



THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."**

Matthew 16:19

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AUGUST 27, 2017 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday

7:30 am

Weekend Mass Schedule

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



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 meet September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 20, 27, December 4. The Wednesday sessions will meet October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 29, December 6,

13. 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 msscott@immac-church.org.

Bible Study, "Peter", Through Online Discussion Group

Are you interested in doing the *Peter* Bible Study remotely online with me? If yes, please contact me at jmitchell@immac-church.org and join our Facebook group of 5-10 people. I will post questions for you to answer each week on our discussion page. It will be a closed group so only the group members can see the comments and discussion. You watch the video lessons when/where you want, and then join our online discussion! To subscribe free to FORMED, go to www.FORMED.org and enter our parish code **VKQPF9** to register.



I.C. Men's Group, Saint Paul Saints Tailgating and Game, Tuesday, August 29

All men are invited to join us for tailgating and the St. Paul Saints game at CHS Field on Tuesday, August 29. Our group's bar-b-q starts at 5:30 pm in the Saints Tailgating Lot at the corner of Kellogg Blvd. and Lafayette Street. The game starts at 7:05 pm. Please RSVP by calling or text-messaging Mike Bridgeman (612-770-1169) or Patrick McVary (612-803-3020).

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Readings and Observances

Sunday, August 27

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1s 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday, August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 29

Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday, August 30

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 31

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday, September 1

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, September 2

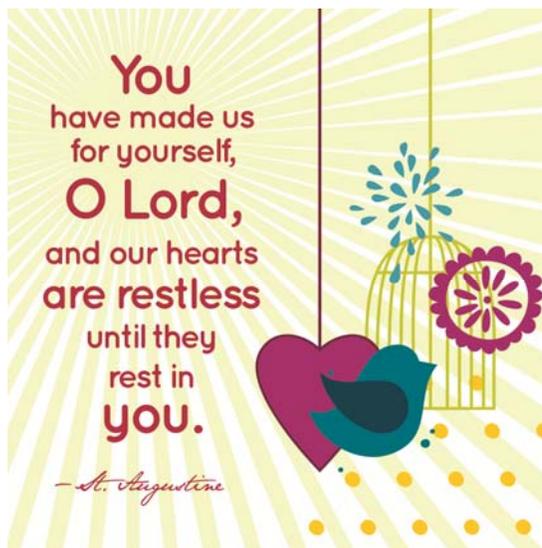
1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, September 3

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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School News

Some of the Awesome Things We Learn in ICS Preschool!

- We learn how to move smoothly from one activity to another.
- We learn how to express ourselves creatively through art, music and play.
- We learn to be grateful for all of our blessings and we learn how to accept our defeats as part of the Religion Class.
- We learn how to respect our friends, our teachers and our belongings.
- We prepare ourselves for Kindergarten by learning classroom routines and rules.



We offer a flexible preschool program with full or part time attendance options. We invite you to explore Immaculate Conception as the school for your child or grandchild for preschool.

Contact us for a tour or information!

School News

Registration for the 2017-18 school year continues at our school. We are a preschool-8th grade school with a personalized learning plan in place for students. We have expanded our technology to be a 1:1 program for our students, meaning each child uses an iPad or Chrome Book at the school to enhance their learning. Please visit our school's website to learn more about the programs we offer. There is a new two minute video on our website that explains our Personalized Learning approach for children in the school.

Another unique thing about our school are the programs we offer in athletics. Our students can begin playing soccer in first grade! soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball are all popular. Students take classes in Spanish, Technology, Physical Education and Music. Band and Chorus are offered for children in grades 4-8. We added a Chess Club this past year and that has been a good opportunity for children to try a game of skill and strategy.

A parent's thought on why they chose Immaculate Conception for their child:

"We are so glad we decided to enroll our son at ICS. Shortly after he started we knew this was the right fit for him. From the teachers taking extra time to help him get adjusted academically to Vickie Zelinka asking him how his day is every day. Everyone went out of their way to make him (and us) feel welcome. In addition to improvements in his subjects we noticed a change in his overall confidence which we believe Mr. Couillard's athletic program is to thank. Mr. Couillard actually teaches these kids not only how to play, but how to be a team. Within the first couple of soccer games our son went from not knowing what to do on the field to blocking the ball and finally liking the game and finally being part of a team."

—Denice and Brian Broschofsky

Contact me for more information!

Blessed to Serve,

Jane Bona
Principal

Eucharistic Adoration

"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."

Romans 11:36

Eucharistic adoration is available each weekday for adorers to praise and glorify God for all he has done and for what is yet to come. All are welcome to visit our adoration chapel or better yet, sign up for an hour of adoration.

Our Eucharistic adoration 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 Mondays at 10:00 am (partner), Tuesdays at 3:00 pm (partner), Wednesdays at 9:00 am (partner), Thursdays at noon and Fridays at 10:00 pm. If you would like information about adoration, are able to cover any of the hours listed or would like to cover any other hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.



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.*

August 27 – Rev. Kevin McDonough

August 28 – Rev. Tom McDonough

August 29 – Rev. Thomas McKenzie

August 30 – Rev. Steven McMichael

August 31 – Archbishop Bernard Hebda

September 1 – Pope Francis

September 2 – Rev. John Mitchell

Beyond Our Parish

Sidewalk Counseling Training

If you can hand someone a brochure, you can help save a life! Nearly every day in the Twin Cities, an average of 32 babies are scheduled to be killed in the area's four abortion centers. Attend this free seminar and learn how to save these babies by peacefully reaching out in love to those entering abortion centers. Prayer supporters are also needed and are welcome to attend this seminar. Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, University of St. Thomas, 2110 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105. To register, contact Pro-Life Action Ministries at 651-797-6364 or ordebra.braun@plam.org. More information at: plam.org/events/

Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities

Sunday, September 17, 3:00 pm, St. Mary's Chapel, The Saint Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul.

This special event begins with a sing-along at 2:30 pm. Bishop Andrew Cozzens will celebrate the Mass and confer the sacrament of confirmation for persons with disabilities who have completed confirmation classes. All are invited and welcome. For more information, please call the Office of Marriage, Family and Life at 651-291-4488.

The Road to Discipleship

“There is a genuine peace that comes from knowing God is pleased with us, that we’ve heard His call and truly are answering as best we can. If our response is halfhearted, we’re just wasting our time, because sooner or later some problem or temptation will overwhelm us and cause us to give up. A wholehearted response, however, unleashes the power of God’s grace and makes a lasting difference in our lives. This is the sort of commitment Jesus seeks—and to those who honestly try to make it, He promises His strength and His peace in this life, and His everlasting joy in the next.”

—Catholic Journal, September 12, 2013, Father Joseph Esper

Parish News

Intercession: Effective Prayer

Join us for the next Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting, which will take place Friday, September 8 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. We will review the eighth lesson in our study from *Intercession: A Guide to Effective Prayer*. Please bring a pen, homework/prayer journal/notebook, and your Bible. There will be time for prayer 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.

Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship

Join us this Sunday, August 27 for Fellowship hosted by our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

Anointing Mass

September 6, 2017, 3:15 pm at **Crest View**, 4444 Reservoir Boulevard. Presider, Rev. John Mitchell. All are welcome!

SACA Food Shelf and Thrift Store

SACA's annual *Farm Fresh Produce Distributions* produce will be picked from area farms late in the week and distributed at SACA on the following Saturday mornings: August 26, September 9, September 23 and October 14. They will distribute produce from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, unless they run out sooner. The produce will be whatever is ready for harvest, so it will vary each time. SACA's produce distributions are open to the community. These are rain or shine events. In case of rain, we will move the produce into the warehouse and distribute it inside.

“Growing Through Loss”

The fall grief support series will be held on Monday evenings, September 18 through October 23 from 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm at Centennial United Methodist Church in Roseville. Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212

Coins for Social Justice This Weekend!

Small Change Can Do a World of Good!



Save the Date

- **Pastoral Ministry Visitors Meeting**—September 12, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
- **Social Justice Meeting**—September 19, 2017, 6:00 pm, St. Frances Room (2nd floor of the school)

Hospital Visits

If you are admitted to any hospital and desire to receive Eucharist you must let someone on the hospital staff know you are a Catholic. Hospital Ministers from Immaculate Conception visit Unity Hospital Monday through Friday. Please let someone on the hospital staff know that you are a member of IC so we are able to bring you Eucharist and pray with you; this is best done at admission.

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 Josephine Davitt 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:

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| Amanda Allen | Nick Dickson | Mary Ann Miller |
| Pat Anton | Pat Elmberg | Robert Prokott |
| Marian Ashlin | Mary Fredenburg | Lukus Reynold |
| Shari Backman | Katherine Hoefs | Barbara Rocek |
| Casimir Burzynski | Rev. James Klein | Paula Ross |
| Michelle Cadieux | Gerald Krawiecki | Greg Sery |
| Nichole Castonguay | Tom Leight Jr. | Betty Schack |
| Marie Couillard | Joe Lewandowski | Irene Spensley |
| Josephine Davitt | Randy Mancuso | Mary Ann Steenburg |
| Margaret De Mars | Janet Mihalik | Germaine Wolsfeld |

Reflections

Word of Life

“May the infinite depth and breadth of Christ’s Divine Mercy remind us that no wound is too great for God to heal.”

—Pray for Life: April 2016, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: Does the pope choose his own name or is it given to him? Why does it change?

Answer: The pope picks his own name. Although all of the popes since the Middle Ages have done so, it is not required to change your name. The first pope to change his name was John II in 533. His given name was Mercury, the name of a pagan god and he felt that his was not an appropriate name for the head of the church and he changed it. The last pope to keep his given name as pope was Marcellus II in 1555. Pope John Paul I was the first to choose two names. Until the election of Pope Francis in 2013, the last pope to choose a new, unused name was Pope Lando in 913.

When a pope chooses a new name, it might indicate his hopes for his reign, or tell us about his view of spirituality; it might also reflect continuity with a predecessor. In the early thirteenth century St. Francis of Assisi had a vision in which Jesus commanded him, “Repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin.” In choosing St. Francis as his namesake, Pope Francis was pointing to a beloved saint who embraced radical simplicity, poverty, and care for the poor. As Pope Francis himself put it, “Oh, how I would like a church which is poor and for the poor!”

Live The Liturgy—Inspiration For The Week

We all know the given answers to the question: who is Jesus? Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah, Lord, and the Christ are some that immediately come to mind. But, who do YOU say that Jesus is? Who we need or want Jesus to be becomes the key to unlocking a relationship with God. For some, Jesus is just a prophet, a wise man, or an inspirational figure in history. These labels keep Jesus in the past and prevent us from really having a living, vibrant relationship with him. If Jesus is more than this to you, then who is he and what purpose does he serve in your life?

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 27

Mass, Intention, +*Madonna Bruneau* _____ 8:00 am
Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mass, Intention, *IC Parishioners* _____ 10:00 am

Monday, August 28

Uniform Exchange _____ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
CCW Board Meeting _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, August 29

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Intentions, +*Delores Lach*, +*Mitch DeMars*
Uniform Exchange _____ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
All Staff Retreat _____ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Men’s Group Saint Paul Saints Game ___ 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, August 30

Mass, Intention, +*Archie Black* _____ 7:30 am
Uniform Exchange _____ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday, August 31

Mass, Intention, +*Clarence and Richard Emon* ___ 7:30 am
Uniform Exchange _____ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday, September 1

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Intentions, *Bob and Marlene Prokott (Anniversary)*
Joe and Sarah Prokott (Anniversary)
Uniform Exchange _____ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Our Brother Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, September 2

Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass, Intention, +*Marcella Bialke* _____ 5:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group ___ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, September 3

Mass, Intention, *IC Parishioners* _____ 8:00 am
Mass, Intention, +*Pat Gerads* _____ 10:00 am
+*Deceased*



Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!

Rom 11:33

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