



THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

NECROLOGY

NOVEMBER 2016 - OCTOBER 2017

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let your perpetual
light shine upon them.*

NOVEMBER 2016

08 DEAN CLARKE
11 STEPHEN R. ZANDLO
28 BEVERLY MAE ST. CLAIR

DECEMBER 2016

06 AUDREY IWASZKO
14 JAMES FOLEY
16 RODELL SANDY
19 DR. DONALD A QUINN, SR.
25 CLYDE WILLIAM KETELSEN

JANUARY 2017

01 IDA M. PELTIER
06 JOSEPH GOODMAN
21 MARIAN TESMAR

FEBRUARY 2017

12 MARY JANE SCHAEFER
28 CLARENCE R. EMON

MARCH 2017

05 DOROTHEA MOREAULT
18 MARIAN BOOTH
25 BRUCE M. SMITH

APRIL 2017

08 LOIS ANN BAIRD
14 CATHERINE JAKUBIK
19 MARCELLA BIALKE
29 JOANN MOLAN

MAY 2017

22 GEORGE ROZEK
28 AGNES KNOLL

JUNE 2017

08 VERONICA DANIELS
12 DELORES ANDERSON
12 KENNETH REINKING
15 KENNETH HENTGES
26 DONNA KENYON
27 MATTEO PINDUISACA

JULY 2017

05 THERESA MANCUSO
15 ELLA VERBRUGGE

SEPTEMBER 2017

11 CASIMIR J. BURZYNSKI

OCTOBER 2017

13 HELEN FOYT

OCTOBER 29, 2017 | THIRTIETH 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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From the Pastor's Desk



Earlier this month, 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*. There are extra forms in the narthex and in the display racks if you need one. Please return your commitment form at Mass this weekend (October 28-29) or send it to the parish office by November 13. This month I have asked several parish staff members to describe how their department lives out the call to Christian discipleship. This week we hear from our Faith Formation Department.

To be a disciple is to be a follower and learner of a master. Every program put forth by the Faith Formation department, whether for children or adults, is an opportunity to learn more about our master and Lord, Jesus Christ—to re-encounter or to encounter Him for the first time. From the beginning, baptism parents hear of their responsibility to be the first and foremost educators of the faith—to teach their children about Jesus. By involving the whole family in our youth Faith Formation programs, all are encouraged on the path of becoming lifelong learners. The learning continues through such offerings as Bible studies, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and Intercessory Prayer Ministry. All of these activities challenge participants to see themselves in relationship with Jesus Christ, the all-Holy One. —Mary Nawrocki, Director of Faith Formation

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God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Readings and Observances

Sunday, October 29

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday, October 30

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 31

Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday, November 2

All Souls

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Friday, November 3

St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, November 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week;

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

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Parish News

The Wild Goose is Loose!

Join us for the next Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting on Friday, November 10 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. We will be viewing "Segment 2: The Breath of God" from the video series *The Wild Goose*, which is part of 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.



Poinsettia Sale

Wagner's Greenhouse will again provide poinsettias for sale as an I.C. School fundraiser this year. Beginning November 4, order forms will be available in the narthex of the church or in the parish or school office. Choose from two sizes (standard or large) and three colors (red, white or marble). Poinsettias may be ordered (by December 1) for pick up on December 5 from 4:30-7:00 pm (December 6-8 daytime pickup can be arranged by calling the school office), or as a memorial (order by December 15) to decorate the church during Christmas (red only). Payment for the poinsettia orders are due when the order is turned in. Checks should be made out to Immaculate Conception School (ICS). Thank you for your support!

Scouts Popcorn/Christmas Wreath Sale

Boy Scout Troop 119 and Cub Scout Pack 66 want to thank everyone at IC who purchased wreaths or popcorn last weekend. Your continued support is very important to our mission. If you missed the sale and still want to order a wreath, please call Bill Lepsch at 612-805-3445 no later than November 1. Thanks again!

October Rosary

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. All are welcome to join us to pray the Rosary, led by the IC Council of Catholic Women, in church every Sunday in October immediately following the 10:00 am Mass.

The Road to Discipleship

Saint Francis: An Instrument of Joy

"To Francis everything in him and around him was a gift from his Father in Heaven. He expected nothing, so he was grateful for everything. Even a piece of earth was cause for rejoicing, and he thanked God always for everything that was. He held everything to his heart with the enthusiasm of a child surprised by some unexpected toy. The air he breathed, the sounds he heard, the sights and smells of all the world entered his grateful soul through senses perfected by gratitude and purity of heart. Nothing was evil, for everything came from God, and evil came only from a heart that chose not to love."

—Franciscan Media, Oct 16, 2017 from the book
Francis: The Journey and the Dream by Murray Bodo, OFM



Sunday, November 19, 2017

Immaculate Conception Church and School

40th & Jackson, Columbia Heights

In Fellowship Hall - Lower level of the Church

 **12:30 pm - 3:30 pm**
Snacks & Beverages Available For Purchase
\$\$\$ Play for CASH! \$\$\$
Win a Turkey in a Raffle!



Knights of Columbus Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus Blessed Virgin Mary Council #4381 is sponsoring a food drive for SACA. All food donated at church during the months of October and November will go towards the Knights of Columbus Food Drive total. For every 500 lbs. of food donated, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will give us \$100. We are hoping for 1,000 lbs. of food.

If you have any questions please call Bob at 763-789-8362 or SACA at 763-789-2444.

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 29 – Rev. Mark Pavlik
October 30 – Rev. Patrick Peach
October 31 – Archbishop Bernard Hebda
November 1 – Pope Francis
November 2 – Rev. John Mitchell
November 3 – Rev. Bryan Pedersen
November 4 – Rev. Alvaro Perez



School News



Great News!

Our school achieved its Marathon goal of \$25,000! In fact, we have surpassed the goal, earning more than \$26,000. Thank you for the many contributions that you, as parishioners, gave to our

students as they approached you in the church narthex. Many of you also received requests via mail as you may be a graduate of ICS. However you contribute, we are grateful. Pictured are the students who brought in the most donations to the school. They creatively reach out to relatives, neighbors and friends in person, on the phone and on social media. They are each rewarded with a prize. All the students will receive rewards as well for their hard work in bringing this success to our school.

Thank you to the Marathon Committee, chaired by ICS alum, parent and parishioner, Daniele Chartraw, and the many volunteers who assist us in this very fun day of community building. We continue to grow in our participation with over 273 participants this year—biking, walking, scooting, cooking, serving in a variety of ways!

We are a blessed school and parish community!
Jane Bona and ICS Staff, Students

Eucharistic Adoration

*May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us;
who have put our hope in you*

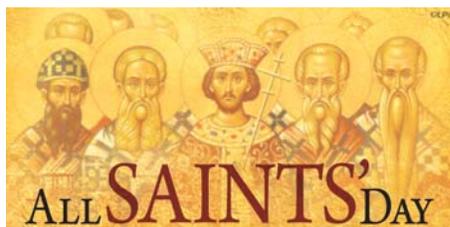
Psalm 33:22

One driving force behind an adorer's commitment to adoration is their hope in the Lord. Adorers come each week for an hour to pray to the Lord for help in getting through whatever is happening in their lives, as well as in thanksgiving for all the kindness He has shown them.

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: 10:00 am (partner)
- Tuesdays: 3:00 pm (partner)
- Wednesdays 8:00 am (partner), 1:00 pm (partner), 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm (partner) and 5:00 pm
- 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.



Pastoral Ministry

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE

November 2, 7:00 pm

Reception to follow

This beautiful service of prayer, psalms, hymns and scripture readings will be dedicated to the memory of all our loved ones.

All are welcome!

Anointing Masses

There will opportunities to attend an Anointing Mass (presided by Father John Mitchell) at the following locations:

Crest View on 42nd

Thursday, November 9, 3:15 pm

Crest View on Reservoir Boulevard

Wednesday, December 6, 3:15 pm

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the parish office 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 Helen Foyt, Richard Martin 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
Claire Burgoyne	Tom Leight Jr.	Betty Schack
Michelle Cadieux	Randy Mancuso	Irene Spensley
Nichole Castonguay	Janet Mihalik	Lois Weyers
Marie Couillard	Mary Ann Miller	Germaine Wolsfeld
Margaret De Mars	Betty Pfeifer	

and all those on our prayer chain

Social Justice

“Socks for the Sole” Sock Drive

Drop off This Weekend!

All donated adult socks and hygiene items will be distributed to clients of Catholic Charities Opportunity Center children's socks will go to SACA, who provides supportive services for the poor and homeless in our community.

Respect Life Month

Respect Life Month reminds us, as a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.

Reflections

Word of Life

“The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person’s incapacity or dependency.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, *Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing*, www.goo.gl/MyKAp7

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: *Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage?*

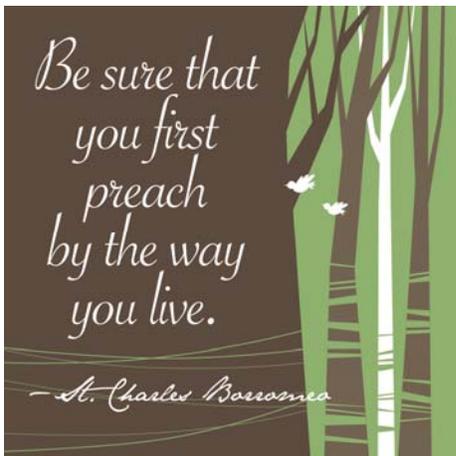
Answer: This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think. No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of family, financial support, marital problems, and issues—good and bad—of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us. Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail.

Live The Liturgy—Inspiration For The Week

God insists that we treat each other with fairness and love. No compromise is offered here. The great commandment is specific: love God, neighbor, and self. Who is my neighbor? It is not just the person sitting next to me today or the people who live next door. Our neighbor is everyone, especially those most in need: those alien to you or to our country, those who are poor, alone, or abandoned, and even those who are the greatest of sinners. We really struggle with how to live these words. How do we open ourselves to the stranger, the immigrant, those who harm us, those in need, or those with whom we disagree? Pope Francis gives excellent guidance here. We are challenged to stretch our thinking and become more unconditional with others as God is unconditional with us.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 29

Mass, Intention, *IC Parishioners* _____ 8:00 am
KC Nun’s Breakfast _____ 8:45 am - 12:00 pm
Mass, Intention, +*Raymond & Eleanor Ewert* _____ 10:00 am
Rosary (led by the CCW) _____ 11:00 am

Monday, October 30

RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Bible Study, “Peter” _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, October 31

Mass, Intention, +*JV Special Intention* _____ 7:30 am
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, November 1, All Saints *Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass (All Saints) _____ 7:30 am
Mass (All Saints) _____ 8:30 am
Bible Study, “Peter” _____ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Communion Service, Crest View _____ 3:15 pm
Mass (All Saints) _____ 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 2, All Souls

ICS Picture Retake Day _____ 7:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mass Intention, +*Ella Verbrugge* _____ 8:30 am
Communion Service, New Perspectives _____ 3:15 pm
Memorial Service _____ 7:00 pm
Followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall
KC BVM Council Business Meeting _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, November 3

Mass, Intention, +*Joseph & Russell Murzyn* _____ 7:30 am
Our Brothers Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Richard Martin Funeral (*Visitation - 9:00 am*) _____ 10:00 am
RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, November 4

ICS Open House and Play Date _____ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Poinsettia Sale _____ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Mass _____ 5:00 pm
Intention, Dan & Lorrie (50th Anniversary)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, November 5, Daylight Savings Ends

Poinsettia Sale _____ 7:30 am - 11:30 am
Mass, Intention, +*Bonnie Shutte* _____ 8:00 am
Mass, Intention, *IC Parishioners* _____ 10:00 am
Confirmation (Cathedral of St. Paul) _____ 2:00 pm
+Deceased



“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself

MT 22:37-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Gospel Meditation

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” Jesus gives us a simple moral principle in today’s Gospel. He speaks about two kinds of love: love of God and love of neighbor. He tells us that all the other laws and teachings of our faith fall under these two headings. So if we can master these, we will be in good spiritual shape!

First of all, regarding the love of God, Jesus tells us in essence that we must love God completely and entirely, with our whole being—heart, soul, and mind. If we are holding back from a full commitment to God, then we are falling short of this vision. So we would do well to examine ourselves and find those trouble spots where we are hesitant to give God everything. Is there a relationship we hold in our heart that is somehow separating us from God, either by negative association, lingering bitterness, or a kind of idol-worship of the relationship itself? What about our souls? Are we deeply attached to any pastimes, pleasures, or pursuits that cloud our soul from clearly welcoming the presence of God? An examination of our minds is in order as well. How do we direct our thoughts? Do we strive to form our conscience and understanding in the truth, or do we passively allow public opinion or popular consensus to direct our conclusions about the Church, the world, and our own identity?

It follows that the closer we come to loving God with our whole being, the better we will be at loving our neighbors. The more we are filled with God’s love, the more that love radiates out to those around us, and the less we concern ourselves about what we can get out of the deal. So let us truly love God, and all the rest will follow.



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Beyond Our Parish

Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

St. Charles Borromeo, will be hosting a Vatican exhibit of Eucharistic miracles from around the world in their church atrium the morning of October 29—November 5 at noon. The exhibit is in conjunction with their annual Eucharistic Days (November 3-5).

Collections

Week 17—October 21/22, 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.

Church Directory

Emergency (Death or Anointing).....763-788-9062 (#2)

PARISH

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Sandy Sichak

Kathy Fraser (Business Administrator)

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.

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NOV. 16, 2017

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is participating in

**Give To The Max
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from November 1st through 16th

up to **\$10,000.00** total
will be matched by a generous donor!

Your gift will make a BIG difference!

Funds raised will be used to enhance our Personalized Learning curriculum, technology, and for general operating expenses.

Please help us by making a tax-deductible donation November 1st — 16th!

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