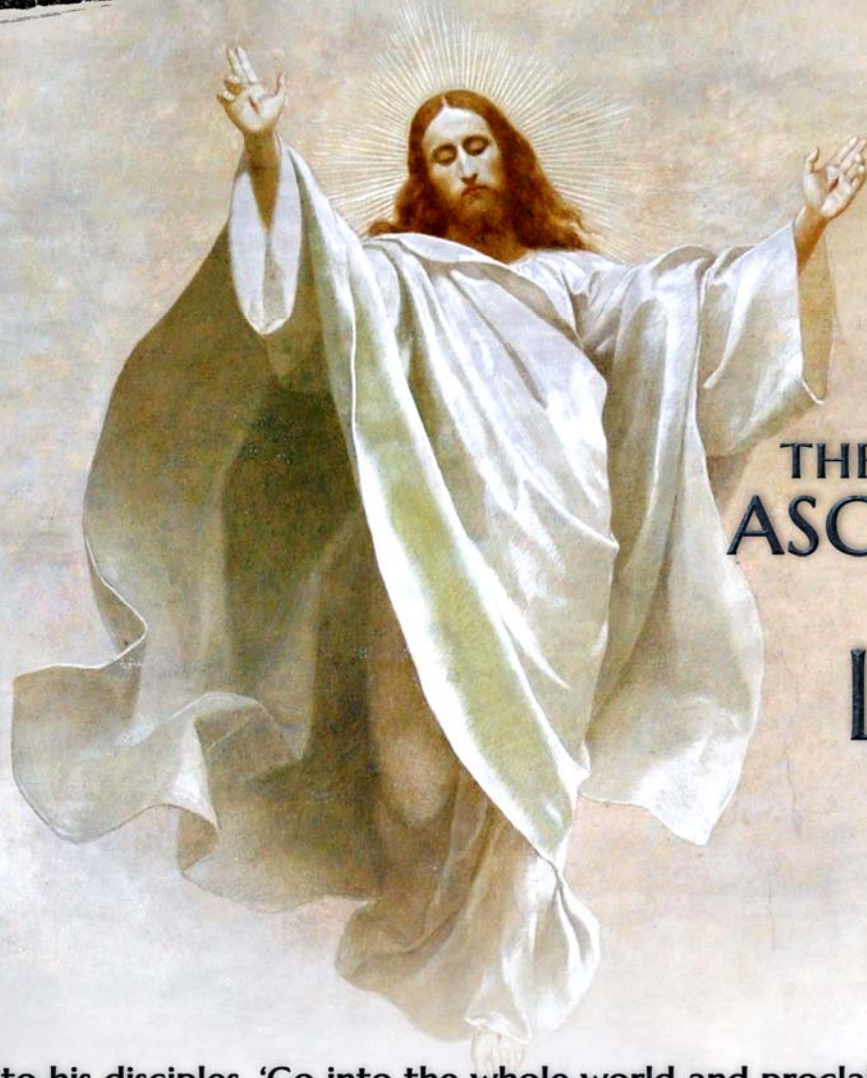




THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved’”

Mark 16:15-16a

MAY 13, 2018 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

7:00 am – 4:00 pm
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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Happy Mother's Day to all mothers this weekend. We love you and appreciate all that you have done for us. Our mother shows us God's love through their words, actions and prayers. God Bless You, Moms!

Close the Gap

The months of May and June will bring us to the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year, and our parish is facing a projected deficit of \$ 25,000 in our Sunday collection income for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. If possible, please give an extra \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more beyond your current giving level to help us "Close the Gap Before June 30" and eliminate our projected deficit.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell
Pastor

Close the Gap Funds Donated Week 1 (April 29-May 6)

Projected deficit	\$ 25,000.00
Money collected	\$ 920.00
New deficit	\$ 24,080.00

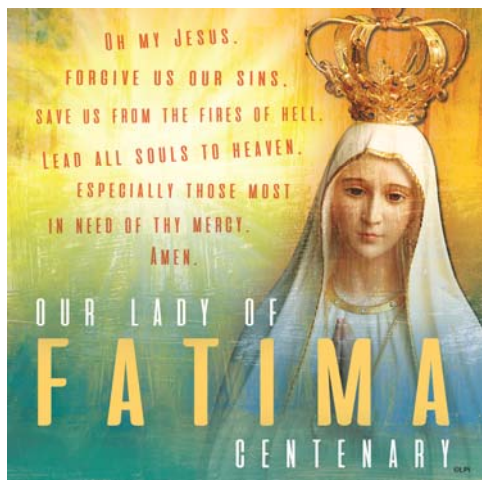


"Close the Gap Before June 30" Immaculate Conception Church, Columbia Heights

I am enclosing the amount of \$ _____ to help eliminate the anticipated \$ 25,000 deficit in our parish's Sunday collection income for fiscal year 2017-18.

Name (optional) _____ Member ID # _____

Please return this form and your gift to our Church using your Sunday donation envelope or an envelope labeled "Close the Gap" and place it in the collection basket at Mass or send it to the Parish Office. **THANK YOU!**



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Readings and Observances

Sunday, May 13, The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day
Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Monday, May 14, St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday, May 15, St. Isidore
Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 16
Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 17
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 18, St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 19
Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 20, Pentecost Sunday
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/ Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Eucharistic Adoration

*“Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age”.*
(Matthew 28:20)

These promising words from Jesus give us comfort, hope and peace. Our Eucharistic adoration chapel is a quiet place to pray and think about what it means to have Jesus with us always. Come and pray in our adoration chapel and experience the peace of being with Jesus. All are welcome!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:

- 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.

The Road to Discipleship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments



“We are told in Scripture that in the early Church, as the first disciples went about preaching the Good News, their words were confirmed by “accompanying signs.” Miracles such as healings, prophecies, and the like occurred so that others might see and believe.

Jesus’ disciples now continued the ministry that Jesus had begun while he walked the earth in the flesh.

We certainly do believe that miracles still occur in our world, but few of us see amazing healings and works of wonder with our own eyes. We read of a time of frequent miracles, and we wonder what it must have been like to be there during those events. We can easily fall into the trap of seeing biblical times as something far removed from ourselves and in the distant past.

However, in the places we go and to the people we meet in this world, we are the signs. We give testimony to the power of the Good News, and we serve as living examples of God’s work in the world. When others hear about how God has changed your life and they see the evidence of a profound love that many around them do not exhibit, they can find themselves wondering what made you this way. What made you that way is the power of Jesus Christ and that is as real now as it was 2,000 years ago.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

(Acts 1:8)

Parish News



Summer Jam Kickoff Weekend May 19 and 20

Volunteer boards will be up and raffle tickets will be available for pick-up in the narthex of church.

Share the Gift of Your Smile—Be a Greeter!

Greeters are needed for the Memorial Day weekend Masses. If you are interested in greeting at any of these liturgies, sign up sheets are available in the Lending Library. Thank you.

Parish Photo Directory

We need YOU to make our directory complete! Sign-up for your photography session on our website at www.ICCOnline.org or call Terri Glaeser at 763-788-9062 x 227. Every family photographed receives 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

Come and Hear...

The Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to hear Maria Hamilton give witness to the power of Christ in her life. Please join us on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Men’s Group Dinner

All men are invited to the I.C. Men’s Group dinner on Wednesday, May 30. The dinner will be at 6:00 pm followed by a Catholic Watchmen video at 6:30 pm and speaker Patrick McVary at 7:00 pm. This is a free will offering event. Please RSVP to Mike Bridgeman at 612-770-1169/Bridgman@bonabros.com, or Patrick McVary at 612-803-3020/Patrick@mcvarylaw.com.

Thrift Sale—June 14-16, 2018

Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 16: Bag Sale—\$5.00: 8:00 am - noon

Do you have items you’d like to donate?

Donations will be gratefully accepted on Saturday, June 9: 9:00 am - Noon, Sunday, June 10: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday and Tuesday, June 11 and 12: 4:00 pm - 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.

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.*

May 13 – Rev. Mike Byron
May 14 – Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan
May 15 – Rev. Theodore Campbell
May 16 – Rev. Scott Carl
May 17 – Rev. Alex Carlson
May 18 – Rev. Roger Carroll
May 19 – Rev. Patrick Casey

Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship

Join us for Fellowship on Sunday, May 27 in Fellowship Hall.

Anointing Mass

All are welcome to attend an Anointing Mass (Father John Mitchell will preside) at Crest View on Reservoir Boulevard on Wednesday, June 6 at 3:15 pm.

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

“Growing Through Loss”

Join us for our last session on Thursday, May 17 from 6:45 - 9:00 pm at St. Philip’s Lutheran Church, 6180 Highway 65 NE, Fridley. The topic, *Is it Okay to Be Mad at God?* (includes a service of healing and hope) will be presented by Rev. Mollie Dvorak Pastor, of St. Phillip’s Lutheran Church. Each session of the series is complete in itself.

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 *Ryan Franzen* 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	Gerald Krawiecki	Greg Sery
Claire Burgoyne	Tom Leight Jr.	Irene Spensley
Barb Breen	Randy Mancuso	Elaine Thunstrom
Michelle Cadieux	Janet Mihalik	Lois Weyers
Nichole Castonguay	Izzy Miller	Germaine Wolsfeld
Mary Fredenburg	Shawn Moulzolf	<i>and all those on</i>
Joan Graves	Leon Reinarts	<i>our prayer chain</i>

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

Knights of Columbus

Memorial to the Unborn

The Knights of Columbus have replaced the original plaque in the Memorial to the Unborn on the west side of the convent. The original after many years became illegible. It was replaced with a granite memorial plaque. There will be a blessing ceremony on Thursday, May 17, during the Knights of Columbus meeting. Social time starts at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The blessing of the plaque is at 6:30 pm followed by the Knights of Columbus dinner. Members of the Knights of Columbus should call 763-789-8362 if you plan join us for dinner.

April Meeting

The Knights held a meeting on April 19 with guest speaker Sarah Ashmore, who told us about her year serving with Net Ministries.

The next meeting will be held on May 17 with social time starting at 6:00 pm. The guest speaker will relate her experiences living on the streets in Washington DC.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation News

As we wrap up our Faith Formation year, I am grateful for many things. Here are some highlights:

- Several groups and individuals from the parish provided meals for our families before their monthly class. We are grateful to—the Knights of Columbus, Intercessory Prayer Ministry, the Discipleship Committee, Pastoral Ministry, the Men’s Group, Tom and Rosemary Leight, Daryl Post, Vicki Bazille, Diane Teiden, Candida Eugenio, Vickie Zelinka. Their generosity gave our families a break allowing them to enjoy a community meal before going to class.
- On April 22 we had a gloriously sunny day when 38 children received First Eucharist.
- At the Easter Vigil, seventeen catechumens and candidates received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- This year’s Adult enrichment series included our study of St. Peter in the fall and “A Lent to Remember” when we learned of transforming power of God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Confession.
- Other happenings included: Confirmation retreat, fundraisers, evenings of Adoration, church tour and scavenger hunt, Evening With the Saints by our 7th and 8th grades, Jeopardy night... Needless to say it was a busy year—and these were just some highlights!

We want to thank all of our catechists for their commitment and hard work: Kim Muellerleile, Joy Peters, Sheila Prokott, Sue Wolney, Angie Lepsch and our Confirmation team—Fr. John, Tom and Silvia Lewandowski

Above all, we give thanks to our God who continuously inspires and directs us.

Don’t Forget to Register

Our Totus Tuus youth summer program will be here before we know it!

June 11-15

Day camp for grades K-6th will be packed with activities. This year children will learn the Luminous mysteries of the rosary, be visited by some awesome saints, learn scripture, prepare and go to daily Mass. They will end their week with the ultimate “Water Fun” provided by the Columbia Heights Fire Department!

June 10-14

Our evening program for 7th through 12th graders will allow for great fellowship, discussion of hot button topics about their faith with our team of college students. There will also be adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for Reconciliation. A pizza party will wrap up their week. Don’t forget to bring a friend! Registration forms can be found at all church entrances, the parish office and on our website at ICCSonline.org.

We Need Your Help!

Would you be willing to house two seminarians from the Totus Tuus team? It would be for the week of June 9-16. The host would provide a place to sleep and a simple breakfast in the morning—all other meals are covered. Please contact Mary Nawrocki at 763-788-9062 x 210 for more details. They cannot stay in homes with children under 18.



Reflections

Word of Life

"We can all help encourage our government and other institutions to support life. They must always aid and support mothers and children, and never offer to pay for the destruction of life as a 'solution' to the challenges women face. The call to uphold women's dignity and well-being, and that of their unborn children, is one and the same."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle, www.bit.ly/poverty-abortion

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: *Why are some feast days moved from a weekday to a Sunday?*

Answer: Throughout Church history, the liturgical calendar has been filled with feasts, memorials, and solemnities commemorating saints and Scriptural events. Some days have greater importance than others, and they are instated as Holy Days of Obligation, in which the faithful attend Mass and celebrate like on Sundays.

However, the local conference of bishops has the ability to remove a day from the "obligation" list or transfer the feast to Sunday, as long as they have the prior approval of the Vatican. This is done for a variety of reasons, but in the United States, it is primarily a pastoral consideration. Decreased priest numbers leading to decreased Mass time availability, as well as work and school day complications, led to declining numbers at midweek Masses. To enable as many of the faithful as possible to participate in the liturgy, some feasts are moved from a weekday to Sunday, like the Ascension of the Lord.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

"We are called to be missionaries. Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Proclaiming the Gospel means looking out at my brothers and sisters and choosing to walk with them on their journey of life. It means having a listening, loving presence that allows the Holy Spirit to work in and through us. In this way we can show them not only in speech, but in action—the difference a relationship with God and a life of faith really makes. Even though Jesus has ascended to the Father, he still remains with us helping us proclaim the mission of the Gospel. Are we willing to allow him to do so?"

Council of Catholic Women

Happy Mother's Day

Celebrate and honor your mom with flowers. Single carnations, begonias and mini rose bushes will be available to purchase in the narthex after all Masses.

"Thanks MOM for Life" is a ProLife Awareness Program of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. All proceeds go to ICC.

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!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 13, *Mother's Day*

Mother's Day Flower Sale _____ 7:30 am - 11:30 am
Mass, Intention, +**Rosemary Soukup** _____ 8:00 am
Mass, Intention, +**JoAnn Molan** _____ 10:00 am

Monday, May 14

RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Discipleship Committee _____ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, May 15

Mass, Intention, +**Jane Loso** _____ 7:30 am
Finance Council _____ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
School Advisory Council _____ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, May 16

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Intention, +**John, Hedwig & Raymond Krokus**
Discipleship Committee _____ 6:00 pm - 7:00 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, May 17

Mass (School), _____ 8:30 am
Intention, + **Fr. John Baptist Vu Dinh Hien**
ICS Musical, Grades 6, 7 and 8 _____ 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Communion Service, Royce Place _____ 3:15 pm
Knights of Columbus BVM Dinner _____ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
ICS Musical, Grades 6, 7 and 8 _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday, May 18

Mass, Intention, +**Mike & Wynne Kosloski** _____ 7:30 am
RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Middle School Dance _____ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, May 19

Baptism Class _____ 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
ICS 8th Grade Car Wash _____ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Mass, Intention, +**Daniel Theiler** _____ 5:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, May 20

Mass, Intention, **IC Parishioners** _____ 8:00 am
ICS 8th Grade Car Wash _____ 8:30 am - 11:00 am
Parish Pancake Breakfast _____ 8:30 am - 11:45 am
Mass, Intention, +**Agnes & Leonard Knoll** _____ 10:00 am

+Deceased



Gospel Meditation



The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension is an interesting feast when you think about it. We celebrate Jesus leaving! Jesus' first departure from the earth was sudden and unexpected, at least to his followers. That Good Friday departure was characterized by sorrow, confusion, and loss. This departure has a different feel: anticipation.

Today's Gospel is full of the mighty deeds Jesus predicts for his followers. "In my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents [with their hands], and if they drink any deadly thing it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." Mark's account of the Ascension is abrupt and succinct. "Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven." Jesus ascends and the Apostles go. "But they went forth and preached everywhere." The real moment likely had a bit of lag time. Realistically, the Apostles had quite the task in front of them. Can you imagine those first few moments on the hilltop after Jesus disappeared, as the Apostles met each other's eyes? "This is it. He really is gone this time. It's up to us now."

Mark's abrupt transition from Ascension to action makes his meaning clear. The Ascension isn't just about Jesus. It's about us. Are we ready to go? Are we ready to be commissioned? This is the heart of the Ascension message—Jesus leaves so we can go. We might not "go into the whole world," but we all live in a corner of it. The command to "proclaim the Gospel" isn't a call for everyone to be formal preachers of the Word. We do, however, proclaim our beliefs with the way we live our lives. Do our lives proclaim Easter joy?

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Social Justice

Coins for Social Justice

Small Change Can Do a World of Good!

Next collection—May 27



Coins for Social Justice raises, funds to support programs that promote the gospel of peace and social justice. The fourth week-end 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.

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Sandy Sichak

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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 45—May 5-6, 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.



Immaculate Conception
Memorial to the Unborn

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus who have replaced the original plaque in the Memorial to the Unborn on the west side of the Convent. The original plaque had faded and was difficult to read. The new plaque is made of granite. It was purchased by our Knights of Columbus Council and was installed in early May.

You are invited to attend the Ceremony of Blessing and Dedication of the plaque on Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 pm.