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APRIL 22, 2018 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



Congratulations and God Bless all our children celebrating their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 am Mass this weekend. We rejoice with you as you celebrate this special day in your sacramental life. To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion is the most precious gift we can ever receive. Your joy and enthusiasm for your First Holy Communion is an inspiration to all of us this weekend!

A Prayer for Good Humor

In last Sunday's homily, I referenced a prayer by St. Thomas Moore about having a sense of good humor that was quoted by Pope Francis in his recent Apostolic Exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad" on holiness in today's world. Here is the prayer:

A Prayer for Good Humor by Saint Thomas Moore

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumbling, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I'. Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke and to discover in life a bit of joy and to be able to share it with others.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Readings and Observances

Sunday, April 22, 4th Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/
1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday, April 23

St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Thursday, April 26

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/

Jn 13:16-20

Friday, April 27

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

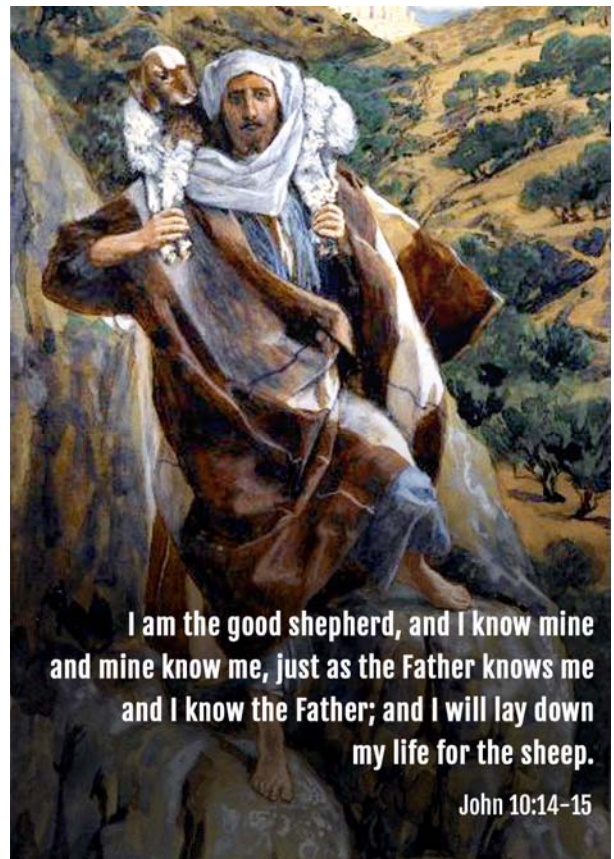
Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, April 29, 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/

1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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Easter Flower Memorials

Thank you to all who generously donated towards the cost of our beautiful Easter flowers and candles in memory of those whose names are listed below:

Ervin Bernard (donated by Marion Bernard)

Jay Dowdle (donated by Mary Dowdle)

Gary Glaeser (donated by Terri Glaeser)

John Godava (donated by Mary Dowdle)

Pete & Mark LaFontaine (donated by Pat LaFontaine)

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Parish News



WE NEED YOU
to make our new family directory complete

Parish Photo Directory

We are partnering with Lifetouch to produce a new photo directory. We need YOU to make our directory complete! To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our parish, we invite you to be a part

of our upcoming new directory. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed received a complimentary directory and an 8 x 10 portrait.

Photography Dates:

Tuesday, May 29 through Saturday, June 2
Monday, June 4 through Saturday, June 9

Hours:

Weekdays 2:00 pm—9:00 pm
Saturdays 9:30 am—4:00 pm

Ways to sign up for your session:

- Sign-up on our website at www.ICCSonline.org
- See our sign-up boards before or after upcoming Masses
- Call Terri Glaeser at 763-788-9062 x227

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with no sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8 x 10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. Lifetouch's portrait price lists will be available in the parish office.

The Road to Discipleship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

“During the Easter season, we reflect on being followers of the stone that the builders rejected, the crucified and risen Jesus. Like a shepherd he leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless.

Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous. Cultivating our gifts for God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.

If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example.



—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Eucharistic Adoration

*“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me”*

(John 10:14)

Jesus, who laid down his life for his flock, is due all glory, praise and adoration. Come to our Eucharistic adoration chapel and join other adorers in offering prayers of thanksgiving. Our chapel is open Monday through Friday, beginning at 7:00 am.

Adorers are urgently needed for the following hours:

- Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
- Thursdays at noon
- Fridays at 8:00 am

Partner Adorers are needed for the following hours:

- Mondays at 1:00 pm
- Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm
- Wednesdays at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm
- Fridays at 7:00 pm.

For more information, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924

Council of Catholic Women

Do You Have Unwanted Costume Jewelry?

Do you know what to do with that jewelry you no longer use? Donate it! Our Brother's Keeper is again collecting jewelry to supply our booth at Fun Fest. Please leave your donations in the designated box on top of the coat rack across from the elevator at the front entrance of church before the end of June. Your donations will be very much appreciated!

Immaculate Conception Church and School



THRIFT SALE

JUNE 14-16, 2018

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JUNE 14 & 15: 8 AM - 7 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 16: BAG SALE - \$5.00 8 AM - NOON

Toys, clothing, furniture, tools, dishes, glasses, household goods, antiques, knick-knacks, sporting equipment, books, DVDs and more!

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE?

Donations will be gratefully accepted:

Saturday, June 9: 9:00 am - Noon

Sunday, June 10: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Monday & Tuesday, June 11 & 12: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Drive into the church parking lot and follow the signs, someone will meet you to take your donations. Please note - for insurance reasons we are unable to accept any used electrical equipment.

For more information contact Jami at 763-788-9065 x221

Beyond Our Parish

Annual May Family Rosary Procession

Please come and unite your prayers with Bishop Andrew Cozzens and the families of our Archdiocese as we celebrate the 71st Annual May Family Rosary Procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Bishop Andrew Cozzens will lead our families in this Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession from the State Capitol to our beautiful Cathedral. In the Cathedral we will adore Jesus and entrust our precious families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Gather at the State Capitol at 1:30 pm. Procession begins at 2:00 pm.

Those who cannot walk the Procession route may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary with those who are in procession via a speaker system.

In these times of serious challenge and the breakdown of families, Our Lady once more holds out to us the power of the Most Holy Rosary. Come and entrust your family to her Immaculate Heart.

“Life is Wonderful” Fun Run/Walk and 5K

3rd Annual “Life is Wonderful” Fun Run/Walk and 5K to support Abria Pregnancy Resources, Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am, Upper Landing Park, St. Paul.

Find out more and register at supporters.abria.org. Bring your family out to enjoy a beautiful morning together this Mother’s Day weekend. All funds raised through the Life is Wonderful Fun Run/Walk & 5K help the staff at Abria put a choice for life within reach for thousands of women who are facing an unexpected pregnancy. In addition to this Walk and Run along the beautiful Mississippi River, there is a Kids’ Fun Run with three age categories, as well as food trucks, music and kids’ activities to make this a fun event for the whole family! Join us, rain or shine! For more info, call Abria at 651-695-0111.

Celebration of Pentecost

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office is sponsoring the Annual Pentecost Mass Celebration on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm with praise and worship beginning at 6:00 pm. Mass will be at St. Williams Catholic Church in Fridley. For the second year in a row, we welcome Archbishop Hebda as the Mass celebrant and homilist. All are welcome. Fellowship will follow the Mass. Please visit our website at www.ccro-msp.org or call 763-571-5314 for more 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.*

April 22 – Rev. Corey Belden
April 23 – Rev. John G. Berger
April 24 – Rev. John W. Berger
April 25 – Rev. Juan Miguel Betancourt
April 26 – Rev. Lawrence Blake
April 27 – Rev. David Blume
April 28 – Rev. Daniel Bodin

Social Justice

Coins for Social Justice This Weekend

Small Change Can Do a World of Good!



Coins for Social Justice raises funds to support programs that promote the gospel of peace and social justice. The fourth weekend of each month, IC parishioners are asked to fill the collection basket with their pocket change to benefit the Social Justice Ministry. Only the loose change (or marked envelopes from this collection) is designated for Social Justice.

Pastoral Ministry



Immaculate Conception Church
ANOINTING MASS

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 7:00 pm

Father John Mitchell will preside.

All Are Welcome!

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the parish office at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Fellowship

Join us this Sunday, April 22 in Fellowship Hall (lower level of the church), for fellowship, hosted by our Faith Formation youth. Please support our youth by ordering delicious Heggies Pizzas.

“Growing Through Loss”

Join us Thursday, April 26 from 6:45 - 9:00 pm at St. Philip’s Lutheran Church, 6180 Highway 65 NE, Fridley. Speaker Jack Hini-richs, M.A., L.M.F.T. Psycho Therapist, will speak on *Self Care while Experiencing Grief*. Each session of the series is complete in itself. Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki, 763-788-9062 x 212

Crest View Volunteer Party

An invitation is open for all who volunteer in any way at Crest View. The party will be in the main dining room on Tuesday, April 24, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. RSVP to Darlene Anderson, 763-782-1634. *Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women will be honored with an award for their service of providing Rosary and Communion to the residents.*

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 *Valeria Lee* 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:

Paul Bona	Joan Graves	Greg Sery
Claire Burgoyne	Gerald Krawiecki	Irene Spensley
Barb Breen	Tom Leight Jr.	Elaine Thunstrom
Michelle Cadieux	Randy Mancuso	Lois Weyers
Nichole Castonguay	Janet Mihalik	Germaine Wolsfeld
Mary Fredenburg	Leon Reinarts	

and all those on our prayer chain

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

Reflections

Word of Life

Heavenly Father... Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Every Life is Worth Living"
Prayer Card, www.usccb.org/worth-living

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: *Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?*

Answer: A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the Church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit, and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

There is something comforting about knowing that we are in someone's care. Children can feel this most easily when surrounded by the embrace of a mother or father. All is well. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We don't have to figure out all of the complexities of life. All we need to do is allow Jesus to be the true shepherd of our lives: to point us in the right direction, lead us to the best pasture, and keep us safe from harm. So many things in the world can hurt us, and we can quickly find that we are on the road to despair. Keeping focused on Jesus, remaining close to him, allows us to develop the gifts and talents God has given us and discover the key to true happiness. Jesus welcomes me with all of my doubts and fears, limitations and sins.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful

*What did not lie in my plan lay in God's plan ...
from God's perspective—nothing is accidental.*

—St. Edith Stein



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 22

Mass, Intention, **IC Parishioners** _____ 8:00 am
Heggies Pizza/Bake Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mass (1st Communion) _____ 10:00 am
Intention, +**Bob Prokott**

Monday, April 23

RCIC II _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 24

Mass, Intentions, +**Charles & Richard Emon**, _____ 7:30 am
+**Don, Allen & Roger Dufault**
Anointing Mass _____ 7:00 pm
Cub Scouts, Pack 66 _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, April 25

Mass, Intention, +**John Commers** _____ 7:30 am
CORE Group (Catechists) _____ 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, April 26

Mass (School), Intention, +**Christina Espinas** _____ 8:30 am
Parish Pastoral Council _____ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, April 27

Mass, Intention, +**Joe Goodman** _____ 7:30 am
Funeral of Avia Schroeder _____ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Visitation one hour before Mass
RCIC II _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Christianson/ Kowalsky Wedding Rehearsal _____ 6:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, April 28

Baptism Class _____ 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Christianson/Kowalsky Wedding _____ 2:00 pm
Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
ICS Chocolate Bar Sale _____ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Mass, Intention, **IC Parishioners** _____ 5:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, April 29

ICS Chocolate Bar Sale _____ 7:30 am - 11:30 am
Mass, Intention, +**George Rozek** _____ 8:00 am
Mass, Intention, +**JoAnn Molan** _____ 10:00 am
+*Deceased*

**"The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone."**

(Ps 118)

Gospel Meditation

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader. "I am the Good Shepherd... I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. "I lay down my life in order to take it up again... I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again." Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world.



Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the "hired man" who "runs away" from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences. The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. "I know mine and mine know me." We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, "sheep not of this fold." Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives.

While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep. In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.

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"Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are."
(1 Jn 3:1A)

Collections

Week 42—April 14-15, 2018

Our weekly financial contributions will not publically available on our website. If you would like this information, please call Alan Savage, Parish Business Administrator. He 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, Julie Mack x 204
Director of Advancement and Discipleship,
Mary Beth Pfeifer x 203
Deacon, Larry Palkert
Business Administrator, Alan Savage 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, Doug Olson 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
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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>
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<i>Marcus Paulson</i>	<i>Sandy Sichak</i>
<i>Alan Savage</i> (Business Administrator)	
<i>Jane Bona</i> (School Principal)	
<i>Steve Smith</i> (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.

Thank Our Advertiser of the Week...

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Catholic School

Faith † Academics † Service



Saturday, May 12, 2018

OPEN HOUSE

9:30 am—Noon

- ✓ Tour our accredited and award winning Preschool - Grade 8 school
- ✓ Meet teachers, current parents and Principal Jane Bona
- ✓ Learn about *Personalized Learning* and the individual education plan each student receives so they thrive & succeed!

Tuition Assistance Available

Preschool & Kindergarten

PLAY DATE

9:30—11:00 am

Enjoy a morning of fun with your preschool or kindergarten student and get to know other parents and the staff at ICS. We'll have crafts, gym time and snacks. No charge to attend.

Every child attending the open house or play date will receive a special gift! All are welcome at ICS!

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