

The Church and School of the  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**WELCOME**



# MEET FATHER JOHN MITCHELL



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to welcome you to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. We are glad you are here! Each and every person in our parish is important. We are a better place because of your membership and involvement.

Our identity as Catholics is found in the Eucharist which is the source and summit of our spiritual life. At Mass we are nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ, and then we are sent into the world to spread and live our faith. I hope that our parish community will help you grow in your faith.

I am blessed to be your pastor. Together we are called to be responsible and grateful stewards of what we have received, to build it up with the help of God's grace, and to pass it on to future generations.

Our parish, Immaculate Conception, is named after the Blessed Mother, and I thank Our Mother Mary for her intercession on our behalf.

God Bless You,

Rev. John J. Mitchell  
Pastor



# MASS SCHEDULE/PARISH DIRECTORY

## Eucharistic Liturgies

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Mass	7:30 am
Thursday Mass	8:30 am
*School liturgy—during the school year only	
Saturday Mass	5:00 pm
Sunday Masses	8:00 am and 10:00 am
*See bulletin for additional Mass days and times.	

## Reconciliation

Saturday	3:30 pm-4:30 pm
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## Parish Directory

Parish Office	(763) 788-9062
Monday - Friday	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Parish Fax	(763) 788-0202
Reception Desk	x 201
Pastor, Fr. John Mitchell	x 215
Deacon, Larry Palkert	
Business Administrator, Kathy Fraser	x 207
Communications Coordinator, Sue Ashmore	x 205
Development Director, Cathleen Cary	x 213
Director of Music and Liturgy, Tony Freeman	x 214
Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki	x 210
Faith Formation Secretary, Sr. Ruth M. Peterson	x 208
Financial Analyst, Joanne Frericks	x 202
Office Records Coordinator, Debby Feist	x 206
Pastoral Care, Vicki Bazille	x 212
Maintenance	x 218
Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick	x 204
Parish School	(763) 788-9065
School Fax	(763) 788-9066
Principal, Jane Bona	x 220

ICCS Website

ICCSonline.org

# PARISH MINISTRIES

## Liturgy

Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Church servants, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Art and Environment

## Music Liturgy

Cantors, Keyboardists, Choirs, Hand Bell Choir

## Care of the Sick and Anointing Masses

## Food Shelf

## Funeral Planning

## Homebound

## Grief and Emotional Support Groups

## Council of Catholic Women

## Charismatic Prayer Group

## Knights of Columbus

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Council

and more...



# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Be in the presence of God”

Each weekday parishioners and visitors encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist in our **San Damiano Adoration Chapel**.

We invite you to come...

Pray ♦ Reflect ♦ Be with Him



*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”*

—Philippians 4:6

# HISTORY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

## The Church of the Immaculate Conception

*Celebrating 90 years of Faith  
1923 to 2013*



*The Church of the Immaculate Conception was founded in 1923. We are a parish community located in the Archdiocese of Minneapolis and St. Paul. We now serve 2,441 members in 1,048 households.*



*The Church of the Immaculate Conception  
(Columbia Heights Historical Society Archives)*

The Church of the Immaculate Conception was formally established in 1923. From the outset, Monsignor Rolwes and the founding community placed high emphasis on spiritual life, commitment to ministry, and generosity. Monsignor Lapinski served IC for 32 years and built the church and school. Along with the Sisters of St. Francis he ushered IC into and beyond Vatican II. Within our parish community they instilled a passion for worship, dedication to the school ministry, commitment to parish community life, and a consistent pattern for giving. These values are part of our life each day even now. Our history suggests that we are spiritually mature, dedicated to faith and the parish, a neighborly community, and a wonderfully generous community at all levels with our time, talent, and treasure. These are the gifts of our heritage, part of our uniqueness.



# ON-GOING PARISH EVENTS

## Council of Catholic Women

### Fellowship Sundays

Second and Fourth Sundays of the month  
After the 8am and 10am Masses  
Coffee, Doughnuts and Oatmeal  
Come socialize and meet our new members!

### Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Third Sunday of the month September-May

### Lenten Soup Lunch followed by Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent

### Fun Fest Summer Jam

- Bingo
- Live music
- Outdoor Mass on Sunday
- Kid's Games
- Thrift Sale
- Food and drinks



### BINGO

Immaculate Conception Parish hosts two Bingo events each year; one in the spring and one in the fall. These fundraisers help support our parish activities.

- Cash Prizes
- Variety of other great prizes!
- Refreshments and fun!

Watch the bulletin for more information.

### Bible Study

Watch bulletin for schedules.

### Queen of May Dinner and Auction

Held on the first Friday in May, this gala evening features a fine dinner along with spectacular silent and live auctions. Proceeds benefit Immaculate Conception School.



# ON-GOING PARISH EVENTS

## May Rosary at the Shrine

Monday-Friday 6:00 at the Shrine, led by Father John Mitchell

## Charismatic Prayer Group

Meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 Maranatha Fellowship Hall

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Council Charismatic Prayer Group

Meets Saturday evenings at 6:30 Maranatha Fellowship Hall

## Vacation Bible Study

June Pre-K-grade 6

## Cabaret

Our annual dinner and variety show is held in February to benefit the I.C. Liturgy Ministry. Talented I.C. parishioners sing, dance and perform in a fun evening that includes a delicious dinner. All are welcome to participate – if you've got some talent, we would love to have you be a part of the show!

*We are a vibrant community with many spiritual growth and social events to partake in!*



*ICC Bell Choir at Cabaret 2013*



# FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation covers all areas of religious education. Learning our faith is a life-long process. Beginning with Baptism, Faith Formation's umbrella covers the following:

## Sacramental Preparation

- ◆ Baptism—Parishioners looking to have a child baptized are prepared by attending a class. Sponsors (god-parents) are also asked to attend the class. Baptisms are scheduled for the first Sunday of the month or by special arrangement with the pastor.
- ◆ First Communion and First Reconciliation—preparation begins in second grade and is part of the Family Formation (K-6) program.
- ◆ Confirmation—students in ninth grade begin formation which includes class time, a retreat, service and faith enrichment activities. Confirmation is in the fall of the tenth grade.
- ◆ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and of Children/Teens (RCIC)—Adults and older children who have not been baptized and /or are missing First Eucharist and Confirmation are prepared to receive these sacraments of Initiation . These classes are also for people wanting to become Catholic.



## Youth Faith Formation Classes

- ◆ Kindergarten-grade 6 *Family Formation Program*—Children in these grades are taught by their parents who are called by the Church to be the “first and foremost educators of their children”[Gravissimum Educationis, 3]. Through this program parents learn their faith along with their children. Once a month the families come together for classes. The children meet with a catechist and the parents with other adults for instruction on the same topic as the children. The parents then receive a packet of lessons which cover each remaining week of the month.

# FAITH FORMATION

The lessons include basic Catholic themes following the three-year liturgical cycle. They are clear and engaging with hands-on activities, audio CD's, stories, games and seasonal booklets.

- ◆ 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades meet weekly with their catechists to study Scripture and topics pertinent to middle school faith formation.

## Liturgy of the Word for Children

- ◆ During the 10:00am Mass, children are excused to hear the Sunday readings at their level.

## Youth Ministry

- ◆ Youth ministry events happen throughout the year providing safe, faith based opportunities
- ◆ Winterblast—an Archdiocesan wide middle school overnight lock-in of fun and faith-filled activities.
- ◆ Yearly Mission trip—takes our high school youth on a summer service experience with other Catholic youth.

## Retreats

- ◆ Youth for youth lock-ins—our high school students host a fun filled lock-in for the middle school student

## Other Faith Formation events include:

- ◆ Summer Vacation Bible School
- ◆ Adult Bible studies



### Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group, while made up mainly of Immaculate Conception parishioners, also includes people from other parishes who join the weekly prayer meetings and share in community. By praying as a community and sharing their lives with one another, participants are drawn together like Christians of the first century (Acts 2:42-47). For over thirty years the group has faithfully met every Tuesday night in Maranatha (Fellowship) Hall at 7:00pm. Prayer meetings typically include a period of praise and worship which draw people into God's presence and open them up to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This time is usually followed by talk presented by a member of the group, or by a guest speaker. The meeting includes intercessory prayer and ends with social fellowship.

The evangelistic outreach of the Prayer Group are Life in the Spirit Seminars held annually. These seminars help participants experience conversion to Jesus and baptism in the Holy Spirit. This results in, among other things, a deeper love of Christ and His Church, a new desire to read and study scripture and a new love for the Mass.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Council:

This group which ministers to our local Latino community continues to serve the Parish in many ways. At the Parish summer festival the group serves up wonderful Mexican food at the food booth. In December they celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, again with great food and entertainment.

A ministry stemming from the Our Lady of Guadalupe Council is the *Jesus te Seguire* (Jesus I will Follow You) Charismatic Prayer Group which meets every Saturday Night at 6:30pm. The evening begins with a rosary and continues with a time of praise and worship through music. There is always a short teaching and intercessory prayer. They occasionally gather with other Archdiocesan for prayer. Many blessings have resulted from this ministry.





## Immaculate Conception Catholic School Pre-K through Grade 8 Est. 1939

Faith • Academics • Service

### Give your child the gift of a faith-filled education

Immaculate Conception School is accredited by the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA) and offers:

- ◆ Highly qualified, licensed teachers
- ◆ A licensed, full and part time Preschool program
- ◆ All day, every day Kindergarten
- ◆ Daily religion classes and weekly school Masses
- ◆ Spanish, music, technology, and physical education classes
- ◆ Band and competitive athletics
- ◆ Before and after school care
- ◆ Small class sizes
- ◆ A safe, nurturing environment

All are welcome!

Contact Principal Jane Bona  
763-788-9065  
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Available for K-8

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