



THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



“Which of the two did his father’s will?”
They answered, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them,
‘Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you.’”

MATTHEW 20:31

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OCTOBER 1, 2017 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 am
Thursday 8:30 am
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



Blessing of the Animals—Sunday, October 1, 11:30 am

Come join us on 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.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Angel in the Waters

Share the Wonder of Life with Your Children

Invite your children to celebrate their own journey from conception to birth during pro-life month! These beautiful illustrations and wise words tell the story of a baby growing, exploring, and speaking with its guardian angel in its mother's womb.

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—Irene K, Huron, OH

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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, 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

Monday, October 2

Holy Guardian Angels

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday, October 3

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 5

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 6

St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

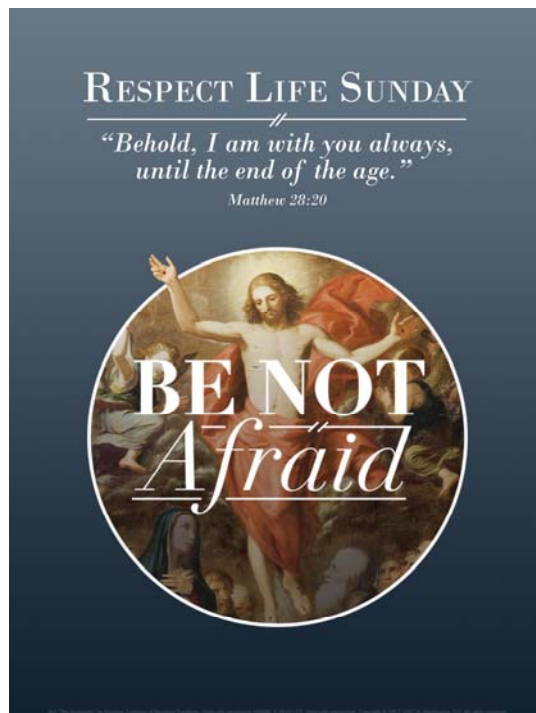
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 8

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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Eucharistic Adoration

*“Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths, guide me in your truth
and teach me, for you are God my savior.”*

(Psalm 25:4-5)

Adorer’s prayers said in our Eucharistic adoration chapel often include the request found in this Psalm. We all need to discern God’s will for us. Praying for His guidance is so important in finding the right path. Our chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am and closing at 11:00 pm. At this time we are in need of volunteers to cover the following times:

- Mondays: 10:00 am (partner)
- Tuesdays: 3:00 pm (partner), and 8:00 pm (partner)
- Wednesdays: 9:00 am (partner) and 1:00 pm (partner)
- Thursdays: 8:00 am (partner), 9:00 am (partner), 11:00 am and noon
- Fridays: 7:00 pm (partner) and 10:00 pm

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

Parish News

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.

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 jangolden@comcast.net.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women has designated the month of October as Clergy Appreciation Month.

We express our deep appreciation for the spiritually enriching service provided by Archbishop Hebda and all supportive clergy—priests, deacons, nuns and brothers.

We, the women of Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women, add our appreciation to Father John Mitchell, for his service to Immaculate Conception Parish.



School News



Giraffes Can Dance! I Can . . .

“Play running back in football.” —*Solomon*

“Dance Jazz, Tap Plus, Ballet and Lyrical.” —*Leah*

“Do the splits three different ways.” —*Hayden*

“Cut the grass!” —*Christos*

“Fix a bike and tighten the training wheels.” —*Kayla*

Thanks to our third grade students and teacher, Mrs. Wallrich. They read the story, *Giraffes Can’t Dance*, and talked about things that were hard for them to do at first, but now they can do it! Then, they created their own, Gerald the Giraffe, and wrote about something they are proud that they can do. Pictured are two of the Giraffe art pieces the children created. This fits in with our promotion of a “Growth Mindset” that we are studying as a school faculty. It’s the idea that we are all capable of learning with a “Growth Mindset” as opposed to a “Fixed Mindset”. The power of recognizing that we may not know how to do something, but we will learn – the power of “not yet!”



ICS 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.

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

The Road to Discipleship

Sense of Belonging

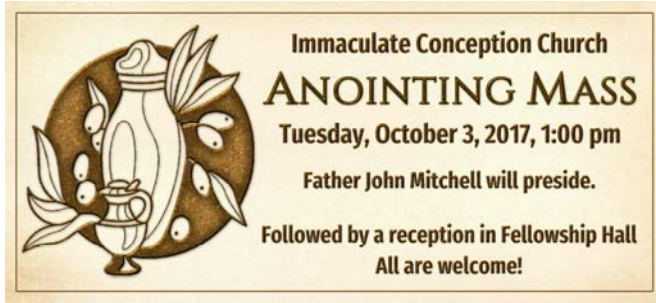
“There is no closer bond than the one which gratefulness celebrates, the bond between giver and thanksgiver. Everything is a gift. Grateful living is a celebration of the universal give-and-take of life, a limitless ‘yes’ to belonging.”

—Franciscan Media, May 7, 2017, from the book, *The Way of Silence: Engaging the Sacred in Daily Life*

Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship

Join us next Sunday, October 8 for fellowship, hosted by our ushers.



The Basics of U.S. Immigration

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

The emphasis of the evening is to give facts about America's immigration process. See insert in this bulletin.

"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.

"Growing Through Loss"

The next session will be on Monday **October 2** from 6:45 – 9:00 pm at Centennial United Methodist Church in Roseville. Join speaker Ted Bowman for *Breathing Through Loss*. Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

"Socks for the Sole" Sock Drive

Socks are a comfort that we often take for granted—but for those living on the streets during the wet and cold months of fall and winter, socks are a luxury they can't afford to go without. Immaculate Conception will hold its eleventh annual sock drive.

Donations of new athletic socks for men, women, and children, as well as small personal hygiene items, such as *toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion* and *Chap Stick* can be placed in collection boxes located in the narthex on **Saturday, October 28** and **Sunday, October 29**.

All donated adult socks and hygiene items will be distributed to clients of Catholic Charities Opportunity Center, formerly known as Branch III, and children's socks will go to SACA, who provides supportive services for the poor and homeless in our community.

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 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	Randy Mancuso	Irene Spensley
Marie Couillard	Janet Mihalik	Mary Ann Steenburg
Margaret De Mars	Mary Ann Miller	Germaine Wolsfeld
Nick Dickson	Betty Pfeifer	

and all those on our prayer chain

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.*

- October 1 – Pope Francis
- October 2 – Rev. John Mitchell
- October 3 – Rev. Timothy Norris
- October 4 – Rev. Matthew Northenscold
- October 5 – Rev. Andrew Brinkman
- October 6 – Rev. Peter Nosbush
- October 7 – Rev. James Notebaart

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

“Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God’s gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. ‘Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age’ (Matthew 28:20).”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2017-18 Respect Life Reflection Flyer, www.goo.gl/fZX2q6
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Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: *My coworkers and I have been debating the death penalty and whether or not it should be part of our justice system. Why are so many people who claim to be pro-life believers in favor of it?*

Answer: The issues of crime and punishment are never easy because so many factors influence people and how they view problems and solutions. Increased violence, loss of life, cost to taxpayers and the community at large, and the maneuverings of lawyers and courts only add fuel to the fire. When bad things happen in your neighborhood or to your home or to you, you want relief. Any normal person would feel that way. A pro-life view does not insulate anyone from the bad effects of criminal behavior. Innocent people are hurt every day and it may seem as though those who cause the pain get away with it, or get off easy.

The death penalty is not excluded by Church teaching. The state has the right to impose penalties that are commensurate with the crime as well as to defend itself from further harm (Catechism of the Catholic Church, §2266). When possible, punishment should help correct the offender, offering a chance of redemption, which is why the pope and bishops have called for an end to the death penalty. For more information, visit the Human Life and Dignity section of the USCCB’s website (www.usccb.org).

Live The Liturgy—Inspiration For The Week

Saying and doing are two very different things. Often, we say we are going to do the right thing but then we do not. We get distracted by a self-focused concern, apathy, fear, and a number of other excuses. The choice to act with virtue is always before us. The ability to choose is one of God’s gifts. Fully living the Gospel means that we choose to “practice what we preach.” Faith without action serves no purpose.

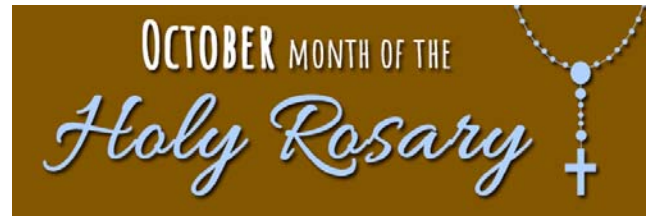
Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful

“For it is in giving that we receive.” —*St. Francis of Assisi*

“Our Lord needs from us neither great deeds nor profound thoughts. Neither intelligence, nor talents. He cherishes simplicity.”

—*St. Therese of Lisieux*

Weekly Calendar



Sunday, October 1

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
Mass, Intention, JV Special Intention _____ 10:00 am
Rosary (led by the CCW) _____ 11:00 am
Blessing of the Animals _____ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, October 2

Bible Study, “Peter” _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 3

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Intentions, +*Jeanne Steinent* / +*Leo Batcha*
Anointing Mass _____ 1:00 pm
(followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall)
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, October 4

Mass, Intention, +*Mary Jo Shutte* _____ 7:30 am
Bible Study, “Peter” _____ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Communion Service, Crest View _____ 3:15 pm
Faith Formation (Pre-K-Grade 6) _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Faith Formation (Grades 7 - 8) _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Confirmation I - Grade 9 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, October 5

Mass (School), Intention, +*Agnes Knoll* _____ 8:30 am
ICS Grandparents Day _____ 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Communion Service, New Perspectives _____ 3:15 pm
ICCW Membership Meeting _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
KC BVM Council Business Meeting _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, October 6

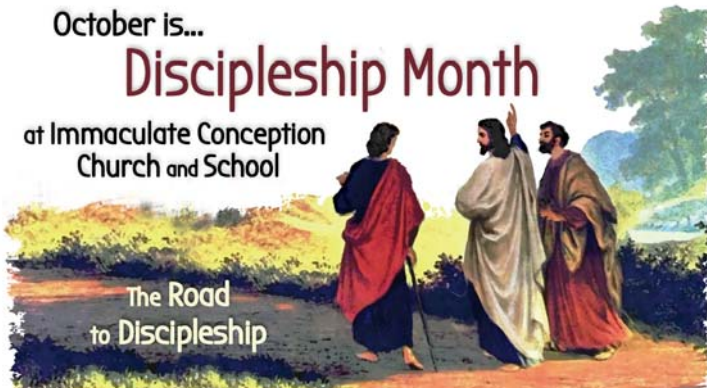
Mass, _____ 7:30 am
Intentions, +*Jeffrey Wanchena* / +*Lucille Nalezny*
Our Brothers Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 7

Marathon _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 5:00 pm
Oktoberfest _____ 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, October 8

Mass, Intention, +*Mary Stoudt* _____ 8:00 am
Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Mass, Intention, +*Randal Wilcox* _____ 10:00 am
Rosary (led by the CCW) _____ 11:00 am
+Deceased



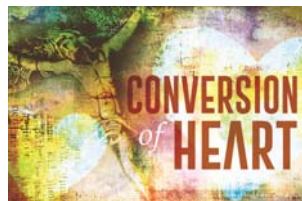
Gospel Meditation

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” Ouch. This had to sting. Jesus spoke these shocking words not just to anybody. He spoke them to “the chief priests and elders of the people.” The ones who were professional law-keepers. The ones who were religious leaders and teachers. The ones who were, in truth, self-righteous, pompous, and presumptuous. Jesus must have known how offensive it would be to his audience to share this unpleasant fact. But he said it anyway because he knew they needed to hear it.

But the point wasn't to offend. The point was to amend. Jesus was urging them to change their lives for the better, to come to God with a humble, contrite heart, seeking forgiveness and mercy. These unrepentant upper-crust leaders were plagued by an inability to see their own sins. They were far too focused on identifying where others were going wrong. And, as was his style, Jesus' preaching was adapted according to his audience. These guys needed to get knocked out of their complacency. So Jesus did what he had to do.

It's important to realize, by the way, that the reason tax collectors and prostitutes were leading the line to heaven wasn't because of their sins. It was because of their sorrow. The people Jesus had in mind when he mentioned this—like Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene perhaps—had repented from their sinful behavior and begun anew. This is why he praises them.



And this is what the Lord longs to see everyone doing, including us. Either we need to acknowledge and repent of our sins, or we are placing ourselves in the same category as the pharisaical priests and elders. And that's definitely not the place to be.

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*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day, be at my side, to light
and guard, to rule and guide. Amen*

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels
October 2

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Church Directory

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PARISH

Parish Office.....	763-788-9062
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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
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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

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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<i>Stacy McVary</i>	<i>Marcus Paulson</i>
<i>Sandy Sichak</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.

Collections

Week 13—September 23/24, 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.



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



Saturday, October 7, 2017

6:00—8:30 pm
German Dinner
in the School Cafeteria

~ A La Carte Menu ~

- ◆ **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
(Coffee available at no charge)

6:30—9:30 pm
Music & Dancing
in the School Auditorium

**Polkas and music from
throughout the decades!**

**Enjoy
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