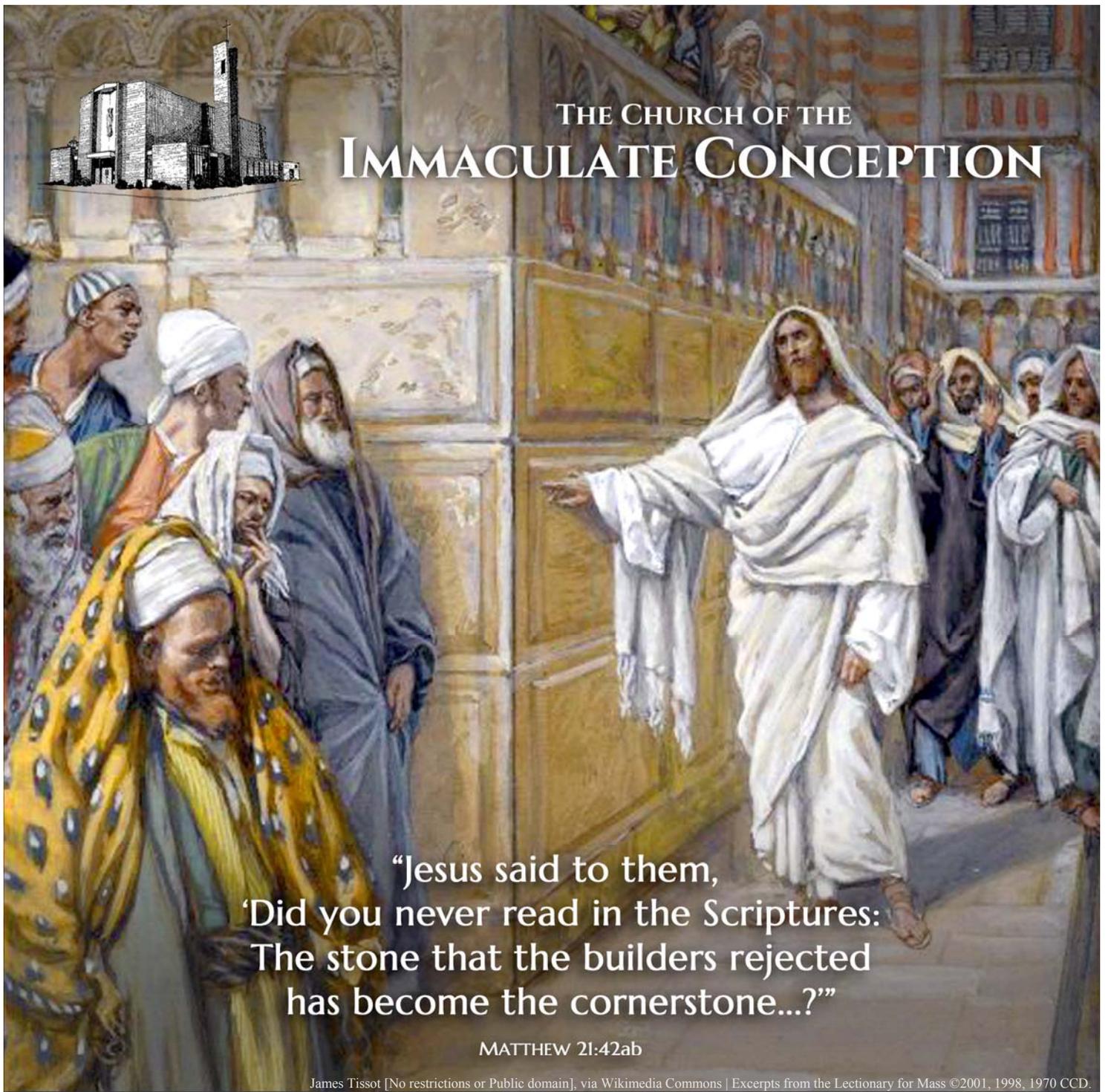




THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



“Jesus said to them,
'Did you never read in the Scriptures:
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone...?'”

MATTHEW 21:42ab

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OCTOBER 8, 2017 | TWENTY-SEVENTH 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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Our Parish Mission Statement States:

“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.” The month of October is a time when I invite us to renew our commitment to being disciples of Jesus Christ. To achieve that goal, last Monday we sent a 2018 Commitment Form to all registered parishioners to help you write down your commitment to Christian discipleship in the areas of Prayer, Service and Offering. I invite you to return your Commitment Form at Mass on the weekend of October 28-29 or send it to the Parish Office by November 13. In order to help us know how discipleship is lived out in our parish, I asked several parish staff members to describe how their department lives out the call to Christian discipleship. This week I present the response from the Pastoral Care Department. In the coming weeks, I will publish the responses from the Liturgy and Music Department (October 15), Immaculate Conception School (October 22), and the Faith Formation Department (October 29).

“Pastoral Care and Social Justice promote our mission statement through prayer and by recognizing God’s call to serve... Those who serve in Pastoral Ministry bring Communion and the heart of Jesus to the homebound, hospitalized and those who are living in care centers... Those who volunteer with funeral lunches work hard to provide a comfortable setting for families in a very difficult time... Those who serve on the Social Justice Committee are committed to serving many charitable events throughout the year... As a group one of our goals is to expand our personal knowledge of Catholic teaching on the many social issues that are in the forefront of the media today. Our plan is to grow in this area and share what we learn with our community. I believe that all volunteers that I serve with in Pastoral Care and Social Justice live the Mission Statement of this parish. I believe holiness looks different in all people and is always a work in progress.” – Vicki Bazille, Coordinator of Pastoral Ministry

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 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

Monday, October 9

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;

St. John Leonardi, Priest; Columbus Day

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 10

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 11

St. John XXIII, Pope

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 12

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 13

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 14

St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

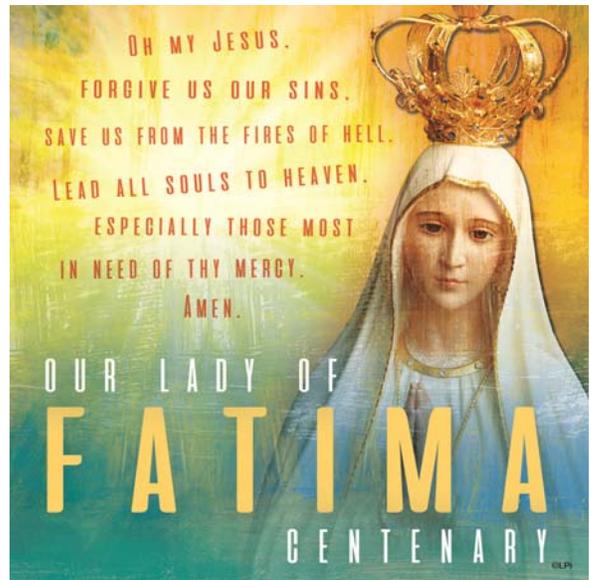
Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 8

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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Eucharistic Adoration

*“Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
forever singing your praise.”*

(Psalm 84:5)

Prayers of praise and thanksgiving are said in our adoration chapel every day of the week by dedicated adorers. All are invited to join this prayer-filled group. Our chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am and closing at 11:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to cover the following times:

- Mondays: 10:00am (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), 11:00 am and noon
- Fridays: 7:00 pm (partner) and 10:00 pm

If you are available 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.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus picnic at Kordiak Park on Sunday, September 10 was attended by about 30 knights and their wives. It was a beautiful sunny day, and a good time eating and socializing was had by all. The next event will be held on Thursday, October 19 in Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00 pm with a Rosary, dinner and a guest speaker who has been to Lourdes. Please call 763-789-88362 if you plan to attend.

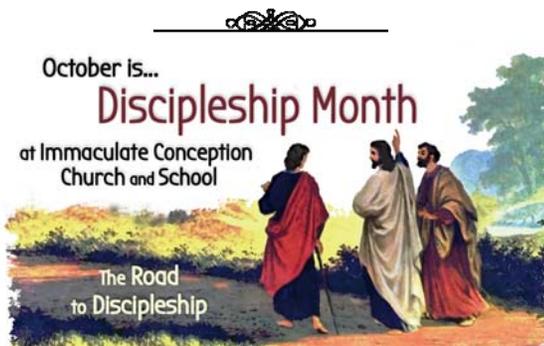
Parish News

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.

Scouts Popcorn/Christmas Wreath Sale

October 21 and 22, the annual Boy Scout wreath and Cub Scout popcorn sale will be held in the church narthex after all Masses. We’ll be taking orders for wreaths and selling popcorn to fund-raise for our Scouting programs. Thank you.



School News



We are thrilled to announce that four of our school children were baptized by Fr. John Mitchell at our school liturgy on September 28. The four children have been students with us since Kindergarten and now are beginning their school year as second graders. The families prepared for the sacrament by meeting with Mary Nawrocki, our Faith Formation Director. Our second grade teacher, Susan

Kulikowski has been instrumental in teaching about the sacraments to the children and communicating the importance of this in our faith with the families. The school children all experienced a very special Mass and were happy for their classmates.

We were so excited about the event that Cathleen Cary notified The Catholic Spirit who sent a staff photographer to the Mass. The baptisms will be featured in the October 12 edition of The Catholic Spirit. Pictured in the photo are Fr. John Mitchell and the four children. Thank you for how you support the school through your prayers!

Feeling Blessed,
Jane Bona and ICS School Staff

The Road to Discipleship

Mary, the First and Greatest Disciple

“Mary remains an ever-present figure as we journey through the Gospels with the women who meet Jesus. These stories are the tales of very different women, yet the common thread is the one most powerfully illustrated by his own Mother: intimacy with Jesus calls out the very best of who we can be.”

—Franciscan Media, Sep 21, 2017, from the book
Who Does He Say You Are? Women Transformed by Christ in the Gospels

OUR LADY
of the Rosary

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 8 – Rev. Bruno Nwachukwu
- October 9 – Rev. Bob Nygaard
- October 10 – Rev. Lawrence Ober
- October 11 – Rev. Thomas O’Brien
- October 12 – Rev. Marvin O’Connell+
- October 13 – Rev. Stephen O’Gara
- October 14 – Rev. Kenneth O’Hotto

Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship this Sunday

Join us in Fellowship Hall (lower level of the church) this Sunday, October 8, for fellowship, hosted by our ushers.

Save the Date

Pastoral Care Meeting—Tuesday, October 10 at 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

“Growing Through Loss”

The next session will be on Monday, **October 9** from 6:45 – 9:00 pm at Centennial United Methodist Church in Roseville. Join speaker Paul Johnson for *Coping with Holidays and Special Days*. Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

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	Nick Dickson	Robert Prokott
Pat Anton	Pat ElMBERG	Lukus Reynold
Marian Ashlin	Mary Fredenburg	Barbara Rocek
Shari Backman	Rev. James Klein	Paula Ross
Beverly Badeaux	Gerald Krawiecki	Greg Sery
Ethel Dietz	Tom Leight Jr.	Betty Schack
Michelle Cadieux	Randy Mancuso	Irene Spensley
Nichole Castonguay	Janet Mihalik	Mary Ann Steenburg
Marie Couillard	Mary Ann Miller	Germaine Wolsfeld
Margaret De Mars	Betty Pfeifer	

and all those on our prayer chain



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.

Social Justice

THE BASICS OF U.S. IMMIGRATION

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

Like anyone, an immigrant is defined by many things. But when entering the U.S., noncitizens are first defined by their *legal category*. As a licensed immigration attorney, former State Senator, and first generation American, **Satveer Chaudhary** will provide the ICCS community a better understanding of what partly defines each new American as they arrive. Satveer will give an ‘Immigration 101,’ with the specific categories of temporary and permanent immigration, basic immigration vocabulary, how immigration policy is made, and common misconceptions. **The emphasis of the evening is to give facts about America’s immigration process.** Plenty of time for Q and A. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

Save the Date

Social Justice Meeting Tuesday, October 17, at 6:00 pm in the St. Frances Room (2nd floor of the school).

“40 Days for Life Twin Cities”

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 this weekend and October 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.

“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.

This October, 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.



Reflections

Word of Life

“The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and at the same time impels us to share his love.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 “How to Build a Culture of Life,” www.goo.gl/yAt6Gk

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s?

Answer: Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with embryonic stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

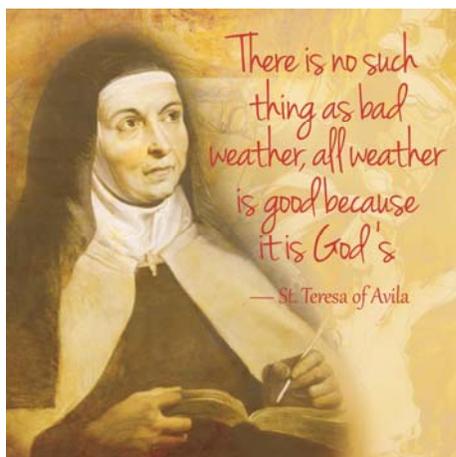
On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.

Live The Liturgy—Inspiration For The Week

How often do we find ourselves wanting what is not ours? Greed, envy, and even gluttony lead us to a bad end. We live in a world that feels very entitled. Many people believe that wants and needs ought to be provided or simply given to them, without any work or effort. It is easy to feel that we have received the short end of the stick or less than what we deserve. However, feeling shortchanged makes it impossible to walk with gratitude in our hearts and feel a sense of responsibility, the two essential elements of the spiritual life. Are we grateful?

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful

“I live by the mercy of Jesus, to whom I owe everything and from whom I expect everything.” —St. John XXIII



Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, October 9

RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Bible Study, “Peter” _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, October 10

Mass, Intention, +JoAnn Molan _____ 7:30 am
 Trustee Meeting _____ 8:30 am - 9:30 am
 Pastoral Ministry Visitors _____ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 School Advisory Council _____ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, October 11

Mass _____ 7:30 am
 Intention, +Walter, Carole, Katie & Daniel Guzik
 Bible Study, “Peter” _____ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
 Discipleship Committee _____ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Confirmation II _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, October 12

Mass (School), Intention, +Marcella Bialke _____ 8:30 am
 Funeral Schola Rehearsal _____ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Communion Service, Crest View on 42nd _____ 3:15 pm
 Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Basics of U.S. Immigration _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday, October 13

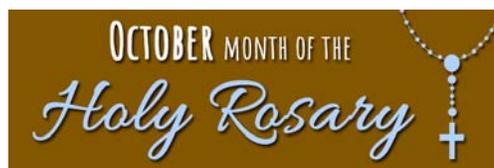
Mass, _____ 7:30 am
 Intentions, +Joe Goodman, +Leo Batcha
 Our Brothers Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Teresa Daley Volleyball Tournament _____ 3:15 pm - 8:30 pm
 RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Intercessory Prayer Ministry _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 14

Teresa Daley Volleyball Tournament _____ 8:30 am - 6:30 pm
 Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 Mass, Intention, +Bonnie Crema _____ 5:00 pm
 Heggies Pizza/Bake Sale _____ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, October 15

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
 Heggies Pizza/Bake Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
 Parish Pancake Breakfast _____ 8:30 am - 11:45 am
 Teresa Daley Volleyball Tournament _____ 11:00 am - 6:45 pm
 Mass, Intention, +Agnes & Leonard Knoll _____ 10:00 am
 Rosary (led by the CCW) _____ 11:00 am
 +Deceased



Gospel Meditation

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” The chief priests and elders listening to Jesus must have been furious. After telling the parable about the tenants who abused the owner’s property and killed his son, Jesus had a tough lesson to teach. He compared the Jewish leaders to these terrible tenants. They, like the selfish workers in the vineyard, were guilty of not respecting proper authority and of trying to seize control—not of grapes, in this case, but of religious matters. In short, they were not bearing fruit for God’s kingdom, but only for their own prestige and privilege.

Before we spend too much time criticizing them, however, we would do well to examine ourselves. If Jesus were standing in our midst right now, would he have a similar warning for us? We may not be religious leaders, but we are like those tenants in many ways because we have been made stewards of the gifts of God. We receive his help and grace through the sacraments, for example. Are we good stewards of this grace, or do we take it for granted and fail to nourish it to produce good fruit?

And what about the personal gifts that God has entrusted to each of us? We all have certain skills, talents, experiences, and opportunities thanks to God’s work in our lives. Do we make the most of these things or do we settle for the easy road? Do we thank God for them or consider them to be our own?



God has trusted us with a place in the world, HIS world. He is the ultimate authority here and all things we enjoy come from his hands. May we have the humility and gratitude to use his gifts for his glory and not just our own.

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Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4:6-7

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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 14—September 30/October 1, 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.

All men are invited to the

I.C. MEN'S GROUP



BREAKFAST PLUS VIDEO AND DISCUSSION

JIMMY AKIN'S

"The Problem of Evil"

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Immaculate Conception Church • Fellowship Hall

Mass: 7:30 am | Breakfast: 8:00 am | Video: 8:30 am

If God is all-good and all-powerful, then why is there evil? Our world of violence, greed, and suffering seems incompatible with the existence of a loving God. Jimmy Akin offers valuable practical tips for discussing the problem of evil with skeptics, and gives seven approaches you can take when people's faith (or your own) is shaken by suffering. Learn how God's love does not fail in the face of evil but shines through it and will triumph in the world and in our lives.



This is a free will offering event. RSVP's not required but appreciated for planning purposes. Call or text:

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