _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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

Wednesday, September 27

Mass, Intention, +Rosemary Soukop _____ 7:30 am

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

Confirmation II _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, September 28

Mass (School), Intention, +Joe Goodman _____ 8:30 am

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

1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, September 29

Mass, Intention, JV Special Intention _____ 7:30 am

Reconciliation (School) _____ 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Our Brothers Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

Saturday, September 30

Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Mass, Intention, +Leo Batcha _____ 5:00 pm

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

Sunday, October 1

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am

Mass, Intention, JV Special Intention _____ 10:00 am

Blessing of the Animals _____ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

+Deceased

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For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Is 55:8-9

Gospel Meditation

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

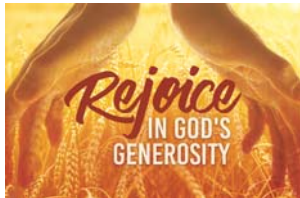
“Are you envious because I am generous?” The landowner in today’s Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God’s mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God’s generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may

not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God’s mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.

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The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Psalms 145

Collections

Week 12—September 16/17, 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.



Church Directory

Emergency (Death or Anointing).....763-788-9062 (#2)

PARISH

Parish Office.....	763-788-9062
(Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm)	
Parish Fax.....	763-788-0202
Reception Desk	x 201
Pastor, Fr. John Mitchell	x 215
Accounting Specialist, Lekenka Beja	x 202
Director of Advancement and Discipleship,	
<i>Mary Beth Pfeifer</i>	x 203
Deacon, Larry Palkert	
Business Administrator, Kathy Fraser	x 207
Communications Coordinator, Sue Ashmore	x 205
Records Coordinator, Terri Glaeser	x 227
Director of Marketing, Cathleen Cary	x 213
Director of Music and Liturgy, Ray Bannon	x 214
Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Hoisington	x 218
Pastoral Minister, Vicki Bazille	x 212
Special Event Coordinator, Jami Bridgeman	x 221
Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick	x 204

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki	x 210
Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott	x 208

SCHOOL

School Office.....	763-788-9065
School Fax.....	763-788-9066
Principal, Jane Bona (jbona@immac-church.org).....	x 220
Administrative Assistant, Barbara Breza	x 219

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Dave Kellner</i>	<i>Kathy Johnson</i>
<i>Stacy McVary</i>	<i>Marcus Paulson</i>
<i>Sandy Sichak</i>	<i>Veronica Velez</i>

Kathy Fraser (Business Administrator)
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.

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This advertiser, and the others on the back of the bulletin, make this bulletin possible, please support them when you can.



Marathon

Saturday, October 7, 2017

ICS students will walk, bike, run or skate to raise essential funds for our school. Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000.00

Please consider a donation to Marathon and help keep nonpublic education *on the move!*

You can:

- ♦ Donate online at ICCSonline.org
- ♦ Drop off or mail a donation to the school office
- ♦ Place a donation in the collection basket at Mass
(Please note that it is for Marathon)

Donations are tax-deductible; checks should be made payable to ICS.
Any amount you can give is deeply appreciated.

We thank you!

ICS Students & Staff

Join us at Marathon

Registration 8:30 am

Marathon 9:00 am

Hot Dog Feed Afterward

